

Edwin S.H. Leong PhD Scholarship - Instructions for Applicants

About the Edwin S.H. Leong PhD Scholarship Program

The Leong Scholars Program was established by Dr. Edwin S.H. Leong and the Tai Hung Fai Foundation, in partnership with the China Scholarship Council, to support international students who wish to pursue PhD research at the University of British Columbia. A UBC alumnus and internationalist, Dr. Leong recognizes the importance of global collaboration. Dr. Leong’s intent for the scholarships is:

To offer funding for the advancement of research in health, natural sciences, natural resources, economics and business. A Leong Scholar should not only be a person of high intellect but a well-rounded person with sound character.

The scholarships provide a stipend of \$35,000 per year, partially funded by the China Scholarship Council and partially funded by the Tai Hung Fai Foundation. The fellowships are renewable for the duration of the scholar’s degree to a maximum of four years. The number of new awards offered varies depending on the application pool. More information about the UBC Leong Scholars may be found on the G+PS website (www.grad.ubc.ca/awards).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Receive an offer of admission for May 2019, September 2019, January 2020, May 2020, September 2020, or January 2021 to a PhD program at the University of British Columbia
- Receive an offer of doctoral scholarship funding from the China Scholarship Council
- Be a citizen of Mainland China
- Undertake research in **health, natural sciences, natural resources, economics or business**

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered by the adjudication committee when reviewing and ranking applicants for funding. In the case where two or more applicants have a very similar academic ranking based on the criteria listed below, financial circumstances of the applicants will be taken into consideration.

Criteria	Weighting
Academic excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic record • Scholarships and awards held • Duration of previous studies 	30%

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<p>Research ability or potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of contributions to research and development • Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research • Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research, and justification for location of tenure • Ability to think critically • Ability to apply skills and knowledge • Judgment • Originality • Initiative and autonomy • Enthusiasm for research • Determination and ability to complete projects within an appropriate period of time 	50%
<p>Communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability or potential to communicate scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats. For example, this could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ quality of the application's presentation ○ participation in preparing publications ○ awards for oral presentations or papers • Professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations. For example, this could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ mentoring ○ teaching ○ supervisory experience ○ project management ○ chairing committees ○ organizing conferences and meetings ○ elected positions held 	20%

Student Application Process

Applicants must submit a completed Edwin S H Leong PhD Scholarship application to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. An electronic copy of the completed application form is to be submitted as a **Word** or **PDF document** to junnie.cheung@ubc.ca by **4:00pm (Vancouver time) on Monday 17 August 2020**.

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will access the applicant's transcripts and references from their application for admission.



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Application Instructions

The application forms are designed to be completed on your computer using the “TAB” key to navigate through the document, with only the signature being hand-written.

1. Student Information

Please enter the information requested in the spaces provided.

2. Academic, Research, and Other Relevant Work Experience

Specify in first column whether employment was full- or part-time, and/or if you gained the experience in the course of a program of study.

3. Awards and Scholarships History

Please provide a list of awards and scholarships you have held or currently hold. Please list the most recent first, in descending chronological order.

4. Publications and Presentations

- Include the publication title, the journal (and whether it is refereed or not) and date of publication. Do not include papers in progress.
- List conferences attended and presentations given.

5. Exceptional Circumstances

Describe any interruptions or exceptional circumstances that affected your academic progress.

6. Outline of Proposed Research

In non-technical language, provide a detailed description of your proposed research project for the period during which you are to hold the award. Be as specific as possible. State the objectives and outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken (citing literature pertinent to the proposal), and the methods and procedures to be used. (Do not exceed space provided below; do not attach any other documents.)

7. Personal Statement

Describe your general interests, your future career goal and how the fellowship could help financially and in other ways.

8. Personal and Family Financial Situation

Including applicant, applicant's spouse/parents/siblings/children and any other persons who are financially dependent on the aforementioned members. Please provide the information on ALL household members living together with you.

If employed, please state the 'Job Title' (e.g. Clerk, Engineer, etc.) instead of nature of work. If any family member is not currently employed, please state the 'Employment Status' (e.g. Student, Housewife, Unemployed, Retired, etc.).

9. Other Income

For instance, pension, public assistance, compensation, rents, interest from fixed deposits, dividends, help from relatives other than those listed above and from friends in Hong Kong and abroad.



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10. Financial Assistance

List need-based assistance (grants, loans, bursaries) for which you have applied to support your PhD studies at the University of British Columbia.

11. Consent and Declaration

Your signature certifies that you:

1. Give consent for copies of the transcripts and reference letters submitted with your application for admission to be used by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for the purpose of adjudicating your application for a Leong PhD Scholarship.
2. Meet the following specific requirements:
 - a. You accept the terms and conditions of the award as set out in UBC's Senate Regulations Governing University Awards (<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,299,0,0>);
 - b. You understand that the personal information you provide on this form is collected pursuant to section 26 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00). It will be used only for the purposes of processing and assessing your scholarship application in accordance with section 32 of the Act. If necessary, it will be disclosed in accordance with sections 32 to 36, as authorized by the Act;
 - c. You agree to comply with UBC's Policy on Scholarly Integrity (https://universitycounsel-2015.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2019/08/Scholarly-Integrity-Policy_SC6.pdf);
 - d. You certify that the information provided in your application is true, complete, accurate and consistent with institutional policies to the best of your knowledge. The provision of false or inaccurate information may result in sanctions, including termination of funding and disentitlement from eligibility for future funding; and
 - e. You acknowledge and accept that UBC reserves the right to follow up in order to validate the applicant information that is provided in the application.