

MTR's "Ride to Success" Scholarship Programme

Application Guidelines – Scholarship for Undergraduates

MTR Corporation ("the Corporation") announced last year the launch of the "Ride to Success" Scholarship Programme ("the Programme") (「『乘』功之道」獎學金計劃) as one of the celebrations of the 45th anniversary of the commencement of MTR metro service. The Programme offers a total of 45 scholarships for local students. It includes 25 scholarships for undergraduate students of a university / post-secondary institution in Hong Kong and 20 scholarships for MTR Academy Diploma and Advanced Diploma students. In addition to subsidising the tuition fees of the scholarship awardees, the Corporation will also provide various activities to encourage them to unleash their potential, explore future career aspirations, and contribute to the community.

The Programme is organised by the Corporation and co-organised by MTR Academy, with The Hong Kong Council of Social Service ("HKCSS") serving as the Programme Consultant and Partner.

1. Objectives

The Programme aims to:

- (a) Recognise and reward local students with commendable academic performance, a passion for community service, and a keen interest in the railway sector;
- (b) Support students in exploring their potentials, broadening their horizons, and advancing their career goals;
- (c) Empower the youth and nurture more talents in the engineering and railway sectors; and
- (d) Encourage students to contribute to the future development of the railway and the community.

2. Scholarship Value and Duration

A total of 25 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students of a university / post-secondary institution in Hong Kong. The scholarship will cover up to the full tuition fee of the eligible undergraduate programmes, capped at the amount of the annual tuition fee of UGC-funded degree programmes. The scholarship is tenable for the normative period of study of the enrolled undergraduate programme for a maximum period of 4 years, subject to fulfilling the annual renewal requirements.

3. Scholarship Application Criteria

Subject to the provisions, Terms and Conditions herein, applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

- (a) Studying at an eligible local publicly funded university or self-financing post-secondary institution in Hong Kong (*Note#1*);
- (b) A Year 1 (including first-year entry) local undergraduate student pursuing the first bachelor's degree in the academic year 2024/25 (*Note#2*);
- (c) Studying an Engineering, Transport or Logistics-related bachelor's degree programme (*Note#3*);
- (d) Achieve commendable academic performance with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at 3.0 or above;
- (e) Demonstrate a keen interest in railway-related initiatives; and
- (f) Actively participate in community service or charitable work.

Applicants are not allowed to concurrently hold other admission scholarships or academic scholarships, subsidies, sponsorship or any other financial support for the tuition fee of the undergraduate programme from the Corporation or any other local or overseas organisations (including but not limited to institutions, companies, and NGOs) during the tenure of the Programme*.

- *Note#1: List of Degree-awarding Higher Education Institutions Under the Education Bureau (EDB) and Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education (CSPE):*
 - <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/postsecondary/local-higher-edu/institutions/index.html>
 - <https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/institution-list.html>
- *Note#2: Definition of Local Student <supplementary information>.*
- *Note#3: All programmes must include face-to-face tuition in Hong Kong. Pure online courses are excluded.*

**Please refer to Clause 8 “Terms and Conditions” for more details.*

4. Application and Assessment Process

- (a) Information on the Programme and the online application form are available at the Programme website at <https://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/community/scholarship-programme.html> <click here>.
- (b) The application deadline has been extended to **5:00PM on 29 April 2025 (Hong Kong Time)**. Applications with all requisite documents should be submitted via the designated online application system on or before the application deadline. **The system time recorded on the online application form shall prevail.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- (c) The shortlisted students proceeding to the second round of selection will be invited to make a declaration or oath, and submit supplementary materials in the specified format such as a presentation deck and video via online in May 2025. The final round of shortlisted students will be invited to attend a selection interview in person to be held in June / July 2025. Details will be issued to the shortlisted students by email duly.
- (d) The scholarship results will be announced in July / August 2025. Applications shall be considered unsuccessful if the applicants do not receive any invitation for interview by June 2025.
- (e) The Corporation and HKCSS may request additional information or documentation in respect of the applications as they deem necessary.

5. Disbursement Arrangement

- (a) The scholarship will be disbursed to the awardees on an annual basis from the academic year 2024/2025 to 2027/28. The first grant will be disbursed within 3 months after the result announcement. The rest of the grant will be disbursed annually within 3 months upon the completion of the eligibility check.
- (b) The scholarship will be distributed by the Corporation to the awardees via cheque.
- (c) The scholarship will be discontinued, terminated and cancelled if the awardee fails to meet any of the scholarship renewal criteria including but not limited to meeting the academic requirement of CGPA at 3.0 or above; the awardee withdraws from the eligible undergraduate programme or the universities/institutions; the awardee is suspended or expelled from the universities/institutions; or the awardee can no longer comply or is in breach of any of these provisions, terms and conditions of the Programme or reasonable directions of the Corporation or HKCSS. For the avoidance of doubt, applicants shall meet

the scholarship renewal criteria as stipulated herein in order to continue to receive the scholarship for each academic year.

- (d) The Corporation and HKCSS may request additional information or documentation in respect of the disbursement and eligibility check as they deem necessary.

6. Engagement Activities

The awardees are encouraged to attend the experiential learning opportunities and engagement activities of the Programme.

7. Key Dates

Briefing Session	Early April 2025
Application Deadline Extended To	29 April 2025 (by 5:00PM Hong Kong Time)
Application Shortlisting	April – May 2025
Second Round of Selection	May – June 2025
Final Interview (in-person)	June / July 2025
Result Announcement	July / August 2025

8. Terms and Conditions

- (a) Under the Programme, applicants are not allowed to concurrently hold other admission scholarships or academic scholarships, subsidies, sponsorship or any other financial support for the tuition fee of the undergraduate programme from the Corporation or any other local or overseas organisations (including but not limited to institutions, companies, and NGOs) during the academic years 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28. Applicants shall immediately report to the Corporation and HKCSS if they receive any of those scholarships, subsidies, sponsorship and/or other financial support during the academic years. Notwithstanding, applicants may still apply for means-tested and non-means-tested grants and loans, bursaries, or non-academic scholarships to cover their living expenses and exchange programmes.
- (b) Applicants shall provide all information, documents, records as well as authorities, comply with these provisions, terms and conditions, and fulfill all requisite criteria and directions for application, renewal and process of the Programme as the Corporation and HKCSS may impose or make at its sole and absolute discretion. If an applicant fails to act accordingly or is in breach of any provisions, terms and conditions under the Programme, the Corporation shall have the absolute right to reject or decline the application or terminate the scholarship under this Programme.

- (c) The Corporation shall have all rights to the final selection of the scholarship awardees and the offer of the scholarship. In case of any dispute regarding the scholarship, the Corporation's decision shall be final and binding.
- (d) The parties to this agreement do not intend that any term of this agreement should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance, by any entity or person who is not a party to this agreement.

9. Handling of Information and Personal Data

Applicants shall carefully read this Application Guidelines, the Personal Information Collection Statement of the Corporation [<click here>](#) and the Guideline for the Use of Personal Data of HKCSS [<click here>](#) before application submission.

10. Enquiry

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Email: ridetosuccess@hkcss.org.hk

If there is any inconsistency between the English and Chinese version of the Application Guidelines, the English version shall prevail.

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