Lee Hysan Postgraduate Awards for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education (2016/2017)

Information Note

1. The Lee Hysan Foundation is sponsoring awards for deaf or hearing individuals who have potentials for Sign Linguistics training at the Master's level at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The maximum number of Awards for 2016/17 is HK\$168,000. The Awards are commencing in the 2016/17 academic year.

2. Successful candidates will be those with satisfactory scholastic achievements and a strong commitment to Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education training.

3. Those who meet the eligibility criteria set out below may apply for the Awards. The Awards will only be conferred to students providing proofs of successful admission to the full-time or part-time Master of Arts (M.A.) Programme in Linguistics, with a specialization in Sign Linguistics, of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Applications from students who are currently pursuing a Master's degree at the time of application will <u>not</u> be considered.

4. Further details of the Award are given below:

Name of Award:	Lee Hysan Postgraduate Awards for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education
Duration of Award:	Full-time: 1 year (from September 2016 to August 2017) Part-time: 2 years (from September 2016 to August 2018)
Eligibility:	(i) be permanent residents of Hong Kong (priority is given to deaf applicants^);
	(ii) be proficient in English and Chinese, and some knowledge of Hong Kong Sign Language is preferred but not necessary;
	(iii) be responsible for completing all application procedures of the M.A Programme in Linguistics of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of

Hong Kong, and fulfilling all admission requirements of the Programme, and be offered admission; and

(iv) be agreeable to pursuing a specialization in Sign Linguistics of the Programme.

^Support services for the deaf award recipients include note-taking service and the provision of FM System if required. Due to insufficient locally trained sign interpreters for deaf education at the tertiary level, sign interpretation will not be provided.

Maximum Value of Award:	Full-time: <u>HK\$168, 000</u> (both tuition fee and stipend) Part-time: <u>HK\$96,000</u> (tuition fee only)
Condition of Award:	(i) All applicants have to be interviewed by the Selection Board: comprising representatives from the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS), CUHK, as well as members of society with experience in Deaf Education.
	(ii) Successful candidates have to provide proofs of successful admission to the full-time or part-time M.A. Programme in Linguistics of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, CUHK.
	(iii) For the full-time recipient, tuition fee will be paid directly from the donation account to the University in two separate installments. The second installment will be paid upon satisfactory performance in course work and field training during the first term [#] . Recipient is required to work at CSLDS of CUHK for 12 months starting from September 2016 for at most 18 hours per week. A stipend of HK\$6000 will be given to the recipient by the end of each month during the period of award.
	(iv) For the part-time recipient, tuition fee will be paid directly from the donation account to the University in four separate installments. The second/third/fourth installment will be paid upon satisfactory performance in course work and field training

upon satisfactory performance in course work and field training during the first/second/third term[#]. No stipend will be given to the part-time recipients.

(v) Recipients are required to sign an undertaking in which they agree to seek work related to Sign Linguistics or Deaf Education for at least 3 years after successful completion of the training.

A successful candidate will be required to comply with or agree to comply with the conditions of the Award should he / she decides to accept the Award. In the event of non-compliance in the course of the sponsored studies, the Selection Board may at any time prematurely terminate the Award and the recipient may be required to repay such sum, not exceeding the total value of the Award so received, and upon such terms as the Board deems appropriate. A guarantor acceptable to the Selection Board is required.

Furthermore, the Award is conditional upon the candidate meeting all the requirements stipulated by CUHK.

[#]Performance of Award recipients is evaluated based on appraisal by their supervisor(s) at field training as well as performance shown in the transcript of academic record.

Application:Application Form for the Award can be obtained in person
from Monday to Friday (9:00 – 17:45) between 1 December
2015 and 29 February 2016 from The Centre for Sign
Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS), with the address
provided below:

Room 104, Academic Building No. 2,

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin

Application Form is also downloadable from the websites of the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS) (Address: <u>http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cslds/studentship/</u>)

Application forms can be submitted by any one of the following ways:

(i) Completing the application form with legible handwriting in blue / black ink and sending it to the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies at Room 104, Academic Building No. 2, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin by post or in person.

(ii) Inputting data in the proforma downloadable from

	CSLDS's website and sending the duly signed hardcopy of the completed proforma to CSLDS by post or in person. Signature in the form of digital image is <u>NOT</u> acceptable.
	Deadline for applications by post or in person is at 5:00 pm on 29 February 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.
Selection Procedure:	Shortlisted applicants will be requested to attend an interview scheduled in April or May 2016. Any applicant who has not received an invitation to attend an interview by 31 May 2016 may assume that his / her application has been unsuccessful. The decision of the Selection Board shall be final.
Handling of Information and Personal Data supplied in application:	The Lee Hysan Postgraduate Awards for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education is serviced by CSLDS. With consent from the applicants, the personal data provided will only be tabled for selection of the Award recipients and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the scheme of the awards by the Selection Board.
	In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicants have the rights to request access to and the correction of the data provided, subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.
	General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this application should be addressed to CSLDS.
Enquiries:	For enquiries, please contact CSLDS (Tel: 3943 4178; email: cslds@arts.cuhk.edu.hk).

This note is for information only and has no legal binding effect. The legal binding terms and conditions under which awards are granted are contained in the award letter.

The Selection Board, Lee Hysan Postgraduate Awards for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education

Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies

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Application Form

1. Personal particulars

Name in English: Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms*_

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name in Chinese:	
Gender: <u>Male / Female*</u>	
Mode of study: <u>Full-time / Part-time*</u>	
Date of birth:	Recent Photo
Place of birth:	
Nationality:	
Hong Kong Identity Card Number:	
Hearing Status:	
How long have you been a resident in Hong Kong? yea	rs
Telephone: (Home)	(Mobile)
Email address:	
Home address:	

* delete as appropriate

2. <u>Education in chronological order</u> (Please provide copies of transcripts; Up to four most recent schools/colleges/universities)

Name of institution	Years of attendance	Qualification obtained	Class of Honours [^] / GPA (if any)

^ for second class, please indicate upper, lower, or undivided

3. <u>Examinations taken and qualifications obtained</u> (Please provide copies of supporting documents, e.g. HKCEE, IELTS etc.)

Name of examination / qualification	Date of award	Level / Overall score attained (if any)

4. <u>Previous and present employment</u> (Do not include temporary appointments unless particularly relevant)

Date (in chronological order)	Employer	Post

5. Community services

Date (in chronological order)	Organization	Nature of service

6. <u>Further information</u> (To help the Award Selection Board in considering your application, please provide information on any experience or interests in choosing this field of study. Please also indicate your future career plans upon completion of the proposed training programme. Continuation sheets can be accepted.)

7. <u>Referees</u>

Give the names and addresses of two referees, preferably one that can comment on your academic merit.

Enclosed with this application form are two separate sheets on which referees are asked to provide a confidential statement in support of your application. Please hand in or send one of these sheets to each of your referees. References should be received at the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS) by 29 February 2016.

Name	Name
Position	Position
Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone
Fax	Fax
Email	Email

8. <u>Declaration by applicant</u>

I, _______ (name of applicant in English), declare that the statements made in this application are, to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate. I have read and fully understand the details and conditions of award of the Awards of which I am now applying. I understand and agree that my personal data will be used for the activities relating to the processing of the application.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Notes to applicants

1. Completed application form should be handed in or sent to CSLDS <u>on or before the</u> <u>closing date (29 February 2016)</u>. Late applications or applications by email/fax will not <u>be accepted</u>.

2. Please enclose with your application copies of degree certificates and/or transcripts of study and/or other qualifications (if any) (see Sections 2 and 3). Do not send originals.

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Reference letter

Notes to referee

- 1. The applicant who gives you this form is applying for the Lee Hysan Postgraduate Award for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Selection Board relies to a large extent on the assessment provided by referees. It will be helpful if your reference gives information on the candidate's:
 - (i) suitability for the designated programme of study
 - (ii) intellectual qualities and potential, including an assessment of examination results pending (if any)
 - (iii) personal qualities and potential, including expected future contribution to the field of Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education in Hong Kong
 - (iv) other interests and activities
- 2. Please return the completed form (a photocopy is not acceptable) by 29 February 2016 to:

Selection Board of the Lee Hysan Postgraduate Award 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.

	English):	
(BLOCK CAPITALS)		
Details of referee		
Name (in English):		Prof/Dr/Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms*
	(BLOCK CAPITALS)	
Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	
Email:		