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**CUHK CCOUC, Hong Kong-Chow Tai Fook Charity Foundation Public Health Scholarship for
academic year August, 2017 - July, 2018 (12 months)**

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of maximum 3 scholarships for the Master of Public Health in the JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). This scholarship is for the officials working under the Ministry of Health (MoH).

A. Scholarship covers:

- Full tuition fee cost for Master of Public Health (Full time) of CUHK of HK\$165,600 (approximately US\$21,300);
- An annual stipend of HK\$94,000 (approximately US\$12,100)*.
- Round trip airfare (included in the stipend)

*Where possible and appropriate, collaborating centre for Oxford University and CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response (CCOUC) will facilitate the arrangements regarding accommodations in the University. The awardees should use the stipend to cover the accommodation expenses.

B. Eligibility as per CUHK and RCSC:

The applicants should:

- Be a Bhutanese citizen;
- Have graduated from a recognized university with Bachelor's degree, normally with honours not lower than Second Class; or
- Have graduated from an honours programme of a recognized university with a Bachelor's degree, normally achieving an average grade of not lower than "B" ; or
- Have completed a course of study in a tertiary educational institution and obtained professional or similar qualifications equivalent to an honours degree.



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- Fulfil the entry requirements for English Language Proficiency:
 - TOEFL* (550 Paper-based; 213 computer-based; 79 internet-based); or
 - IELTS* (Academic) (Band 6.5); or
 - GMAT (Verbal) (Band 21).(* TOEFL and IELTS are considered valid for two years from the test date)
- Be committed to engage in capacity building or education of Public Health in Bhutan.
- Applicant should be eligible as per BCSR 2012

C. Application Procedures

- Prior to processing of Preliminary application form, the application/nomination must be approved by the MoH (Study leave will not be approved, if application is processed without the consent of the MoH).
- Read carefully the “Notes For Applicants”;
(https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/media/notes_for_applicant_online.pdf);
- Fill in the Preliminary Application Form and send it to ccouc@cuhk.edu.hk.
- The application period will be open till **31st January, 2017**.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for the interview in April, 2017, Thimphu.
- Successful candidates will submit the online application at the Graduate School of CUHK by 1st May, 2017
(https://www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/onlineapp/programme_list.aspx?FAC=MED&ACT=);
- Submission of required supporting documents to the MPH Admissions Office, (Rm 202, 2/F, School of Public Health, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, NT, Hong Kong) according to the “Notes For Applicants”.
(https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/media/notes_for_applicant_online.pdf)
- Bhutanese students are advised to apply as early as possible as application procedures and visa applications can take a considerable length of time.

D. Selection Process:



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- The Graduate Division will begin the selection process upon receipt of the applications and supporting documents;
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview(s) in mid to late April, 2017 in Bhutan coordinated by MoH. CCOUC and the School of Public Health and Primary Care, CUHK will make recommendations on the awardees of the Scholarship in consultation with MoH.
- Offers will be made by Graduate School of CUHK in May, 2017.
- Queries related to scholarship, kindly contact wongcarol@cuhk.edu.hk OR kling@cuhk.edu.hk

E. Terms and Regulations (CUHK):

- The candidates must disclose their application form whether they have applied, or intend to apply, for any other scholarships or awards.
- Where the awardees are considering applying for or are offered additional funding after they have been selected, they must disclose this to the CCOUC as soon as possible.
- The awardees may retain funding or other benefits not specifically covered by the Scholarship and they may continue to be in receipt of a salary from their employer during the Scholarship.
- They must comply with the conditions of the visa, university regulations, and the conditions of award.
- Should the awardee chooses to leave Hong Kong prior to the end date noted on the award letter, stipend payments will stop on the date he/she discontinues his/her studies or departs from Hong Kong (whichever is sooner).
- The academic studies are of paramount importance and should be given due priority.
- **Travel during an award:**
 - The awardees must remain in Hong Kong (except for authorised absences) during their Scholarship period.



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- They are not permitted to be outside of HK for either academic or personal reasons for more than 10 days throughout the entire period of their Scholarship subject to the discretion of the Director of CCOUC.
- If you exceed the 10 days limit, your stipend will be suspended until your return. Absence for any reason in excess of 5 days requires the approval of CCOUC in advance. The awardees should also contact CCOUC at least two weeks in advance of your proposed departure for further information.
- **Amendments:** Detailed terms and conditions will be circulated to the applicants of the Scholarship. CCOUC reserves the right to change the Terms and Conditions at any time.

F. Links

- Master of Public Health Programme
<http://www.sphpc.cuhk.edu.hk/MPH/index.html>
- JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, Faculty of medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
http://www.sphpc.cuhk.edu.hk/cms/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/lang,en/
- Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response (CCOUC)
<http://ccouc.org/home>
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/index.html>

Note: The information on shortlisted candidate, dates for the interview and final result will be notified by the CUHK, Hong Kong, China

G. Post selection procedure:

- Agency shall upload the study proposal via CSIS only upon receiving confirmation of admission from the University via RCSC for the selected applicants.



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H. Important Notes:

- Only those candidates who are committed to this scholarship should apply. If the candidate withdraws after the announcement of shortlisted list and interview result, candidate shall be liable for HR action;
- Confirmation of scholarship/admission shall depend on the University. Therefore, the candidates are advised not to make major changes to their home/office life (such as handing over of work, moving out of their house etc) until the confirmation of scholarship/admission is received from RCSC;
- Agency should ensure that relevancy of the course and only eligible candidate fulfilling requirements as per CUHK and RCSC are allowed to apply on or before the deadline. In the event any discrepancies are found after the selection, respective agency & candidate shall be held accountable.
- For future career progression to specialist position, Master course should be aligned to Superstructure as civil servants with Master in general courses or courses not aligned to specialist position are not eligible for specialist positions.

I. General information

- For general information call at **322491 (ext. 107)** or email at tsheringhamo@rcsc.gov.bt and stobgay@health.gov.bt