**Application Form for Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (2024/25)**

**Master of Science in Biotechnology Program**

**Division of Life Science**

**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

**1. Background and Objective**

The Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (the Fellowship Scheme) was launched by the HKSAR government in 2020. The main purpose of the Fellowship Scheme is to attract meritorious local students to pursue inter-disciplinary and in-depth postgraduate training in priority areas of strategic importance for Hong Kong. The Master of Science in Biotechnology Program is one of the programs awarded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) and the funding is subject to the approval from the Legislative Council.

**2. Amount of Fellowship**

The fellowship students are required to pay a minimum tuition fee of HK$42,100 and the differences will be subsidized by the fellowships subject to a cap of HK$120,000 for each student regardless of the actual study period of the program.

Students who receive financial support for the purpose of meeting tuition fee expenses from other sources should declare and provide relevant details to the Program. If the sum of such financial support and the fellowship award exceeds the tuition fee level, the amount of fellowship award would be reduced to ensure that the student would not receive financial support in excess of the tuition fee to safeguard the effective use of public money.

**3. Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Fellowship Scheme, applicants must satisfy all of the following conditions:

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| (a) | Applicants must be local students according to the definitions of local and non-local students of other UGC-funded programs.  *Students entering Hong Kong with Student, Dependent, IANG or Work visa/entry permit are not eligible.* |
| (b) | Applicants must be admitted to the Master of Science in Biotechnology Program in the academic year 2024/25. |
| (c) | Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for the fellowships. |
| (d) | Applicants awarded with other forms of government scholarships including Continuing Education Fund (except student financial assistance) for pursuing the same program will not be considered to avoid “double benefit”. |

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| Note 1: | In case the successful applicants fail to complete the Master of Science in Biotechnology Program or fail to attain a satisfactory level of performance or change the status from local to non-local, full refund of the Fellowship received to the Government is required. |
| Note 2: | Successful applicants will not be eligible for the consideration of Admission Scholarship and Biotechnology Scholarship. |
| Note 3: | Successful applicants are expected to participate in the review of the effectiveness of the Fellowship Scheme and follow-up surveys on achievements and employment situations after completion of the Program. |

**4. Selection Criteria**

The award of the fellowships will be based on merits taking into consideration the applicants’:

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|  | * academic achievements; |
|  | * professional qualifications; |
|  | * relevant working experience; |
|  | * achievements in other areas; * interview performance; and * personal statements on how they can contribute to the selected priority areas of Hong Kong after completing the Program. |
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**5. Application Procedure**

Applicants must receive an offer for admission to the Program before applying for the Fellowship Scheme.

Applicants are required to complete this application form. Other supporting documents can also be included in the application package.

Interested applicants must submit the application form and other supporting information via email to Mandy Tao (mandytao@ust.hk) on or before

**31 March 2024 (Round 1)**

**23 June 2024 (Round 2)**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Only qualified candidates who have accepted the admission offer will be shortlisted for interview.

**6. Enquiry**

If there is any question on the application, please contact Wendy WOO (btwendy@ust.hk).

**Application Form**

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(to be completed by the applicant)

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| Name of MSc Program: | MSc in Biotechnology |
| Surname (in English): |  |
| Given Name (in English): |  |
| Name (in Chinese): |  |
| HKID No.: |  |
| HKUST Application No.: |  |
| Study Mode (Full-time or Part-time): |  Full-time  Part-time |
| Date of birth: |  |
| Gender: |  Female  Male |
| Email: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |

Please fill in the following information in the text box (in chronological order, if applicable). The text box can be adjusted according to the length of your input.

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| 1. | Education Background – For each entry, please list out the qualification pursued, awarding institution, title of award, program commencement date to end date, current CGA/final GPA/average mark, classification of award, and any other relevant information |
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| 2. | i) | | Awards – For each entry, please list out the name of award, name of awarding organization, date of award, and any other relevant information | |
|  | ii) | | Professional Qualifications - For each entry, please list out the name of award, name of awarding organization, date of award, and any other relevant information | |
|  | iii) | | Public Examination Results including English Language Proficiency – For each entry, please list out the name of the examination, date and result of examination, and any other relevant information | |
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| 3. | | Relevant Working Experience – For each entry, please list out the type of experience (e.g. curriculum requirement, internship, work experience, volunteer experience), position held, name of organization, commencement and end dates, job duties, and any other relevant information | |
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| 4. | | Achievements in Other Areas | |
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| 5. | Personal Statement on the commitment and plan in serving at least one of the following priority areas of Hong Kong after completing the MSc in Biotechnology Program (no more than 500 words): | | |
|  | (a) | | Emerging Research |
|  | (b) | | Hong Kong’s Strategic Position as a Regional and International Business Centre |
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| 6. | Additional Information – For example, financial support from other sources |
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Please read the statements listed below carefully before submitting your application. Click for details on the [University's Privacy Policy Statement](https://dataprivacy.ust.hk/university-data-privacy-policy-statement/) (https://dataprivacy.ust.hk/university-data-privacy-policy-statement/), [Personal Information Collection Statement for Students and Prospective Students (PICS)](https://pg.ust.hk/admissions/pics_for_admissions.pdf) (https://pg.ust.hk/admissions/pics\_for\_admissions.pdf) and the [Equal Opportunities Policy for Admission of Applicants with Disability](https://pg.ust.hk/prospective-students/admissions/how-to-apply) (https://pg.ust.hk/prospective-students/admissions/how-to-apply).

1. I declare that the information given in support of this application is accurate and complete. I understand that this information will be used in the Fellowship Scheme decision process.

2. I agree to the terms in the PICS and I authorize the Master of Science in Biotechnology Program Office (Program Office) to use my data as a basis of all types of processing relevant to admission in 2024/25 to postgraduate programs offered by HKUST and for all other associated purposes.

3. I understand that I can access and modify personal data held by the Program Office during the admission and Fellowship Scheme decision process by writing to the Program Office.

4. I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions set out in the Fellowship Scheme Application Form. I accept and agree to abide by the terms and conditions related to the application for the fellowship and declare that I am not receiving other forms of government scholarship (except student financial assistance) for pursuing the same Master of Science Program. I have declared and provided relevant details in Section 6 of this application form if I receive financial support for the purpose of meeting tuition fee expenses from other sources. I will provide the details to the Program if I receive the financial support at a later time.

5. I understand and agree that if I am awarded the Fellowship Scheme, I shall refund to the Government the full amount of fellowship shall I fail to complete the Master of Science in Biotechnology Program or fail to attain a satisfactory level of performance or change the status from local to non-local in the concerned Program.

6. I understand and agree that if I am awarded the Fellowship Scheme, I shall participate in the review of the effectiveness of the Fellowship Scheme and follow-up surveys on achievement and employment situation after completion of the Program.

 **I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above statements.**

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| Signature of applicant |  |
| Name of applicant |  |
| Date |  |