Hamen and Phyllis Fan Scholarship for Overseas Studies

Objective

This scholarship is supported by a generous donation of HK$ 5 million from Mr. Hamen Fan, Council Member of CUHK and Chairman and Chief Executive of Pac-Fung Feather Company Limited. This scholarship will enable students in the ELITE Stream to be exposed to an overseas learning environment to help widen their experiences and exposures.

The Scholarship

The donation will form an endowment and investment income derived therefrom will be deployed to support ELITE Stream students in the Faculty of Engineering to go for overseas exchange each year. Based on the cost estimate of 2015-16 and a 6% planned income, two students can be supported for a 1-year exchange each year. A scholarship of US$18,000 will be awarded to each selected student, and if the student chooses to go for 1-term instead, the award will be US$8,000. If the planned income is less than expected in a particular year, it is acceptable to the donor that part of the endowment be engaged to support at most two students in that year.

Students who are supported by this scholarship can hold other scholarship(s) concurrently. They are expected to share his/her learning experiences with fellow students in the form of a report, or any other suitable means when s/he returns from the exchange.

Selection Criteria

In order to reflect the prestige of the scholarship, we propose to set a high selection standard. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Purpose and motivation, as reflected in a statement

   The statement should include, but not limited to, the applicant’s purpose and goals for the exchange, his/her motivation for going to exchange, and plans to take up more coursework and to contribute to the learning environment in the Faculty of Engineering after the exchange.

2. Academic development, as reflected in course performance, willingness to take up challenging projects, coursework, internships, etc.

   Applicants in their third year of study are preferred, though second-year applicants will also be considered in the two years following the launch of this scholarship. A
third-year applicant should have completed a minimum of 92 units of coursework by the end of the fifth term of study, while a second-year applicant should have completed a minimum of 55 units of coursework by the end of the third term of study. The applicant will be evaluated on his/her course performance (determined by factors such as CGPA and number of regular/ELITE courses taken) and participation in projects, competitions, and internships. Regarding the latter, supporting documents and a statement of reflection shall be attached with the application.

3. Service and extracurricular activities, as reflected in the organization of and/or participation in Faculty and ELITE stream activities

The applicant should demonstrate leadership and initiative in organizing and participating Faculty and ELITE stream activities. In particular, the number of activities participated should well exceed the ELITE stream requirements.

**Selection Procedures**

1. Applications shall be vetted by the ELITE Stream Director for nominations.
2. Nominations prioritized by the ELITE Stream Director shall be reviewed by the Faculty Scholarship Committee.
3. Nominees may be invited for interview by a panel consisting of the ELITE Stream Director, representative(s) from the Faculty Scholarship Committee, and representative(s) nominated by the donor (if any).
4. The representative(s) nominated by the donor shall reserve the same voting right as other members of the interview panel.
5. Subject to the planned income, the Faculty Scholarship Committee may select more than 2 ELITE students for the scholarship.
6. The donor and the Faculty Scholarship Committee reserve the right not to offer any scholarships for a particular year if no suitable ELITE students could be selected based on nominees’ credentials.

**Exchange Destinations**

The donor has agreed to start the scholarship scheme by leveraging on the following exchange partners which have earmarked exchange quota for Faculty of Engineering.

1. Dartmouth College, Thayer School of Engineering
2. Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Engineering
3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

It should be noted that the exchange quota of the above exchange partners are open to all engineering students (except Dartmouth College, for which Computer Science students are not eligible). ELITE Stream students would be competing on equal footing with all other engineering students for the exchange places. In the event that the selected ELITE student
fails to secure any exchange places in the above universities, the scholarship will not be awarded. On the other hand, the exchange place secured by an ELITE student will not be affected by the outcome of the scholarship application.

More exchange opportunities with other top universities shall be explored and the list of designated exchange destinations shall be updated subject to the donor’s confirmation.

**Important Notes**

Selected recipients of the scholarship must

1. complete the exchange programme and follow the study scheme pre-approved by his/her major department;
2. maintain the ELITE student status before graduation;
3. submit a sharing report to the Faculty Office within one month from the date of completion of the exchange programme.

Failure to abide to the above condition(s) will result in scholarship forfeiture and the Faculty reserve the right to claw back the scholarships awarded.

**Cost Estimation (for reference only)**

The scholarship is prepared to provide a one-year exchange with an award of US$18,000 per student based on the 2015-16 cost estimates. However, the actual cost of the exchange might become more than this sum eventually and students receiving the scholarship should be adequately prepared to cover the shortfall, if there is any.

The cost estimates searched from the website of the four universities are set out in Appendix for reference.

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## Appendix:

**Georgia Institute of Technology** ([https://oie.gatech.edu/content/exchange-student-application](https://oie.gatech.edu/content/exchange-student-application))

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**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** ([http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/exchange-partners#_VvzYluJ9670](http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/exchange-partners#_VvzYluJ9670))
Estimated Cost of Living

Academic Year 2015-2016 applicants should expect to verify at least $8,800 (1 semester) or $17,600 (2 semesters).

Dartmouth College (http://admissions.dartmouth.edu/financial-aid/cost-attendance/cost-attendance)

Dartmouth College's Cost of Attendance (COA) 2016-2017

Direct Costs

The directly-billed charges include tuition, fees, housing and food. You will be billed for these charges approximately six weeks before each term starts.

- **Tuition:** $49,998
- **Fees**: $1,440
- **Housing:** $8,886
- **Food**: $5,850

Estimated Indirect Costs

Plan to arrive on campus with sufficient funds for your out-of-pocket expenses. You will need an average of $1,093 per term to pay for your own books, supplies, laundry, toiletries etc. These indirect costs will not appear on your college bill.

- **Books:** $1,260
- **Misc.:** $2,040

Total: $69,474*

* First-Year Students have additional room charges and fees of $405. Total first year cost of attendance is $69,879.

Additional Expenses:

**Health Insurance**

All students must purchase the Group Health Insurance Plan unless they can certify to Health Services that they are covered by a comparable medical plan. The cost of the plan in 2015-2016 is $2,645.
**Computer**

Entering students are required to have a computer meeting Dartmouth requirements. Students may provide their own computer or purchase one through the College. The cost for the basic computer package in 2015-2016 is $1,114.

**Travel**

An allowance for transportation is considered an educational expense. These expenses will not appear on your student bill, but should be factored into a budget for your planning purposes. Each student is responsible for all aspects of their own travel, and the associated costs are typically an out of pocket expense to be covered by the student and/or parent contribution.

- See more at: http://admissions.dartmouth.edu/financial-aid/cost-attendance/cost-attendance#sthash.kTaTz55b.dpuf

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**University of Pennsylvania** (https://global.upenn.edu/pennabroad/students/prospective-exchange-students)

Tuition and student fee charges are waived for exchange students. However, you must budget adequate funds to cover living and personal expenses in Philadelphia.

Estimated Living Expenses* for Academic Year 2015-16**:

- Room: $9,060
- Board: $4,930
- Books & Supplies: $1,250
- Insurance: $3,140
- Miscellaneous Expenses: $2,024

* Fall/Year students are required to pay the mandatory New Student Orientation fee (~$275) which includes orientation activities and most meals over the orientation period.

** Student Health Service Clinical Fee is charged to all students for use of SHS ($250/semester)

*These figures are only estimates and will vary greatly depending on individual spending habits. All estimates are subject to change without notice

**These figures are for the entire Academic Year 2015-2016, for either Fall 2015 or Spring 2016, divide figures in half.