

HKU application deadline:

November 8, 2018 (Thursday, by 5 p.m.)

YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme 2019 Programme Brief

Background

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Home Affairs Bureau and the then Commission on Youth strengthened the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) to the “Youth Ambassadors in Celebration of the Establishment of the HKSAR Programme” (20A YA Programme) in 2017-18, with a view to engaging young people and encouraging their active participation in various programmes and activities for the celebrations. Opportunities were provided for Hong Kong youth to broaden their horizons and international perspectives. Given the aforesaid successful experience, the Youth Development Commission (YDC), set up in April 2018, with Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Chief Secretary for Administration as the Chairman, has decided to regularise the Youth Ambassadors (YA) Programme and recruit 100 Youth Ambassadors each year for the Programme. Systematic training will be provided to foster and enhance participants’ understanding of the social and public affairs of Hong Kong, commitment and motivation in serving the community. The Programme would be organised and implemented by the YDC’s Task Force on Youth Outreach and Engagement chaired by Mr Lau Ming-wai.

Programme Details

2. Details of the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme 2019 (the Programme) are as follows: –

(I) Objectives

The purpose of the Programme is to identify and nurture more young people who are committed and passionate about serving the community. The objectives include:

- (a) To provide systematic and quality local and overseas experience and learning opportunities for young people to develop their competence, vision and talents;
- (b) To explore and provide opportunities for young talents to participate in public affairs and social services such that they can develop their strengths and give back to the community;

- (c) To cultivate a group of outstanding young talents with a view that they will, in different positions and industries, be able to contribute to Hong Kong in the future.

(II) Recruitment

Nominations will be invited from 15 October to 16 November 2018. All eligible nominations forwarded by post-secondary institutions, uniformed groups, 18 District Offices, relevant government departments (including Home Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Social Welfare Department, and Race Relations Unit of Home Affairs Department) and NGOs¹ will be submitted to the Selection Committee. Candidates will be invited to attend interviews conducted by the Selection Committee.

(III) Nomination Criteria

Nominees² should be –

- (a) between the ages of 18 and 30 as at 1 January 2019, i.e. born between 2 January 1988 and 1 January 2001;
- (b) Hong Kong permanent identity card holders;
- (c) proficient in language, communication, problem-solving and leadership skills; and
- (d) committed to serving the Hong Kong community, preferably with good experience in volunteer or community service.

(IV) Programme Content

(a) Training

To equip the YAs with necessary personal skills, all YAs will be arranged to participate in a series of core-skills training scheduled to be held in early 2019, including a three-day-two-night training camp, a one-day experience programme on tourist reception and thematic seminars. YAs with outstanding performance will also be selected to receive advanced training in renowned tertiary institutions outside Hong Kong in mid-2019 with a view to further developing their global vision and leadership skills.

¹ NGOs with good track record in receiving funding to organise youth exchange/internship in the Mainland

² To avoid repetitive participation, those youth who have joined the IYEP and/or the 20A YA Programme before would NOT be selected for the Programme. To avoid conflict of interest, YDC members and staff members of HAB will not be eligible to join the Programme.

(b) Activities Participation

YAs will have the opportunities to organise and implement innovative and practicable social activities under the guidance of advisors. Further, arrangements will also be made for them to participate in a wide range of large scale/international events/activities, including serving as volunteers in international conferences/fora/seminars/exhibitions organised by Government B/Ds, festive events organised by the Tourist Commission/Tourism Board, celebration events such as the flag raising ceremony, 1 July Reception and Variety Show; and activities organised by the YDC like the Youth Summit etc. YAs will participate and provide assistance in the aforesaid events by serving as receptionists, event emcees, interpreters, reporters or narrators, etc.

(c) Exchange

All YAs will be arranged to visit the Mainland (e.g. cities in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area) and an overseas country to conduct exchange programme, to receive youth outside Hong Kong, and to participate in the planning of the itinerary. The length of stay is usually around 6 to 10 days and tentatively the visits will be conducted in the second half year of 2019.

(d) Obligations of the YA

Obligations of the YA include but not limited to –

- (a) attending all briefings, training camp, workshops, meetings, discussions and rehearsals, etc;
- (b) providing active support to assist in various conferences, events and activities conducted by government bureaux and/or departments;
- (c) receiving youth and other delegates from areas outside Hong Kong;
- (d) organising and implementing innovative and practicable activities under the guidance of instructors/advisors;
- (e) preparing presentations (e.g. cultural performance, video, research on a topic) of Hong Kong with other YAs;
- (f) attending **ALL** pre-trip briefings and delivering **ALL** post-trip requirements;
- (g) compiling a report, including photos and videos, on the visit within one month after the outbound visit;

- (h) reporting at the meeting of the concerned Task Force of the Youth Development Commission and the Youth Development Commission as appropriate; and
- (i) attending the functions organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and/or the Youth Development Commission; and assisting in the promotion of activities conducted by the Youth Development Commission as and when invited or requested.

(V) Expenses for the Programme

The expenses for training, activities and exchange including air fares, board and lodging are provided by the Home Affairs Bureau. Successful candidates are required to purchase their own travel insurance which should include illness and accident hospitalization insurance cover and worldwide emergency assistance service.

(VI) Nominations

Please submit the following documents (1 set) to CEDARS, 3/F, Meng Wah Complex on or before November 8, 2018 (Thursday, by 5 p.m.) -

- (a) duly completed nomination form (download here);
- (b) a copy of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
- (c) a copy of valid travel document;
- (d) a copy of academic transcript of recent 3 years; and
- (e) a detailed account of the nominee's community involvement, including voluntary and community services, involvement in extra-curricular activities organised by student organisations. *(Please specify the positions held, duration of services; and attach DOCUMENTARY PROOF WHICH IS DULY SIGNED BY THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ORGANISATION.)*

(VI) Interview

Candidates should be prepared to –

- (a) Attend a group interview arranged by CEDARS on November 12, 2018 (Monday); and
- (b) Attend a group interview in late November or early December of 2018 arranged by the Home Affairs Bureau.

Only shortlisted candidates will be interviewed. No make-up interview will be arranged.