

Applying for the Prince
Philip Scholarship -
for admission
to Cambridge in 2017

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History

- Managed by **The Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong.**
<http://www.cambridge.org.hk>
- Set up in 1982.
- Aim – for HK students to benefit from the **unique Cambridge experience.**
- Funded over 170+ students (35 cohorts) to Cambridge.
- No quota, based on the standard.
- No strings attached.

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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 2017.
- Not for students already registered as a student with another university.

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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 Grant (one-off)

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Which programme will the scholarship fund?

- **No restrictions on the choice of subject.**
- **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.

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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.
 - ◆ Personal qualities.

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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.

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How to apply?

- Apply to Cambridge University for admission

<http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying>

The Cambridge colleges will consider your application for admission independent to your application for the Prince Philip Scholarship.

- Download and complete the Prince Philip Scholarship application form

<http://www.cambridge.org.hk/scholarship.html>

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■ www.cambridge.org.hk/scholarship

Prince Philip Scholarship application form

Permalink

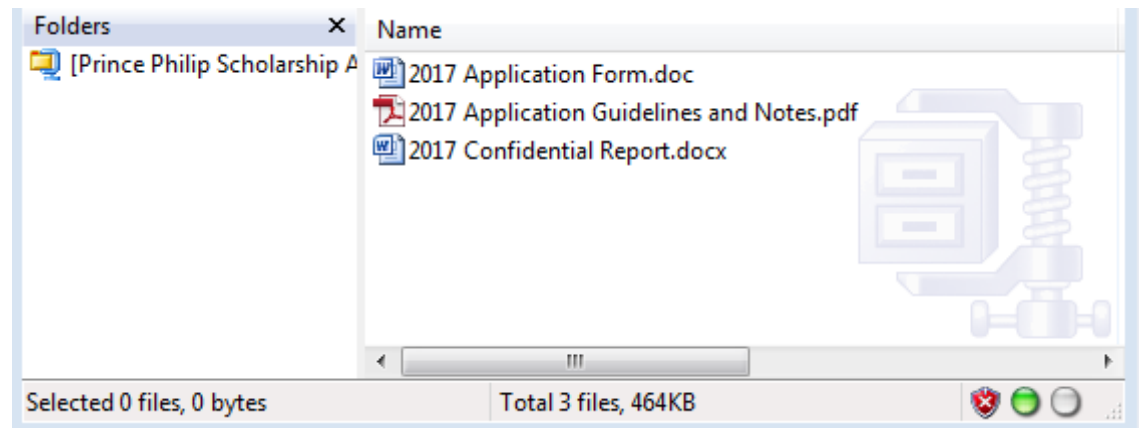
Categories: [04 Downloads](#), [Application form](#)

Application guidelines and notes, application form and confidential report:

[Scholarship application package for Cambridge University and Prince Philip Scholarship](#) It contains:

- Application Form
- Application Guidelines and notes
- Confidential report form

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



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How to apply? (cont')

- Give the PP application form (with the relevant documents) to the School Principal for
 - ◆ certification,
 - ◆ writing the confidential report,
 - ◆ sending the relevant documents to The Friends.

When to apply?

- For admissions in Oct 2017, all application documents must be *received* by The Friends **on or before 15 Oct 2016**.
- Please note that certain steps in the application to Cambridge may have deadlines before 15 Oct 2016 (e.g. registration for taking BMAT)
- Please give your school principal enough time to write your confidential report.

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Prince Philip Scholarship application

**15th
October
2016**

Closing date for Prince Philip Scholarship application. The following should be submitted by this date.

1. Prince Philip Scholarship application form
2. Copy of HK Permanent Identity Card
3. Copy of the UCAS application form
4. Copy of the COPA form (if applicable)
5. Copy of the SAQ form (optional)
6. The confidential School Report

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Important dates for Prince Philip Scholarship application

15th October 2016	Closing date for application
2nd November 2016	Pre-interview assessments
November 2016	Notification of the time and venue for scholarship interview

For UK applicants

26th November 2016	Scholarship interview at Cambridge
December 2016	College interview + at-interview assessment

For HK applicants

30th November 2016	At-interview assessment in Hong Kong
1st to 9th December 2016	Scholarship Interview in Hong Kong

For all applicants

Around March 2017	Notification of the scholarship decision and the conditional offers
From end of March 2017	Conduction of means tests for scholarship offer holders

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For submitting application to Cambridge University

1st October 2016 (5:00pm UK time)	Deadline for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine applicants to have registered to take BMAT
15th October 2016 (6:00pm UK time)	Deadline for UCAS applications
15th October 2016 (6:00pm UK time)	Deadline for registration for pre-interview assessments other than BMAT
19th October 2016 (6:00pm UK time)	Deadline of COPA application from students who would like to be interviewed in Hong Kong
22nd October 2016 (12 noon UK time)	Deadline for completion and submission of online SAQ

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The School Principal's Report

■ Academic Achievements:

- ◆ Public examination results (if any).
- ◆ Performance in learning activities and school assessments since S4, with ranking in class. (If awarded prizes and scholarships, state what they are for.)
- ◆ Predictions for forthcoming exams.

■ Intellectual Potential:

- ◆ Rank the applicant in terms of critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, motivation, etc.

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- Interests and personal achievements:
 - ◆ Suitability in undertaking the proposed course of study.
- Work attitude and personality:
 - ◆ Time management, maturity, perseverance, discipline, self-motivation, etc.
- Suitability for life and study in Cambridge:
 - ◆ Ability to adapt and fit into new environment.
 - ◆ Benefit from and contribution to life in Cambridge.
- Comparison with former PP scholars from the same school.

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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.
- No fees for admission assessments but an open test centre may charge an administration fee.

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Application to Prince Philip Scholarship (2016)

	HK Schools	Overseas schools
Application	66	24
Shortlisted candidates	19	8



Application statistics

Number of undergraduate applications and admissions from Hong Kong:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
All applications	196	198	172	193
All offers	34	26	27	46
All admissions	24	21	19	33

Total number of students at Cambridge from Hong Kong:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Undergraduate	54	63	55	71
Postgraduate	45	49	48	44

If a student holds more than one nationality, then the nationality given as the primary nationality is reported.

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Admission Assessments

- Apply to all colleges and all subjects.
- Whether pre-interview or at-interview - depends on proposed subject of study – check websites of Cambridge undergraduate studies and Admissions Testing Service. Format and specifications set out in these websites.
- Pre-interview assessments to be held at authorised test centres on 2nd Nov 2016.
- At-interview assessments (plus the bespoke tests for Maths or Music applicants) will be held in HK for shortlisted candidates on 30th Nov 2016.

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At the same time.....

- If a pre-interview assessment is required for the proposed subject of study, applicant must make arrangement to take the pre-interview assessment before 15 October 2016:
 - ◆ through your school, if school is registered as a test centre for Cambridge Pre-interview Assessments; or
 - ◆ through an authorised test centre (e.g. British Council), or registered as a test centre for Cambridge Pre-interview Assessments.

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Courses	
Pre-interview assessment	At-interview assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic ▪ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies ▪ Economics ▪ Engineering (including Chemical Engineering via Engineering) ▪ English ▪ Geography ▪ History ▪ History and Modern Languages ▪ History and Politics ▪ Human, Social, and Political Sciences ▪ Medicine ▪ Natural Sciences (including Chemical Engineering via Natural Sciences) ▪ Psychological and Behavioural Sciences ▪ Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion ▪ Veterinary Medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Archaeology ▪ Architecture ▪ Classics (3-year) ▪ Classics (4-year) ▪ Computer Science¹ ▪ Education ▪ History and Modern Languages ▪ History of Art ▪ Land Economy ▪ Law ▪ Linguistics ▪ Modern and Medieval Languages ▪ Philosophy

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