

Hong Kong College of Community Medicine

Dr TY Chau Training and Research Scholarship

Objective of the scholarship

The scholarship was set up under the donation made by the late Dr TY Chau's family. The aim of the scholarship is to promote and broaden training and research opportunities for individuals with an interest in Community Medicine.

Nature of the Training and research

The scholarship will be awarded competitively to individual with the best project for further training in an area of Community Medicine or to advance the cause of Community Medicine through research.

The Scholarship

For each round of invitation for scholarship applications, a maximum of two scholarships will be awarded at a maximum sum of HK \$50,000 each, one for training projects (including those which have an element of research but the main purpose of the projects is for training), and another one for research projects. In the circumstances that no applicant for one type of scholarship is successful, the earmarked funds will be reallocated to the other type of scholarship.

Scholarship Coverage

In view of the available budget, each scholarship will consist of a cash award of 70% of the estimated expenditure or HK \$50,000, whichever is the less.

Each scholarship may cover the following:-

- a) fee for a training course or registration fee for a conference/seminar, or grant for a research project;
- b) return air passage, inclusive of airport taxes in Hong Kong and the overseas country, by the most economical means;
- c) accommodation allowance during the training period;

- d) insurance (at government's / Hospital Authority's rate) against medical malpractice claims (if clinical practice is necessary) in the training institutions during the training period; and
- e) any other training fees that may be incurred during the period will be approved on a case by case basis (e.g. attending other workshops).

Eligible Candidates:

Any individual with an interest in Community Medicine may apply for the scholarship. Individuals outside Hong Kong may also apply if they intend to attend a training course / conference or conduct a research project in Hong Kong for exchange of experience.

Priority will be given to members and fellows of the College.

Application for the Scholarship

Candidates who are interested to apply for the scholarship should complete the application form, attach relevant supporting documents, and return the form to the College Secretariat.

An applicant could submit one application only for either one of the two types of scholarship in each round of invitation

Selection Criteria

All applications will first be vetted by the Censor of the respective sub-specialty. Only applications supported by the Censor(s) concerned will be forwarded to the Training Scholarship Sub-committee set up under the College Education Committee for vetting on the basis of the following criteria:-

- a) Relevancy of the training/research to the specialty stream of the applicant;
- b) Details of training/research project;
- c) Anticipated benefits, e.g. impact of the expertise to be acquired/ findings of research in relation to the applicant's training or development of the respective sub-specialty of Community Medicine;
- d) Censor's reasons for recommending the application; and

e) Experience and scientific background of the applicant.

Selection interview may be arranged if considered necessary by the sub-committee.

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Closing Date for application

Applications should reach the College Secretariat on or before **22 May 2009**.