

# Nippon Foundation Scholarship for Sign Linguistics in Asia (2021/22)

## Background and Aim

The Asia Pacific Sign Linguistics Research and Training Program (hereafter: the APSL program) is pleased to announce the **Nippon Foundation Scholarship for Sign Linguistics in Asia** for students interested in developing a career related to sign language research and training. Recent decades have seen an increasing interest in the study of sign languages in Asia. Indeed, research on different linguistic aspects of Asian sign languages has enabled us to appreciate the rich varieties of sign languages used in Asia such as Cambodian Sign Language, Chinese Sign Language, Ho Chi Minh City Sign Language, Hong Kong Sign Language, Jakarta Sign Language, Japanese Sign Language, Korean Sign Language, Malaysian Sign Language, Sri Lankan Sign Language, Taiwanese Sign Language, Thai Sign Language and Yogyakarta Sign Language. While the field of sign linguistics is expanding in Asia, the number of sign language researchers remains small. With the Nippon Foundation's generous donation to the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, a scholarship has been set up to support postgraduate training in sign linguistics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong at the master's and PhD levels. Our aim is to create a sign linguistics research and training community in Asia and the Pacific in order to support universities in developing disciplinary research and training in sign linguistics.

## Value of scholarship

The award for research postgraduate program covers the full tuition fee, postgraduate studentship and subsidies for research activities, conference attendance and training trips each year during the normative period of study. The maximum value of award per scholarship is USD35,500 (per academic year).

The award for taught postgraduate program covers the full tuition fee during the normative period of study; with possibility of stipends to cover reasonable living cost and subsidies to cover expenses for research activities and conference attendance subject to the performance and socioeconomic status of the applicant. The maximum value of award per scholarship is USD35,500.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should:

- be proficient in a natural sign language;
- preferably be a citizen of a developing country in the Asia Pacific region;
- fulfill all admission requirements of the specific taught or research postgraduate program offered by the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, the Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- agree to pursuing sign linguistics research training at the MA, MPhil or PhD levels.

## Obligation

Recipients of the Scholarship are required to sign an undertaking, pledging:

- to complete specific taught or research postgraduate program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- to support the research and training developments in sign linguistics through employment or voluntary services;
- to support Deaf development in Asia and the Pacific through partnering with Deaf people; and
- to undergo internship training offered by the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies while pursuing full-time postgraduate study.

## Application

Application for the scholarship:  
<http://www.csls.org/apsl>

Application for the postgraduate programme:  
[http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/lin/new/en\\_admis\\_pg.html](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/lin/new/en_admis_pg.html)

Conferment of the postgraduate scholarship is contingent on successful application to the relevant degree program.

\*Applicants are responsible for completing all application procedures of the MA, MPhil or PhD program.

## Support Services

Courses offered under the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages will be delivered in English. Deaf candidates will be provided with note-taking service, video-recording of the lectures and an FM system or HKSL interpretation if necessary to support their studies.

## Important Dates

Application for studentship starts:  
**9 October 2020**

Application for studentship closes:  
**27 November 2020**

Interview:  
**Mid-December 2020**

Announcement of results:  
**Early-January 2021**

Enquiries on Nippon Foundation Scholarship for Sign Linguistics in Asia should be made to:

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For further information about the postgraduate programs, please visit the following websites:

Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong.  
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/lin>

Graduate School, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>

