

Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for  
Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023-2025)**

Regulations

The ‘Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation’ was established in 2015. It aims at generating a school of professionally trained sign interpreters for Hong Kong. The scholarship is intended to support graduates of CUHK and non-CUHK members who are deaf or hard of hearing to receive interpretation training and to continue education in the said discipline.

The regulations governing the award of the Scholarship are detailed below:

**1. Name of Award**

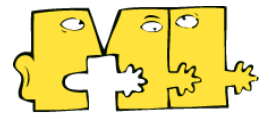
The title of the award is ‘Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation’.

**2. Number of Awards**

A maximum of 8 awards will be granted for this round of offering of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023-2025), subject to actual situation.

**3. Value of Awards**

The award shall cover 50% or 100% of the tuition fee (for the current cohort, the tuition fee is a total of HK\$30,000) of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation. The award shall be disbursed on the condition of the student’s satisfactory academic performance defined as ‘attainment of an overall GPA of at least 3.2 or above out of 4.0.’<sup>[1]</sup>



#### 4. Application period

Interested students should submit their applications to the General Office of Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies **via mail or in person by 2 July 2024.**

Students who have made applications during the admission period do not need to apply again.

#### 5. Eligibility and selection criteria

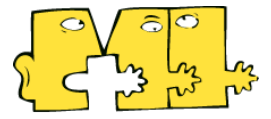
To be eligible, the candidate must:

- be a student/graduate of CUHK or a non-CUHK member who are deaf or hard of hearing,
- attain a GPA of 3.2 or above out of 4.0 upon completion of the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation<sup>[1]</sup>,
- be proficient in Hong Kong Sign Language<sup>[2]</sup>,
- preferably have received training in Sign Language Studies and/or Sign Linguistics,
- demonstrate a strong commitment to developing sign language interpretation training in Hong Kong,
- provide a recommendation letter each from two referees upon application,
- sign an undertaking to complete the training programme<sup>[3]</sup>, and
- engage in sign interpretation for at least two years as a post-training service for the deaf<sup>[4]</sup>.

Selection of awardees will be based on the above criteria, while priority will be given to CUHK students and graduates.

<sup>[1]</sup> Scholarship awardees shall pay the tuition fee upon enrolment. Scholarship will be disbursed at the end of the programme upon attaining of satisfactory academic performance, i.e. ‘an overall GPA of at least 3.2 or above out of 4.0.’ Applicants who are currently in a course of study or research leading to the award of a degree at CUHK need to apply for concurrent registration from the corresponding Department/Graduate School upon receiving the offer letter from this programme and before start of the programme.

<sup>[2]</sup> Proof of level of Hong Kong Sign Language proficiency is required. Acceptable proofs may include transcripts specifying the completion of HKSL IV at CUHK or level equivalents sign language courses, letters or other certificates issued by CSLDS certifying the equivalent levels of achievement, or certificates issued by other Hong Kong Sign Language offering institutions.



[3] The Scholarship would be discontinued should the awardees withdraw from or be suspended or expelled from the Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation.

[4] The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of The Chinese University of HongKong reserves the right to request the awardee to return the scholarship disbursed to the University.

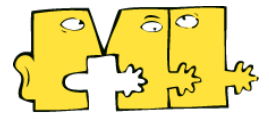
### Points to note

Awardees are **NOT** allowed to concurrently hold other scholarships/bursaries for the programme (e.g., CEF) during the tenure of Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation. Prizes and awards for student enrichment support are acceptable, but applicants must make a written declaration upon application. Students who have received other scholarships and/or financial supports for their undergraduate/postgraduate studies for the academic year 2023/24 and/or 2024/25 are still eligible. They are reminded to observe regulations set by the concerned scholarship schemes.

### Enquiry

Should you have any enquiries, please contact the General Office at 3943-4178 or [course@cslsds.org](mailto:course@cslsds.org).

**June 2024**



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### Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023-2025)

#### Recommendation letter

Notes to referee

1. The applicant who requests you to complete this form is applying for the Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation (2023-2025) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It would be most helpful if you could provide information on the candidate's:

- (i) suitability for the designated programme of study,
- (ii) intellectual qualities and academic potentials, including an assessment of examination results pending (if any),
- (iii) personalities and other potentials, including the applicant's expected contributions to the field of Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education in Hong Kong, and
- (iv) other interests and activities that are relevant to the field of study.

2. Please return the completed form (a photocopy is not acceptable) by **2 July 2024 (Tuesday)** to:

Selection Board of the Dr Alex K Yasumoto Scholarship for Professional Diploma Programme in Sign Language Interpretation

The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies

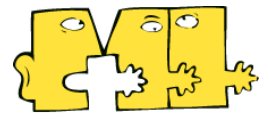
Room 104, Academic Building No. 2,

The Chinese University of Hong Kong,

Shatin, N.T.

Hong Kong

Thank you for your help.



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Please complete using black or blue ink. Continuation sheets may be added, if required.

Name of applicant (in English): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Details of referee**

Name (in English): \_\_\_\_\_ Prof/Dr/Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms\*

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Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your comments about the applicant:**

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(ii) intellectual qualities and academic potentials, including an assessment of examination results pending (if any),

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**(iii)** personalities and other potentials, including the applicant’s expected contributions to the field of Sign Linguistics and Deaf Education in Hong Kong, and

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**(iv)** other interests and activities that are relevant to the field of study.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_