THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (CUHK)

Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS)

Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for
Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023/24)

Regulations

The 'Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation' was established in 2015. It has the goal of generating a school of professionally trained sign interpreters for Hong Kong. The scholarship is intended for supporting talented CUHK students and graduates to receive interpretation training and continuing education in the said discipline.

The regulations governing the award of the Scholarship are detailed below:

1. **Name of Award**

   The title of the award is 'Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation'.

2. **Number of Awards**

   A maximum of 4 awards will be granted for each round of offering of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation.

3. **Value of Awards**

   The award shall cover 50% or 100% of the tuition fee (HK$30,000 for the academic year 2023/24) of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation. The award shall be disbursed on the condition of the student's satisfactory academic performance defined as 'attainment of an overall GPA of at least 3.2 or above out of 4.0."

4. **Eligibility**

   To be eligible, the candidate must:
   - be a graduate or an undergraduate/postgraduate student of CUHK [1][2],
   - be proficient in Hong Kong Sign Language [3],
   - preferably have received training in Sign Language Studies and/or Sign Linguistics,
   - attain a GPA of 3.2 or above out of 4.0 upon completion of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation,
   - demonstrate a strong commitment to developing sign language interpretation training in Hong Kong,

- provide a recommendation letter each from two referees upon application,

- sign an undertaking to complete the training programme [4], and

- engage in sign interpretation for at least two years as a post-training service for the deaf [5].

[1] Graduates who completed the undergraduate/postgraduate program in **2021/22 or 2022/23** are eligible for applications of the Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation 2023/24.

[2] Applicants who are currently in a course of study or research leading to the award of a degree at CUHK need to apply for concurrent registration from the corresponding Department/Graduate School upon receiving the offer letter from this programme and before start of the programme.

[3] Proof of level of proficiency is required. Acceptable proofs may include transcripts specifying the completion of HKSL IV at CUHK or level equivalents sign language courses, letters issued by CSLDS certifying the equivalent levels of achievement or other certificates issued by CSLDS/CUHK.

[4] The Scholarship would be discontinued should the Scholar withdraw from or be suspended or expelled from the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation organized by CSLDS.

[5] The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong reserves the right to request the awardee to return the scholarship disbursed to the University.

Scholars are <u>NOT</u> allowed to concurrently hold other scholarships/bursaries for the programme (e.g., CEF) during the tenure of Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation. Prizes and awards for student enrichment support are acceptable, but applicants must make a declaration upon application. Students who have received other scholarships and/or financial supports for their undergraduate/postgraduate studies for the academic year 2023/24 and/or 2024/25 are still eligible. They are reminded to observe regulations set by the concerned scholarship schemes.

Jan 2023

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Recommendation letter

Notes to referee

1. The applicant who requests you to complete this form is applying for the Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023/24) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Selection Board relies to a large extent on the assessment provided by the referees. It would be most helpful if you could provide information on the candidate's:

   (i)   suitability for the designated programme of study,

   (ii)   intellectual qualities and academic potentials, including an assessment of examination results pending (if any),

   (iii)   personalities and other potentials, including the applicant's expected contributions to the field of Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education in Hong Kong, and

   (iv)   other interests and activities that are relevant to the field of study.

2. Please return the completed form (a photocopy is not acceptable) by **30 June 2023 (Friday)** to:

   Selection Board of the Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for
   Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation
   The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies
   Room 104, Academic Building No. 2,
   The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
   Shatin, N.T.
   Hong Kong

Thank you for your help.

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Please complete using black or blue ink. Continuation sheets may be added, if required.

Name of applicant (in English): _____
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Details of referee

Name (in English): _____ Prof/Dr/Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms*
(BLOCK CAPITALS)   (* delete as appropriate)

Position: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Your comments about the applicant:

(1) suitability for the designated programme of study,

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(2) intellectual qualities and academic potentials, including an assessment of examination results pending (if any),

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(3) personalities and other potentials, including the applicant's expected contributions to the field of Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education in Hong Kong, and

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(4) other interests and activities that are relevant to the field of study.

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Signature: _____   Date: _____