Fees, Scholarships and Financial Aid

Tuition, Hostel, and Miscellaneous Fees

The University’s tuition fee for 2018-19 is HK$42,100 (tuition fee in 2019-20 is subject to confirmation). For non-local students, the tuition fee for 2019-20 is HK$145,000. A caution fee of $450 must be paid upon enrolment. This is refundable on withdrawal from the University, but is usually used as graduation fee. The hostel fee for 2018-19 is around $12,000, depending upon the type of hostel. The above fees, plus food, books, transportation, and pocket money should total between $87,100 to $190,000 per student per year.

The fees for 2019-20 are yet to be confirmed.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

To help local students in need to meet part of the cost of their university education, the HKSAR Government offers grants and loans under the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme—Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) and the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Full-time Tertiary Students (NLSFT). To be eligible for either scheme, students must take up exclusively University Grants Committee-funded/publicly funded places in a recognised programme and have the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided or had their home in Hong Kong continuously for three full years before commencement of the programme. Neither scheme covers those who study in Hong Kong with student visas.

Students who are eligible for TSFS may apply for University/College financial assistance if further financial aid is needed. Others not covered by TSFS and NLSFT may approach the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA) to discuss their financial situation and to seek advice or assistance as necessary. Students with emergency needs arising from sudden changes in their financial situation can contact OAFA or their respective Colleges to apply for emergency bursaries and loans.

Student campus work schemes are also available to provide students with opportunities for paid campus work, usually in the form of assisting the academics or administrators in research projects and administrative work. The University also offers hostel grant under Student Residence Bursary Scheme to subsidise part of the hostel fee for needy students. Besides, Summer Subsistence and Travel Loan Scheme provides interest-free loan to students with financial need to participate in academic exchange programmes abroad and other overseas learning activities in summer.

In addition, the University and its constituent colleges provide scholarships to students who excel in the academic or non-academic areas. While admission scholarships are awarded to new students with outstanding academic merit at entrance, other scholarships are awarded primarily to students who have been nominated by their faculties, academic departments or other relevant units. Although many of the scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, achievements in extracurricular activities, community service, sports and leadership may also be taken into consideration. Some scholarships are open for application and information on these scholarships is available at the OAFA website and will be sent to the students concerned by email.

Further details about the various scholarship and financial aid schemes can be obtained from OAFA and the respective Colleges.

The Sports Scholarship Scheme

In September 2001, the University launched a Sports Scholarship Scheme (SSS) to enable outstanding young athletes and members of the Hong Kong National Squad or Youth Squad who demonstrate exceptional sporting prowess to attend CUHK. The SSS is designed to support students who show exceptional sporting ability, allowing them to fulfil both their academic and athletic potential.

As of September 2018, 433 applicants have been admitted under the SSS to 67 major programmes in eight faculties. All of these recipients have exhibited outstanding achievements in a wide variety of sports and athletic activities, including athletics, badminton, basketball, fencing, handball, judo, karate, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball/beach volleyball, rugby, squash, baseball, woodball, lifesaving, water polo, rowing, golf, archery, dancing, windsurfing, and more.

The SSS fulfils the University’s objective to provide comprehensive, whole-person education through the promotion of students’ intellectual and athletic development.

For further information, please visit the Physical Education Unit website at www.peu.cuhk.edu.hk/en-gb/scholarship/the-sports-scholarship-scheme.