

獅子山學會

*The Lion Rock Institute*

**Lion Rock Scholarship Programme 2021**

**Mission Statement:**

To give students an opportunity to receive training in a world-class free market think tank abroad, in order to equip them with a cosmopolitan perspective and to develop their independence of mind.

## **The Lion Rock Institute** 獅子山學會

The Lion Rock Institute is a certified charity. The institute was founded in 2004 to support freedom and prosperity in Hong Kong. We take pride in Hong Kong's free market heritage.

Our institute aims to achieve this through direct impact on government policy, and educating policy makers and the general public on the crucial role of free enterprise in maintaining a prosperous Hong Kong. We aim to open the minds of the people of Hong Kong, starting at a young age.

We find that one of the best ways to develop the thinking of Hong Kong students is to send them abroad to gain exposure from some of the best think tanks in the world. Our experience tells us that only when students experience life outside of Hong Kong, do they realize that Hong Kong offers world-class safety, reliable and efficient transportation, open markets, and many freedoms other jurisdictions have lost.

The Lion Rock Institute has close connections with some of the most reputed international free market think tanks such as the Atlas Network, Ayn Rand Institute, Students for Liberty, Cato Institute, Reason Foundation, Institute of Public Affairs and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. We can access these world-class think tanks for Hong Kong students to experience their training programmes.

2021 will be the fifth year of our programme.

## **Lion Rock Scholarship Programme**

This programme was inspired by Mannkal Economic Education Foundation, based in Perth, Australia. Their scholarship programme regularly sends dozens of students bi-annually. Lion Rock maintains a close relationship with Mannkal, with our ex-Chairman and Director Bill Stacey sitting on Mannkal's board of advisers. Lion Rock also regularly takes their scholars as our interns.

(See this link for the Mannkal Scholarship Programme:

<https://www.mannkal.org/leadership-development-program/>)

### **Our target participants:**

Local University students - majoring in Economics, Law, Public Policy or other related disciplines. Most importantly, these students would have a passion for freedom and desire to expand their knowledge in the area.

### **Number of scholars for 2021:**

Total for 2021 = 3-6 students

### **Programme timeline for 2021**

- Application opens on February 2021 (Deadline Feb 28, 2021)
- Initial Selection on March 2021
- Information session and training on April 2021
- Final Selection on early May 2021
- Overseas Think Tank Experience in Summer 2021
- Debriefing & Sharing of Experience on Sept 2021 & Beyond

### How we find talented students:

Our Lion Rock Student Multiplier Committee (LRSMC) is a direct link to talented students at a range of universities in Hong Kong. Through information sessions and networking events, our previous scholars are able to encourage and attract future applicants.

We routinely invite talented students to a range of free market-related events in Hong Kong. These events are both self-run and organized by The Lion Rock Institute or our partner organizations. They offer students the chance to network and become more informed about freedom and public policy.

### How the right students will be selected:

<b>Application &amp; Initial Selection</b>	The first part of the application process is comprised of the submission of the student’s resume and a written submission.
<b>Training Sessions</b>	Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a series of training and information sessions aimed at deepening students’ knowledge of freedom. Discussion periods will be a central component of these sessions and will enable us to filter applicants via their involvement and application of knowledge. The training material and schedule will be sent to the students once the application is confirmed.
<b>Assessment Sessions</b>	<p>Articles: Students are required to write 2 articles on public policy of Hong Kong. Articles will be published in The Lion Rock Institute website and other media outlets of The Lion Rock Institute.</p>  <p>Legco Consultation: Students will be instructed to speak on behalf of The Lion Rock Institute in 1 Legco consultation sessions.</p>
<b>Final Selections</b>	We will assemble a student selection committee including Lion Rock Institute Board Members and Members from Programme Sponsors to perform the final rounds of interviews. Applicants will be asked to propose a policy change that can improve the lives of the people of Hong Kong.

## Where we can send students

We have strong relationships with these think tanks, and have previously sent students to some of them. They are all established organizations focusing on promoting freedom.

<p>Atlas Network</p>  <p>Global network of 400 think tanks (which Lion Rock is the only partner in Hong Kong) <a href="https://www.atlasnetwork.org">https://www.atlasnetwork.org</a></p>	<p>Cato Institute</p>  <p>One of the largest free market think tanks, based in Washington, DC <a href="http://www.cato.org">www.cato.org</a></p>	<p>Ayn Rand Institute</p>  <p>ARI promotes Objectivism, the philosophy developed by Ayn Rand. Based in LA <a href="http://ari.aynrand.org">ari.aynrand.org</a></p>
<p>Institute of Public Affairs</p>  <p><a href="http://www.ipa.org.au">www.ipa.org.au</a></p> <p>One of the largest free market think tanks in Australia <a href="https://ipa.org.au/">https://ipa.org.au/</a></p>	<p>Friedrich Naumann Foundation</p>  <p><small>Friedrich Naumann STIFTUNG</small> FÜR DIE FREIHEIT</p> <p>A German think tank with regional offices around the world, including SE Asia <a href="http://www.freiheit.org">www.freiheit.org</a></p>	<p>Reason Foundation</p>  <p><i>Reason</i></p> <p>Publisher of Reason Magazine. LA, California based free market think tank <a href="http://www.reason.org">www.reason.org</a></p>

## Lion Rock Scholarship Programme 2019 - Summary

In 2019, we received over 40 initial applications, from which 11 students were selected to attend our training classes. A final of four students were awarded a scholarship and two scholars were sent to Ayn Rand Institute (Irvine California) and Institute of Public Affairs (Melbourne).

## **Selection Panel**



The students are asked to design a new policy or to remove an existing one in order to improve the lives of the people of Hong Kong. They then presented this proposal to members of our board and representatives from our programme sponsors on the selection panel.

## **Testimonials of our Lion Rock Scholars**



**Anson Leung,  
Bachelor of Economics and Finance,  
The University of Hong Kong**

"My second week in the Ayn Rand Institute is a fruitful and busy. I was assigned with new tasks and other interesting functions. I also received more understanding on the operation of ARI by attending the monthly staff meeting, when everyone participated physically in the office or remotely from other offices. From this week, I was officially assigned to help with the content production team's work. "



**Sonthra, Elisha M. (Shan),  
Macroeconomics,  
The University of Hong Kong**

"Going through the numbers, I had to forego any previous illusions that a methodical and pre-planned way to break down the numbers would be of any use to me; doing so would laden myself with assumptions that would engender neglecting a path that may prove beneficial for uncovering the truth behind the statistics. ....This seemingly arbitrary method has more often than not given me greater insight to the mining sector-GDP's ongoing relationship."

## **Lion Rock Scholarship Programme 2020 - Summary**

Although the world affected by COVID-19 in 2020, we received over 20 initial applications, from which 5 students were selected to attend our online training classes.

## **Terms and Conditions**

1. *COVID-19 Disclaimer: Please note that all travel opportunities will be subject to government or organization restrictions. The programme may be subject to change to online or other such contingencies.*
2. *In case of disputes, the Institute reserves the rights of final decision, including suspending, terminating or changing details of The Scholarship Programme and its terms and conditions without prior notice.*
3. *If any part of the terms and conditions is unclear, the Institute reserve the rights to interpret when deemed appropriate. By participating in the event, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions.*

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**Thank you**

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