

**Applying for the Prince
Philip Scholarship -
for admission
to Cambridge in 2016**

History

- Managed by The Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong.
- www.cambridge.org.hk
- Set up in 1982.
- Aim – for HK students to benefit from the **unique Cambridge experience**.
- Funded over 170 students to Cambridge.
- No strings attached.

Who can apply?

- Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card holders who have resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of at least 7 years – whether studying in HK now or abroad.
- We welcome students taking the HKDSE, GCE A-level, IB, Cambridge Pre-U or similar exams in 2016.
- **Not** for students already registered as a student with another university, or accepted their unconditional offer.

What does a full scholarship cover?

- **Non-means-tested portion –**
 - Annual Cash Award (GBP 4,500 p.a.).
 - 1 x Economy class HK-London return airfare – to be arranged through the Friends.
- **Means-tested portion –**
 - University Composition Fee.
 - College Fee.
 - Basic Maintenance.
 - Settling-In and Vacation Allowance (one-off).

Which programme will the scholarship fund?

- **No restrictions on the choice of subject**, but consent needed if change of subject after interview or during Tripos.
- **Duration –**
 - Cover the entire undergraduate programme (Tripos) at the University of Cambridge, leading up to a BA degree,
 - but, subject to good academic performance, may be extended to a 4th year in Engineering, Mathematics and some subjects in Natural Sciences.
 - Not cover clinical training for Medics or legal practice courses for Lawyers.

Timetable for PP applications

On or before 15 Oct 2015	Submit application papers to ensure timely receipt.
Nov 2015	Shortlisted applicants will be notified of time and venue for interviews (and written tests, if any). Medic applicants – sit BMAT.
25 Nov 2015	Written tests in HK.
26 Nov - 4 Dec 2015	Interviews in HK.
Before end of March 2016	Conditional Offers issued.
From end of March 2016	Means tests carried out.
Summer 2016	Sit GCE-AL, IB, HKDSE, etc exams. (Also STEP for Maths and some other applicants.) Notify The Friends of exam results.

When to apply?

- For admissions in Oct 2016, all application documents must be *received* by The Friends **on or before 15 Oct 2015**.

What documents to submit?

1. UCAS – submit online.
2. COPA – for students studying outside EU – submit online.
3. SAQ – after submitted COPA – submit online.
4. PP application form – submit hard copy
+ confidential school report
+ printouts of items 1 to 3.

1. **PP Scholarship Application Form**, duly completed and signed by the applicant and endorsed by the school principal.
 2. **Confidential School Principal's Report** in the prescribed format – format can be downloaded from The Friends' website.
- Both documents are available at:
www.cambridge.org.hk/scholarship.html

Important: Read the “**Application Guidelines and Notes**” carefully before you complete the forms.

Are there any fees?

- Application for the Prince Philip Scholarship is free of charge.
- Processing Fee (GBP 30) for COPA.
- Overseas Interview Fee (GBP 140) – if applicant is to be interviewed outside UK, but this fee will not be levied against a PP applicant who is shortlisted by the PP selection panel for an interview in HK.

Written Tests

- Aptitude tests required by Cambridge in addition to public exams.
- Depends on proposed subject of study:
 - Medicine – BMAT;
 - Law – Cambridge Law Test;
 - Mathematics – STEP;
 - Economics, Engineering, etc. – Thinking Skills Assessment
- Held in HK for shortlisted candidates on **25 Nov 2015** (except BMAT and STEP). No revision required.

The Interview

- Who are the interviewers?
 - Academics from Cambridge and HK.
- How many interviews will there be?
 - In HK: usually one, for both the Scholarship and admission to Cambridge.
 - But for some subjects, it may be preferable for students to attend an interview in Cambridge, if asked. (e.g. architecture).
- How long will the interview last?
 - About 30 minutes. Strong academic bias.

Selection Criteria

- We look for the best students.
- What qualities are we looking for?
 - Academic excellence.
 - Genuine interest in the proposed subject.
 - Aptitude to study the proposed subject.
 - Overall intellectual ability.
 - Language ability.

- Pre-requisite subjects?
 - Always check the website of Cambridge and that of your preferred college.
 - HKDSE:
 - At least 2 relevant academically-based Category A subjects. For some subjects, may also require Extended Module in Mathematics.
 - Integrated Science does **not** provide adequate preparation for Cambridge Tripos.
 - **Not** prefer subjects like Business, Accounts and Financial Studies; Information and Communication Technology; Health Management and Social Care; Technology and Living; Tourism and Hospitality Studies.