

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE

University of Hong Kong/China Medical Board Grants

The University of Hong Kong/China Medical Board Grants scheme was established in 1976 by an endowment grant of US \$250,000 from the China Medical Board of New York, Inc. to enable selected members of staff of the University to receive overseas training beyond their specialty or postgraduate degree. Under this scheme, selected members are offered grants to undertake further training overseas so as to assist them to upgrade their expertise, thus enabling the Faculty to maintain its status as a Regional Centre in Southeast Asia, and in turn the Faculty could continue to provide postgraduate training to medical personnel in the region.

The Regulations governing the award of Grants under this scheme shall be as follows:

1. Awards shall be made for advanced training overseas in an area of clinical medicine, basic medical science, medical education, or health care, but are NOT intended for training towards the attainment of formal postgraduate or specialty qualifications.
2. Eligible applicants include:
  - (a) Academic staff of the Medical Faculty both at the clinical and non-clinical level;
  - (b) Academic staff of other Faculties concerned with medical education or the socio-economic aspects of health care; and
  - (c) Academic staff of the Dental Faculty who are working in cooperation with academic staff of the Medical Faculty and are involved in teaching in the Medical Faculty.

For the purpose of this scheme, the definition of “academic staff” is broadened to include not only Teachers and Research Assistant Professors (RAPs), but also Post-doctoral Fellows (PDFs) and Research Officers (ROs).

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (i) Applicants must already have completed relevant postgraduate degrees and/or obtained appropriate specialty qualifications.
- (ii) Applicants should demonstrate a potential for developing new units or bring new expertise to existing departments or units within the Medical Faculty.

Staff members who received grants previously shall be given lower priority, and grant recipients in the preceding 3 years are not eligible to apply.

3. Grants shall be tenable at approved institutions outside Hong Kong, normally for a period from three to twelve months for teachers, and three months for RAPs/PDFs/ROs. Preference will be given to applicants who spend a longer period of time in one place.
4. Grants may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, cover:
  - (a) one round-trip airfare from Hong Kong to the country where training will be undertaken, at the most economical rate;
  - (b) maintenance allowance equivalent to the amount of personal maintenance allowance currently given to the British Chevening Scholars, for the full period of leave whilst the awardee is engaged in training overseas;
  - (c) the cost of approved expendable research supplies and equipment used in the course of training, if required, up to a maximum of HK\$9,000 (*Equipment purchases need to be justified. Purchase of personal electronic devices and computer for general use will not be supported*); and
  - (d) attendance at conferences whilst overseas during the training period.
5. Grants shall not include insurance cover for accidental death and dismemberment while the awardee is still engaged in training overseas, but shall include premiums for accident and sickness insurance up to a value of HK\$100,000.
6. Grants shall be awarded on the conditions:
  - (a) that the awardee shall submit to the Faculty Board, through the Committee of Management, within one month of returning to Hong Kong, a report on the training undertaken, stating specifically how the purposes of the grant have been achieved;
  - (b) that if the awardee resigns from the University during the tenure of the Grant or within 3 years for teachers and 1 year for RAPs/PDFs/ROs of returning from training leave, or has made, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, inadequate use of the training leave, he/she may be required by the Committee to repay the whole or part of the sum he/she has received under the scheme; and
  - (c) that the awardee will arrange to take leave of absence from the University in the usual manner, to be covered by his/her earned long leave or other approved special leave.

### Administrative arrangements

1. The whole of the endowment grant of US\$250,000 shall be deposited, or invested at the discretion of the University. Only the income shall be made available for the award of Grants.
2. A Committee of Management shall administer the fund, award Grants and report to the Faculty Board on whether the Grants awarded have been satisfactorily used. The Committee shall comprise:
  - (i) A Faculty member appointed by the Faculty Board (Chairman);
  - (ii) Dean or Associate Dean of the Medical Faculty (ex-officio);
  - (iii) Three members of the Faculty Board appointed by the Board;
3. Applications shall be made on the prescribed form before the closing date specified each year.
4. The Director of Finance shall submit a report annually to the China Medical Board showing the investments and changes in investments of the fund, the interest, dividends and other income yielded by the fund, and the use of income from the fund.

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