

**Professor Mayching Kao Student Development Fund**  
**Guidelines on Application**

**Introduction**

The establishment of Professor Mayching Kao Student Development Fund aims at supporting student development activities in the School of Arts and Social Sciences that are proposed by students. The activities should be able to achieve the following objectives:

- Broadening students' exposure and intellectual horizon;
- Strengthening students' commitment and peer support culture within their study programmes and across disciplines;
- Enhancing students' ability in appreciation of art and culture; and
- Benefiting students' career development.

The types of cultural activities supported through this funding scheme include:

- a. international exchange or summer programmes;
- b. participation in external competitions;
- c. participation in arts/film festivals;
- d. participation in professional workshops;
- e. programme-related activities organized by students; and
- f. publication of books related to students' fields of study.

Two to five grants will be given each year to subsidize students' expenses arising from the activities. The amount of each grant is capped at a maximum of HK\$20,000.

**Eligibility**

Applicants should be Year-1 to Year-4 students enrolling in the full-time face-to-face undergraduate programmes of the School of Arts and Social Sciences, the Open University of Hong Kong.

### **Award Selection Criteria**

Students will be invited to submit proposals to apply for the fund. The proposals will be reviewed by the Student Development Committee of the School of Arts and Social Sciences. Selected candidates will be invited for interview. During the interview, applicants are requested to present a detailed proposal specifying the goal and reason of the application. Selection will be based on the following four criteria:

- Candidate's proposal for the cultural activity or programme-related activity;
- Candidate's likelihood of successful completion of the project;
- Candidate's provision of a financial plan;
- Candidate's cumulated GPA (GPA will be considered, though it is not a determining factor. Year-1 candidates should submit a teacher's recommendation instead).

Applicants will be notified of the results in January.

### **Acknowledgment of Support**

In all publicly shown materials and written reports, grant recipients must acknowledge the funding support received in the following format:

“The grantee(s) would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of the Professor Mayching Kao Student Development Fund for this project in 2019-20.”

### **Reimbursement of Fund**

The grant recipients will submit a report together with the income and expenditure statement to the School within one month after completion of activities.

### **Sharing Sessions**

After the grantees' completion of activities, a sharing session will be arranged for them to share their learning experience with fellow students.

## **Grant Application and Selection Schedule for the Academic Year 2019-20**

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Key Milestones</b>
8 November 2019	Application deadline
11-22 November 2019	Selection of proposals
2-6 December 2019	Interview of candidates
Late December 2019	Announcement of results
January 2020 – July 2020	The cultural activity period
August/September 2020	Sharing session
30 August 2020	Each grantee submits a detailed report together with the income and expenditure statement.

### **Enquiries**

For enquiries, please contact Ms Charlie Kwok at 2768-5712.

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