

香港中文大學

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Lee Hysan Postgraduate Awards for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education (2015/2016)

Background and Aim

The emergence of Sign Linguistics in recent decades has led to a new model of deaf education based on the concept of Sign Bilingualism where deaf children are trained to become proficient in both signed and spoken language for purpose of access to education. This new model is gaining ground in many western countries with positive learning outcomes. In Hong Kong, oralism remains an overarching philosophy of deaf education and sign language research is called for in order to meet the challenges of revamping local deaf education. With the generous donation of Lee Hysan Foundation to the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, an award is set up to support local deaf or hearing talents to receive postgraduate training in Sign Linguistics, with the ultimate goal of nurturing more professionals committed to working for the betterment of the Hong Kong deaf community.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- a. be permanent residents of Hong Kong (priority is given to deaf applicants*);
- b. be proficient in English and Chinese, and some knowledge of Hong Kong Sign Language is preferred but not necessary;
- c. be responsible for completing all application procedures for 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
- d. be agreeable to pursuing a specialization in Sign Linguistics of the Programme.

Application Method

Application forms can be obtained from The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies (CSLDS) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, or downloadable from the website of CSLDS

(http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cslds/studentship).

Completed forms must be returned to CSLDS before the closing date by post or in person. (Applicants must also apply to the M.A. Programme in Linguistics through the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of Hong Kong).

Value of Awards

The maximum is **HK\$164,400** for full-time recipient and **HK\$92,400** for part-time recipients.

Important Dates:

Commencement Date: 22 January 2015
Closing Date: 10 April 2015

For further information about the M.A. Programme in Linguistics, please go to the website of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/lin/new/en_index.html

* Support services for the deaf studentship recipients include a) note-taking service; and b) the provision of FM system if necessary.

Due to insufficient locally trained sign interpreters for deaf education at the tertiary level, sign interpretation will not be provided.

Source of Further Information

Enquiries should be made to
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