



HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS 香港內科醫學院

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The Hong Kong College of Physicians – Hong Kong Genome Institute Overseas Training Scholarship and Training Grant for Excellence in Genomic Medicine

To promote the development of genetics and genomics (G&G) medicine and nurturing professionals in the field, the **Hong Kong Genome Institute (HKGI)** has agreed in March 2023 to provide financial assistance to Fellows working in public healthcare institutions and G&G Trainees of the **Hong Kong College of Physicians (HKCP)** annually to support their training related to genomic medicine, in forms of:

- A. “HKCP-HKGI Overseas Training Scholarship for Excellence in Genomic Medicine” (the “Overseas Scholarship”) to Fellows and Trainees OR
- B. “HKCP- HKGI Training Grant for Excellence in Genomic Medicine” (the Training Grant) to Trainee’s department

A. Overseas Scholarship:

- where a selected Fellow plans to take unpaid leave for a minimum of six (6) months for the purpose of undertaking G&G training overseas, with the total duration of training being no less than 12 months, the HKGI will contribute HK\$500,000 to the selected Fellow/G&G Trainee as financial support during their period of unpaid leave; or
- where a selected Fellow plans to take unpaid leave for a minimum of three (3) months but below six (6) months for the purpose of undertaking G&G training overseas, with the total duration of training being no less than 9 months, the HKGI will contribute HK\$250,000 to the selected Fellow/G&G Trainee as financial support during their period of unpaid leave

Number of awardees:

To be decided by HKGI, normally one per year

B. Training Grant

Fellows under the HKCP working in public healthcare institutions and G&G trainees may apply to participate for a three-month training Placement under the Hong Kong Genome Project (“HKGP”) operated by the HKGI with prior approval from the Chief-of-Service or Head of his/her clinical department. A

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financial grant of HK \$350,000 shall be provided to the clinical department concerned to support the release of such trainee for the Placement.

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Eligibility for application in (A) and (B):

Existing HKCP Fellows working in the public healthcare institutions who have interest in genomic medicine or G&G trainees. For Overseas Scholarship awardees, they are obliged to continue to work in the public healthcare service in Hong Kong for a minimum of 12 months after completion of the said overseas G&G training, lest a full return of the total sum of Overseas Scholarship to the HKGI.

Application procedure:

Candidates should submit the following documents upon application:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Recommendation letter from the Department Head or Chief of Service
3. Letter of support from the overseas host institution or letter of support from the HKGI for a potential 3-month placement under the HKGP.
4. Letter of approval from the (Interim) Specialty Board in Genetics and Genomics (Medicine) on training arrangement.
5. An outline of the proposed training program or research proposal if applicable.
6. Information on any concurrent scholarships awarded for the proposed training or research programme.

Applications should be submitted to the College Secretariat at Room 603, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong.

Selection procedure:

- Announcement of application: June 2024
- Application deadline: **31 October 2024**
- An interview would usually be conducted in the selection process
- Results will be announced in December 2024/January 2025



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Selection criteria:

- The applicant's academic and professional strength, track record and evidence of his/her interest and experience relevant to the proposed training program or research
- The international reputation and track record of the overseas host institution
- The commitment of the applicant to develop G&G in Hong Kong

Scholarship regulations:

1. Applicants who have been awarded the HKCP-HKGI Overseas Scholarship may not be allowed to hold other concurrent scholarships for the proposed research or training programme.
2. The awardees should start the proposed overseas program or Placement under the HKGP within the 1-year period no sooner than 1 February 2025 following the announcement of the successful application. Early planning of the overseas programme is strongly advised since retrospective applications will not be accepted. Awardees who are unable to commence the overseas program or Placement within the 1-year period should write to HKCP to provide the justifications and if necessary, to request for consideration of an extension.
3. The first half of the Scholarship would be released to the awardees upon receipt of proofs of commencement of the overseas programme (e.g. air-ticket, visa). The second half would be released upon receipt of an Interim Report during the overseas programme.
4. A formal report should be submitted to the College within 6 months of completion of the research or training programme or Placement.
5. The HKCP-HKGI Overseas Training Scholarship and HKCP should be duly acknowledged in all publications arising from the funded research or training programme.

For more information about the Scholarship and its announcements, please refer to the "News" section of our College website (<http://www.hkcp.org>)

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