

**Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships
for Postgraduate Research Students 2003/2004**

1. Objective

This fellowship scheme, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council, is aimed at encouraging and assisting full-time students pursuing **postgraduate studies by research.**

2. Number of fellowships

There will be about 35 fellowship awards for the 2003/2004 academic year.

3. Provision of the fellowships

The fellowships are tenable for the 2003/2004 academic year only. Successful candidates will receive a one-off grant of \$38,000. They will not be required to relinquish scholarships, fellowships or bursaries held concurrently and neither will the value of the fellowship be reduced in such circumstances.

4. Eligibility criteria

Candidates should :-

- (a) possess Hong Kong Identity Cards;
- (b) have the right of abode or the right to land in Hong Kong or are permitted to stay in Hong Kong without restriction;
- (c) have resided in Hong Kong for at least three years;
- (d) be registered full-time research students in 2003/2004 at one of the institutions listed below :-
 - (i) City University of Hong Kong;
 - (ii) Hong Kong Baptist University;
 - (iii) Lingnan University;
 - (iv) The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
 - (v) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
 - (vi) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; and
 - (vii) The University of Hong Kong.

- (e) be registered on/after 1.7.2002 for a master degree or 1.7.2001 for a Ph.D. degree;
- (f) be nominated by the heads of institutions;
- (g) not be a current SEYM Fellowship holder; and
- (h) not be in full-time employment.

5. Selection criteria

Candidates will be selected by the Council on the following basis :-

- (a) high standards of academic achievements and intellectual qualities;
- (b) leadership qualities as demonstrated in his/her involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community services;
- (c) proficiency in the language in which the research is undertaken;
- (d) the possible strategic importance of the research to the social, economic and technological development of Hong Kong;
- (e) the research not having been or being done in Hong Kong;
- (f) the possible completion date of the research being within 2 years for a master degree or 3 years for a doctorate degree; and
- (g) other personal qualities and potential, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong.

A nominated candidate is required to provide a statement of **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English, on the reasons for conducting research on the topic of his/her choice.

6. Conditions of award

The fellowships will be awarded to successful candidates subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) the fellowship recipient undertakes to work in Hong Kong for **two years** upon completion of his/her study, failing which he/she may be required to repay the money of the fellowship award;

- (b) the recipient accepts that the fellowship may be terminated at any time if and when his/her performance as reported by the institution is considered by the Council as unsatisfactory or when he/she for any reason ceases to be a full-time postgraduate research student;
- (c) the recipient undertakes to seek the Council's prior approval to alter the research topic or study programme from that specified in the nomination form. Otherwise he/she may be required by the Council to repay the money of the fellowship award; and
- (d) any other conditions laid down by the Council.

7. Nomination and selection procedures

- (a) Heads of institutions will be invited to make nominations by completing **Nomination Form A1** which should reach the Secretary, Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong by **10 October 2003**.
- (b) Candidates will be invited for interview in November/December 2003. Candidates who have not heard from the Council by the end of December 2003 should consider themselves not selected.
- (c) The decisions of the Council are final.
- (d) The results of the awards will be announced in February 2004. Nominating institutions will be notified of the results.
- (e) Payment of the fellowship money will be remitted to institutions which will be requested to disburse the money to the students concerned.
- (f) A certificate will be presented to the award recipients at an Awards Presentation Ceremony scheduled in March 2004.

8. Handling of Information and Personal Data supplied in application

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council is serviced by the Student Financial Assistance Agency. The personal data provided in this nomination will be used for activities relating to the processing of the nomination for an award under this fellowship scheme and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award scheme.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, the candidate has the rights to request access to and to request the correction of the data provided subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.

PART II (to be completed by Dean of Faculty or Head of Division/Department)

Please note that the candidate has the right of access to the assessment provided by you in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

Confidential Report on the Candidate

In support of the nomination, please provide a report on the candidate with reference to –

- (a) the strategic importance of the research topic to the social, economic and technological development of Hong Kong;
- (b) whether the research work duplicates any other work done or being done in Hong Kong;
- (c) whether the research is likely to be completed within two years for a master degree or three years for a doctorate degree;
- (d) intellectual qualities and research potential of the nominee;
- (e) personal qualities and potential, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong; and
- (f) any special considerations which have led to the candidate's nomination.

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Nomination Form

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This Nomination Form should be forwarded by the institution to the Secretary, Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council, Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong by **10 October 2003**.

PART I (to be completed by candidate)

(A) Personal Data

1. Name in English (Mr./Mrs./Miss*) : _____
Name in Chinese : _____
2. Postal Address : _____

3. Permanent Address : _____

4. Home Tel. No. : _____
5. Day-time Contact Tel. No. /
Mobile Phone No. : _____
6. Email Address : _____
7. Date of birth : _____
8. Place of birth : _____
9. Length of residence in Hong Kong : _____
10. Nationality : _____
11. Hong Kong Identity Card No. (**Copy of which should be attached**) : _____
12. Previous and present occupation, if any _____

(B) Details of research programme

1. Institution : _____
2. Faculty/Division/Department* : _____
3. Degree being pursued : _____
4. Field of study : _____
5. Research topic : _____
6. Length of course : _____
7. Expected completion date : _____
8. Commencement date of current study programme : _____

*Delete as appropriate

9. † Academic achievements and professional qualifications.
(Give details such as class of honours, subject, etc.)

Name of Institution(s)	Degree/Qualification Attained with Details	Year of Award

10. Particulars of previous research work, if any.

Publication(s) / Title(s) of Thesis	Date

11. Particulars of current/previous extra-curricular activities and community service you have taken part **in recent years**.

Activity	Position held/Attainment(s)	Date

(C) † **Scholarships and Awards**

Please give details of previous and current scholarships, fellowships, studentships, bursaries and any awards being granted in connection with the research and specify the source and value of the awards. Successful candidates will not be required to relinquish concurrently held scholarships and other awards.

Name of Award(s)	Date

† Copies of result slips / certificates / documents / transcripts etc. should be attached

(D) Further Information

Please provide a statement of **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English on the reasons for conducting your research. (To be typewritten or written legibly)

Signature : _____

Date : _____

General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this nomination should be addressed to :-

Assistant Controller (ADM)
Student Financial Assistance Agency
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong

9. Enquiries

For enquiries, please telephone the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat at 2150 6098 or 2150 6096.

DETAILS OF THE TERMS UNDER WHICH AWARDS ARE GRANTED ARE CONTAINED IN THE AWARD LETTER.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
August 2003

Confidential Report on the Candidate

Signature _____ Date _____

Name Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss* _____

Position _____

Faculty/Division/Department* _____

Institution _____

* Delete as appropriate