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The Kwok Scholarships for undergraduate study

- Overview:** Established by Dr. Walter Kwok, the Kwok Scholarships will provide full funding for two exceptional undergraduate students from Hong Kong and China each year who intend to return to Hong Kong or China on completion of their studies to develop a career in public service for the benefit of the Hong Kong community and betterment of China.
- Number of scholarships:** Two new scholarships each year in 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18
- Duration of scholarships:** Tenable for the full duration of a standard undergraduate course (3 or 4 years in length)
- Value of each scholarship:** University tuition fees and college fees, a grant for living costs, visa costs and health insurance costs. Travel costs are not covered as part of the scholarship.
- Application deadline (2015/16):** Candidates must first make an application to the University through UCAS by 15 October 2014 and be successful in gaining a place.
- Eligibility:** Chinese nationals who are either permanent residents of Hong Kong or residents of China with exceptional academic merit and/or potential who are entering an undergraduate degree at the University of Oxford. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to public service for the benefit of the Hong Kong community and betterment of China, and the intention to use their studies at the University of Oxford to further those interests.
- Eligible courses:** All undergraduate courses, except the BA in Medical Sciences, Bachelor of Medicine, and Bachelor of Surgery. Successful candidates will have explained in their application how their field of study will prepare them for a career in public service.
- Application procedure:** Candidates must first apply to an undergraduate course at the University of Oxford and be successful in gaining a place. Eligible candidates will be notified of this opportunity directly and invited to submit a separate application for the Kwok Scholarships. As part of this candidates will be required to arrange for two references to be submitted on their behalf.

Scholarship applicants will be asked to explain how obtaining the scholarship would assist in the achievement of their academic goals,

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and why they feel that they merit the financial support, including information about their financial circumstances, current studies and future aspirations. Applicants will also be required to highlight their commitment to public service, indicate their intention to return to Hong Kong or China and outline any further career plans in the area of public service.

Please note applications from candidates who have not been offered a place at Oxford cannot be considered.

Selection: Scholarships will be allocated based on academic merit, financial need and commitment to public service.

Key dates:

- 15 October 2014:** Undergraduate application deadline
- October to December 2014:** Undergraduate assessment period, including additional tests, submission of written work, interviews for shortlisted candidates
- January/February 2015:** Students from Hong Kong and China who have received an offer for an undergraduate course will be invited to submit a supplemental application for the Kwok Scholarships
- Spring 2015:** The inaugural Kwok Scholars will be notified of their selection
- 11 October 2015:** Start of Michaelmas Term

Notes: In addition to the two undergraduate awards, the Kwok Scholarship programme also includes full scholarships for two students each year in the Master of Public Policy Programme at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government.