

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 15/2025

From: Secretary for Education
Ref.: 1075-2050-8050-9020-00007-P001
Date: 10 February 2025

To: Supervisors / Heads / Teachers
of Primary, Secondary and
Special schools

Scholarship for Teachers (Pursuit of Master's Degree Programmes) (2025/26) under T-excel@hk Project

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite applications for the Scholarship for Teachers (Pursuit of Master's Degree Programmes) ("the Scholarship for Teachers") (2025/26).

Details

2. Since its inception in June 2013, the Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals (COTAP) has been working towards building shared vision, mission and objectives for enhancing the professional development of teachers and school leaders in Hong Kong. To achieve these goals, COTAP has launched T-excel@hk, an overarching project which comprises eight areas of focus¹.
3. The Scholarship for Teachers is a scheme under T-applause, which is one of the focus areas under T-excel@hk. This scholarship aims to recognise achievements of high-performing teachers and to encourage teachers' pursuit of higher qualifications as well as to enhance their professionalism.
4. For the Scholarship for Teachers (2025/26), application is open to full-time regular teachers who -
 - (a) have been teaching in local primary or secondary day schools (including special schools) offering a local curriculum for at least five years (as at 31 August 2024); and
 - (b) will start, in the 2025/26 school year, the first year of study in a local part-time master's degree programme specialising in one of the following ten areas:
 - (i) Catering for Learner Diversity (including Special Educational Needs, Gifted Education and Inclusive Education)
 - (ii) Chinese Culture
 - (iii) Chinese History and History
 - (iv) Educational Leadership
 - (v) Guidance and Counselling (including Life Planning Education, Counselling and Life Education)

¹ The eight areas of focus are T-standard⁺, T-dataset^{PD}, T-train^B, T-surf^{24/7}, T-craft³, T-share, T-applause and T-bridge.

- (vi) Information Technology in Education
- (vii) Language Education (Chinese or English)
- (viii) Parent Education and Home-school Co-operation
- (ix) STEAM² Education
- (x) Values Education

5. Applicants have to be enrolled in a relevant master's degree programme offered by a local higher education institution in the 2025/26 school year and start the first year of study in the 2025/26 school year. The list of relevant study programmes is available on the website of the Education Bureau (https://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship_teacher) for applicants' reference. Latest updates of the relevant study programmes could be found on the websites of the respective institutions.

6. Awardees have to undertake to serve for one year as full-time regular teachers in local primary or secondary day schools (including special schools) offering a local curriculum upon completion of the study programme.

7. The Scholarship for Teachers (2025/26) is open for applications from 16 May to 12 June 2025. Teachers who are interested may submit an application together with the supporting documents, including a copy of the offer letter from the institution concerned, to the Education Bureau on or before the deadline (12 June 2025). Applications should be supported by the Recommendation Form to be completed by the Principal of the applicant's serving school and submitted separately on or before the deadline. For more details of the Scholarship for Teachers (2025/26), please refer to the Information Sheet at **Annex I** and the Recommendation Form at **Annex II**.

Enquiries

8. For enquiries about the Scholarship for Teachers, please contact Ms Constance CHOW (Tel. 2892 5786) of the Professional Development and Training Division, Education Bureau.

Ms W P LEE
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections --- for information

² STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.