THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FAQs for Entrance Scholarship Renewal

Preamble

The awarding of university-wide Entrance Scholarships is handled by the HKU “Admissions and Academic Liaison Section” (or “Admissions Office” in short; hereafter AO), while the subsequent scholarship renewal is administered by the Scholarships Office (hereafter SO).

This FAQ is only applicable to undergraduate students who were offered renewable entrance scholarships by AAO at the point of admission to HKU.

For students who were offered entrance scholarships by home faculties or departments, please contact your faculty/department for enquiries.

1. **How do I know if my entrance scholarship is renewable and the renewal amount?**
   Please refer to the “Conditions of Award” attached to the award letter issued by the AO at the start of your Year 1 studies. If it is renewable, it will say so, and the amount/conditions will also be indicated there. The amount/conditions are final and requests for adjustment will NOT be considered.

2. **What do I need to do to renew my entrance scholarship?**
   The conditions for scholarship renewal (including academic performance requirement) are shown in the “Conditions of Awards” page of your award letter.
   
   The SO will contact you, by email, around August/September each year to let you know whether or not you have met the academic requirement for renewal in the new academic year. Since academic requirement is only one of the renewal conditions, the email will also ask you to answer some questions so that the SO can ascertain whether you will continue to study at HKU in the new year.

   You will also be asked to submit a short report on your learning experience in the past year. Details of the report requirement will be provided in the email.

   If you have not heard from the SO about your entrance scholarship renewal by September 30 of the new academic year in which renewal is due, please email entrenew@hku.hk.

3. **If I fail in one course, can I receive scholarship in the next academic year?**
   Please refer to the “Conditions of Award” for the academic requirement. Only the requirements stated in the “Conditions of Award” will affect your renewal eligibility.

4. **Will I be informed if I am unable to meet the academic requirement for scholarship renewal?**
   Yes, the SO will email you around August/September after the year-end results are confirmed.

5. **I am an MBBS/a BDS student. How do I know my class ranking?**
   The SO will get the class ranking from your faculty for you, and then let you know, via email, if your class ranking has met the academic requirement for scholarship renewal around August/September each year.

6. **When will I receive my scholarship renewal payment?**
   Scholarship renewal payment will be made from mid/late October each year to those students who have replied to all the questions from the SO (see Q2 above) on time. Significant delay of payment can be expected in case of late reply and/or report submission.
7. I need to use the scholarship to pay for the tuition fee, but the scholarship payment timeline is after the tuition fee due date. What should I do? It may be possible to arrange a grace period for the tuition fee payment. For students with financial difficulties, please contact CEDARS (cedars@hku.hk), before the tuition fee due date, to seek advice on possible fee deferment.

8. Can I continue to receive scholarship renewal payment when I take leave of absence from HKU? As mention in Q2 above, SO will email you around August/September each year. In that email, SO will check with you if you will take leave in the new academic year.

You will NOT be entitled to receive scholarship payment when you are on leave of absence, except when you participate in a study abroad programme arranged/recognised by the University.

You are required to inform SO, in writing and in advance, about ANY type of leave of absence (including exchange) and enclose written confirmation from your faculty/department about the overseas activity or approval of your leave of absence.

9. Will I still be eligible for scholarship renewal if I change my study programme? This is subject to approval. You need to submit confirmation from your faculty regarding the change of study programme to SO for consideration.

10. I have other questions about entrance scholarship renewal. Whom should I contact? Please email SO at: entrenew@hku.hk.

11. I am a Year 1 student and have questions about my new entrance scholarship (i.e., NOT related to the renewal process). Whom should I contact? Please contact the Admissions Office at: ischolar@hku.hk.

12. I was not offered any entrance scholarships when I was admitted to HKU, but I have performed well in my Year 1 study. Can I appeal to be given an entrance scholarship? As the name implies, entrance scholarships are only awarded to newly-admitted students based on the admission criteria at the time of admission. Current students are not eligible to be considered for entrance scholarships.

However, there are different scholarship opportunities for current students. You may use the HKU Scholarship search engine to find scholarships that best match your profile. You can also refer to the Scholarship FAQs for Current Students for further information.

13. If I have financial difficulties, can I apply for entrance scholarship to relieve my financial burden? Again, entrance scholarships are only awarded to newly-admitted students based on the admission criteria at the time of admission. If you encounter any financial difficulties, you may approach CEDARS (cedars@hku.hk) for further assistance.

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