

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**GOVERNMENT GRANTS/LOANS FOR
RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Government Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA), provides the following financial assistance schemes for needy local students. Local students refer to those having the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years prior to the commencement of his course are eligible to apply. This does not cover students previously staying in Hong Kong on student visas.

The Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) provides means-tested grants and loans to eligible full-time students. The grant is to cover academic expenses, tuition fees and union fees, and the loan is for living expenses. If you are admitted to a full-time UGC funded curriculum and need financial assistance for your studies at the University, you are strongly encouraged to apply to the means-tested Tertiary Student Finance Scheme (TSFS) administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency.

The Government Student Financial Assistance Agency conducts a means test for each applicant to determine whether to support him/her with a grant and/or a loan and the amount. In this means test, the value of any Postgraduate Studentship awarded to the applicant or income derived from appointments by institution WILL BE taken into account. Please refer to the TSFS Guidance Notes for details on the assessment ([http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/pdf/common/Form/tsfs/TSFS%201B%20\(2007\).pdf](http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/pdf/common/Form/tsfs/TSFS%201B%20(2007).pdf)). Deadline for application for TSFS for newly arrived HKU students is **17 September 2010**. TSFS application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/public/index.htm#tsfs>.

If you attend a postgraduate course that commences between March 2010 and February 2011, you should apply for financial assistance for the 2010/11 academic year. The deadline for application is one month following the commencement of the course and in any case not later than **31 March 2011**.

Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS) is also available for application by Full-time students who do not want to rely on family support or who have difficulty in applying for the means-tested TSFS scheme. Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/public/index.htm#tsfs>.

Part-time students and those who are not eligible to apply for the TSFS or NLS scheme may apply for the **Extended non-means tested loan scheme (ENLS)**. Relevant application forms are obtainable from the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS).

ENQUIRIES AND GUIDANCE

The Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) (3/F, Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong) distributes and collects all Tertiary Student Finance Scheme applications from HKU students on behalf of the Government and provides full advice and guidance to students who have any enquiries.