Applications are invited for the 2019-20 Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Scholarships for Postgraduate Studies ("the Award")\(^1\) for individuals to pursue postgraduate courses or other training programmes, local and overseas.

2. The primary aim of the Award is to provide opportunities for people of exceptional merit, who have demonstrated their potential to serve the community through the qualities of personal leadership, to develop their initiative and character, so that they may acquire greater social usefulness. Priority will therefore be given to candidates of proven ability and experience in fields which have a significant impact on community life, e.g. medical studies, journalism, social work, education, arts, politics sciences, etc.

Eligibility

3. Candidates are required to propose their own programmes of study or training, and must be supported by a person in a competent position to certify their academic and professional achievement and leadership qualities, thus relatives of the candidates are not considered suitable to act as the proposer in this regard. The length of proposed studies should be less than five years and the projected study expenses should be supported by quotations and relevant course brochure wherever practicable. The amount of the Awards will vary depending on the nature of the programmes and may not necessarily cover full expenses. Before submitting any application, candidates should have resided in Hong Kong for at least five years continuously. Recipients of the Awards are required to return to and work in Hong Kong for at least three years after completion of the proposed study or training.

4. As competition for the Award is invariably keen, applications will be short-listed by a Selection Panel appointed by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee to consider the grant of awards. Only candidates with good Honours degree from recognized institutions and proven working experience of at least four years in their own fields would be invited to attend an interview, which will be held in June or July 2019 tentatively. Besides, for applicants who propose to study overseas when same or similar programmes are offered by local institution(s), those proposed programmes would be accorded a lower priority in the consideration of the Award.

Application procedure

5. Application forms are obtainable from http://www.hab.gov.hk/en/public_forms/forms.htm or the Secretariat at 34/F., Wu Chung

\(^1\)The Scholarships for 2019-20 is subject to the endorsement of the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee at the coming Annual General Meeting which will be held tentatively in May 2019.
House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The original of application must be submitted either by mail or by hand and reach the Secretariat by 5pm on or before 15 March 2019. Applications submitted via e-mail or by fax, incomplete applications, or late submission would not be processed. The following documents should be submitted for each application:

(i) The Application Form;
(ii) The Proforma;
(iii) The Form of Proposal; and
(iv) The Acknowledgement of Application.

All documents would not be returned upon submission. The acknowledgement of application would be sent to the applicant by fax or email within 2 weeks upon receipt of the application.

**Remarks**

6. The results of the Award will be announced tentatively in August 2019. The proposed course or training due for commencement prior to September 2019 or later than August 2020 will not be considered.

7. If the applicant is employed by the Hong Kong Government (whether he/she is employed under civil servant terms or contract terms), the applicant should forward his/her application through the Head of Department for onward transmission to the Secretariat on or before the closing date. Applications from Hospital Authority staff members should be submitted through the Human Resource Division of Hospital Authority Head Office (Tel.: 2300 7697/Fax: 2515 2299) or otherwise will be not considered.

**Enquiries**

8. Enquiries concerning the Award should be addressed to:

The Secretariat
Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee
34/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen’s Road East
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Secretary
Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee

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