

The HKFYG Leadership Institute

Application Details of Lee Kuan Yew School Scholarship from National University of Singapore

What is the Lee Kuan Yew School Scholarship for Friends of HKFYG?

The HKFYG Leadership Institute (The Institute) and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) at the National University of Singapore¹ (NUS) share a common mission: to nurture Asia's next generation of public service leaders. The Institute, the first of a kind for Hong Kong, is launching this strategic partnership with NUS to prepare young leaders professionally, giving them wider vision and international exposure to tackle future challenges.

A pre-screening of scholarship applicants will be conducted by The Institute with the assistance of LKYSPP. **Up to two (2) shortlisted candidates who are successful in their applications and admitted to LKYSPP will receive FULL Scholarship from LKYSPP for their studies in the LKYSPP.** LKYSPP will reasonably endeavour to provide university-approved or suitable accommodation on-campus to the official Programme Student. Final selection will be made by LKYSPP as per its standard procedures.

Programme

Applicants may choose to take a two-year full-time **Master in Public Policy (MPP)** or a one-year full-time **Master in Public Administration (MPA)**.

For details, please refer to [LKYSPP website](https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes) (<https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes>).

Scholarship

The scholarship will cover the tuition fee for the programme, a settling in allowance, a book allowance, insurance, one-time to-from travel for the course of studies and a monthly maintenance allowance.

Admissions Criteria

- Intellectual distinction**
Demonstrated by prior academic achievement, recommendations and analytic training
- Personal character and leadership capabilities**
Demonstrated by prior achievements in extracurricular, civic or community activities and employment history through recommendations
- Demonstration of maturity and commitment towards public service**
- Proficiency in written and spoken English**
- Working Experience**
Master in Public Policy (MPP)
Fresh graduates are welcome to apply. 2 to 5 years of work experience would be advantageous.
Master in Public Administration (MPA)
Mid-level professionals with at least 5 years of working experience who aspire to take on senior management roles or make career changes.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Scholarship, you must:

- Fulfil official admissions criteria of the Programme
Master in Public Policy (MPP)
(<https://nus.edu/20SUy4f>)
Master in Public Administration (MPA)
(<https://nus.edu/2RcMsAj>)
- Be a Hong Kong permanent resident
- Be aged no more than 40

Note: Prior participation of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups / The Institute programmes will be an advantage.

¹ NUS is ranked 1st in Asia, and 22nd in the world by the 2018 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, and 11th in the world by the 2019 QS World University Rankings.

Application Procedures

Application Submission to
The Institute
by 9 Dec 2018

Recommendation to NUS and
Completion of Online Application
by 31 Dec 2018

Commencement of
Academic Year 2019-20
1 Aug 2019

15 Dec 2018
Interview upon Invitation

Feb - May 2019
Screening and Offer by NUS

Application and Required Documents

The following documents (in soft copies) are required when submitting an application.

1. Official Transcripts and Certificates

2. Curriculum vitae or Resume

3. TOEFL / IELTS*

TOEFL / IELTS is mandatory for all MPP and MPA applicants except those with a Bachelor's degree conducted entirely in English.*

4. GRE / GMAT (Optional)

5. Three Essays

a. Master in Public Policy (MPP)

Essay 1 (600 words) for LKYSPP

- What is the most urgent challenge facing your community or nation today? Explain your answer.
- Describe something that you have read or seen that offers a solution to a challenge with which you identify.

Essay 2 (400 words) for LKYSPP

What are your personal and/or professional goals and how do you think the programme can help you to achieve them?

Essay 3 (500 words) for The Institute

In what ways will you contribute what you have learnt from MPP or MPA for the benefit of Hong Kong?

b. Master in Public Administration (MPA)

Essay 1 (600 words) for LKYSPP

- What is the most urgent challenge facing your organisation, community or nation today? Explain your answer.
- Describe something that you have read or seen that offers a solution to a challenge with which you identify.

Essay 2 (400 words) for LKYSPP

What are your personal and/or professional goals and how do you think the programme can help you to achieve them?

Essay 3 (500 words) for The Institute

In what ways will you contribute what you have learnt from MPP or MPA for the benefit of Hong Kong?

6. Two letters of references

7. One additional referee who is or was an employee of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (Optional)

Contact of one (1) referee who is or was an employee of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and provision of a list of programmes including programme names, responsible unit, role and year are welcome.

View the [checklist](http://bit.ly/application_checklist) (http://bit.ly/application_checklist) for the detailed requirements of documents.

FAQ

1. Why should I apply for a Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) School Scholarship for Friends of HKFYG?

The Scholarship offers Hong Kong young leaders an **exclusive and direct track** of Scholarship application for review by LKYSPP. Should you want a career breakthrough in a top-notch university with FULL scholarship, apply by 9 December 2018 (Sunday).

2. Can I apply for the Programme directly through LKYSPP?

Yes, but if you would like to be considered as an eligible candidate of the LKY School Scholarship for Friends of HKFYG, you have to apply through The Institute for pre-screening assisted by LKYSPP.

3. I attended TOEFL / IELTS more than 2 years ago. Can I submit the proof?

Both TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years after the test date. You may first submit the scores in our application form. If you are shortlisted to be the recommended Scholarship candidate by the Institute, you have to retake the test and submit the scores to LKYSPP by the end of January 2019 if your Bachelor's degree is NOT conducted entirely in English.

To prove the medium of language, you may try the following approaches:

- Check the back of the transcript and see if there is a line stating the degree medium of language. If yes, scan that page and upload it to the form
- Obtain a certification letter from your university to certify that the entire degree is fully taught in English

4. What is covered by the Scholarship?

The scholarship will cover the tuition fee for the programme, a settling in allowance, a book allowance, insurance, one-time to-from travel for the course of studies and a monthly maintenance allowance.

Below is the approximate Scholarship value for each programme:

- MPP: approximately S\$97,000 plus
- MPA: approximately S\$56,000 plus

5. When will I know the results?

The Institute will announce shortlisted nominees for LKYSPP's further consideration by mid-December 2018. Final results of applications and details of admission to the programme will be announced by May 2019.

Overview of Master Programmes

Apply Now (Deadline: 9 Dec 2018)

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