



Lion Rock Scholarship Programme 2023

Our aim is to give Hong Kong university students an opportunity to receive mentorship and education in a world-class free-market think tank abroad.

We seek to equip young Hong Kongers with a cosmopolitan perspective and to develop their independence of mind to enable them to contribute to policy debate and policy formation in Hong Kong.

As a Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong has a special role to play in the future of the nation. It requires world class insight and original thinking to be brought to bear on the issues challenging us in the 21st century.

The Lion Rock Scholarship Programme is a resource for those young people who seek to expand their possibilities, test their ideas and contribute to a prosperous Hong Kong and a prosperous nation.

The Lion Rock Institute 獅子山學會

The Lion Rock Institute is a certified charity founded in 2004. The Institute supports economic freedom and the prosperity of the people of Hong Kong. We engage vigorously and respectfully with the government and policy influencers. We contribute to the development of government policy through the education of policymakers and the general public on the crucial role of free enterprise in maintaining a prosperous Hong Kong.

2023 will be the seventh year of our programme.

Participant Profile

The Programme conducts a screening process to attract and evaluate applicants that may be pursuing, but are not restricted to, studies relevant to public policy development and execution such as:

- Economics
- Political Science
- Public policy or public administration
- Accounting
- Engineering

Number of scholars for 2023

3-6 students

Programme timeline for 2023

- **Application** – Opens March 2023. (Deadline 15 April 2023)
- **Initial selection** – First of May 2023
- **Training Sessions** - First of May 2023. (Lessons may be may change to be conducted online.)
- **Final selection** - End of June 2023.
- **Overseas think tank experience** - in Summer 2023. (Contingent on vacancies in overseas think tanks and the progress of interns applying for tourist visas)
- **Debriefing & sharing of experience with LRI Board and Advisors** - Sep 2023.

How to 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 events in Hong Kong. These events are both self-run and organised by The Lion Rock Institute or our partner organisations. They offer students the chance to network and become more informed about economic freedom and public policy.

Student Selection

Application & Initial Selection	The first part of the application process requires a resume and a written submission.
Training Sessions	<p>Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a series of information sessions aimed at deepening students' knowledge of economic freedom.</p> <p>Successful applicants will participate in discussion groups to further their understanding of the issues and to explore their potential for the application of knowledge.</p>
Assessment Sessions	<p>Articles: Students are required to write 1 article on examining an issue of public policy in Hong Kong and proscribing solutions. Articles will be published on The Lion Rock Institute website and other social media outlets of The Lion Rock Institute.</p> <p>Public Consultation: From time to time, the HKSAR government invites submissions to provide input to specific policy issues under consideration by the Hong Kong government.</p> <p>The Scholarship Programme students will work with post-university members of the Institute to fine-tune their ideas on policy issues for a missive to the Hong Kong government's request for contributions on an active policy issue.</p>
Final Selections	We will assemble a selection committee including Lion Rock Institute Board Members and Members from Programme Sponsors to perform the final round of interviews. Applicants will be asked to propose a policy change that can improve the lives of the people of Hong Kong.

Application & Initial Selection:

The first part of the application process is comprised of the submission of the student's resume and a written submission. The topic of submission(choose one) (in no more than 500 words) :





- 1. What measures would you recommend to create market conditions wherein acceptable, affordable housing would be accessible to employed, independent-minded young Hong Kongers?**
- 2. What are the biggest barriers to starting a business for young Hong Kongers and what red tape could the government safely abandon to remove those barriers?**

The applications and in particular the written submission will aid in the shortlisting of applicants.

The deadline for Application will be on 30 April 2023.

Where we can send Interns

Our institute has close connections with some of the most reputed international free-market think tanks such as the Mannkal Foundation(our Director Mr.Bill Stacey sits on Mannkal's board of advisers.), Ayn Rand Institute, Reason Foundation, Cato Institute, Reason Foundation, Atlas Network, Students for Liberty, Institute of Public Affairs, and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. We can access these world-class think tanks for Hong Kong's university students to experience their training programmes.

<p>Atlas Network</p>  <p>Global network of 400 think tanks (amongst which The Lion Rock Institute is the only partner in Hong Kong)</p> <p>https://www.atlasnetwork.org</p>	<p>Cato Institute</p>  <p>One of the largest free market think tanks, based in Washington, DC</p> <p>www.cato.org</p>	<p>Ayn Rand Institute</p>  <p>ARI promotes Objectivism, the philosophy developed by Ayn Rand. Based in LA</p> <p>ari.aynrand.org</p>
<p>Institute of Public Affairs</p>  <p>www.ipa.org.au</p> <p>One of the largest free market think tanks in Australia</p> <p>https://ipa.org.au/</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</p> <p>www.freiheit.org</p>	<p>Reason Foundation</p>  <p><i>Reason</i></p> <p>Publisher of Reason Magazine. LA, California based free market think tank</p> <p>www.reason.org</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).

Testimonials of our Lion Rock Interns(2019)



**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 from 2020 to 2022 – Summary



Although the pandemic has reached almost every country in the world in the past three years. We have not given up our mission. From 2020 to 2022, our scholarship program received over 40 initial applications. 12 Hong Kong higher education and university students were selected online in our trains to attend.

Debriefing and Sharing of Experience

Upon returning to Hong Kong, Scholars will be expected to share their experience and to continue to represent the institute as freedom fighters.

Financial Sponsorship

We will provide round-trip flight tickets, but does not cover accommodation, food or daily expenses. If necessary, Awardee please also make your own provisions for travel insurance.

(The amount is subject to the final decision of The Lion Rock Institute)

Important Note:

1. Pandemic Disclaimer: Please note that all travel opportunities will be subject to government or organisation restrictions. The programme may be subject to change to webinars or other such contingencies.
2. Because of the crucial importance of obtaining the right travel visas, the Scholarship will be dependent on the student to acquire an appropriate travel visa once selected.
3. Also, some think tanks may conduct their own interviews before students are accepted into their programme.

Terms and Conditions:

1. *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.*
2. *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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