

Financial Aid Schemes

Financial Assistance from the Government Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (For New Students)

Eligibility for the following two Schemes: Registered full-time students who are taking up **an exclusively UGC-funded/ publicly-funded** student place of a recognized programme, and have the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided or have had their homes in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years prior to the commencement of the programme. This does not cover students who are staying in Hong Kong with student visas.

1. Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS)

Financial assistance is provided in the form of a grant and/or loan. The grant is to cover tuition fee, academic expenses and compulsory union fees while the loan is for living expenses. The interest rate of the loan is 1.0% per annum. The level of assistance depends on students' family income and asset, the amount of payable tuition fees and academic expenses.

New students should submit their applications to Government SFO through "SFO E-link – My Applications" online platform at <http://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk> on or before **23 September 2019**. After submission of the online form, applicants will be required to hand in the declaration and supporting documents by online uploading, by post or in person to SFO's office. Applicants may also submit the documents to the collection box at Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at Room 1206, 12/F, Yasumoto International Academic Park **from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday during 16 to 30 September 2019**.

2. Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Full-time Tertiary Students (NLSFT)

It provides non-means-tested loans to students up to the amount of payable tuition fees. The loan is solely used to settle tuition fees and will be paid direct to the University. The current interest rate is 1.231% per annum. The interest rate will be adjusted if the average best lending rate of note-issuing banks in Hong Kong is changed. Interest will be commenced once the loan is paid out until it is fully repaid. Administrative fee is charged for each application.

Students who have applied for the TSFS will be informed of the loan under NLSFT, if any, simultaneously through the TSFS result notification. If students wish to apply for the NLSFT only, they should submit their applications to SFO through "SFO E-link – My Applications" online platform at <http://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk>. The submission deadline for online application and submission methods of required documents are same as those of TSFS.

**For enquiries on financial aid schemes provided by
the Government, please contact Student Finance Office.**

Telephone: 2802 2345 (24-hour hotline)

2152 9000 (TSFS)

2150 6222 (NLSFT)

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University Financial Aid

1. University Bursaries and Loans

A number of University Bursaries and Loans are available to local students who are studying full-time undergraduate programme or taking up an exclusively UGC-funded/publicly-funded student place of a recognized postgraduate programme and cannot get sufficient financial assistance under the TSFS because of unexpected financial difficulties or other special reasons. As the University Bursaries and Loans are in general to supplement TSFS provided by the Government, students who are in financial need should apply for the Government financial aid first.

Students should complete and submit the application form online via CUSIS during the period from **2 to 30 September 2019**. Applicants are required to submit the supporting documents to the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at Room 1206, 12/F, Yasumoto International Academic Park from **23 to 27 and 30 September 2019**. Please visit the website <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk> for details. However, students with emergency needs arising from sudden change of financial conditions can apply for emergency bursaries and loans in any month of the year.

2. Student Residence Bursary Scheme

Student Residence Bursary Scheme provides hostel grant to subsidize partial hostel fee of the needy local undergraduate students who are not able to benefit substantially from the Community Care Fund hostel subsidy from the government. Eligible students who live in hostel for the first term or the whole year should submit their online application in CUSIS during the application period from **2 September to 31 October 2019**. For students who live in hostel for the second term only, they should submit their application during **6 January to 28 February 2020**.



3. Summer Subsistence and Travel Loan Scheme

The aim of the Summer Subsistence and Travel Loan Scheme is to provide interest-free loan to needy full-time local undergraduate students who will participate in academic exchange programmes abroad in summer of current academic year / term time of next academic year or to those who will join other extra-curricular activities or academic trainings / programmes in summer. The Scheme is normally open for application in February.

4. Student Campus Work Scheme

The Student Campus Work Scheme is aimed to provide students with opportunities for paid campus work, usually in the form of assisting the University's academics or administrators in research projects and administrative work. Interested students should pay attention to the vacancies posted in "CU Job Link" by the Office of Student Affairs.



For enquiries on University financial aid schemes, please contact the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

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