香港中文大學 學生事務處
CUHK Office of Student Affairs

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Outstanding Students Awards 2026

Category and Selection Criteria

The Outstanding Students Awards aim at recognizing students' non-academic achievements. Any work fulfilling all or partial academic requirements should NOT be counted under this award. The Outstanding Student Awardees will be invited to represent the CUHK and/or CUHK student groups at university events.

A. Arts

To recognize students who have demonstrated achievements or talent in all visual arts or performing arts areas.

1. Visual arts: reaching a high standard of achievement in artistic endeavors, including drawing, painting, sculpture, crafts, multimedia projects, graphic design, interior design, or fashion design, or
2. Performing arts: demonstrated exceptional talent and some notable personal accomplishments in one or more areas of the performing arts, including music, dance, theatre performance, drama, and singing.

B. Innovation and Invention

To recognize students who have demonstrated achievements or talent in innovation and invention, including the creation of a brand-new product or device, as well as the implementation of an idea in an existing product.

1. One should show the ability and excellence in exploring infinite possibilities and creating breakthroughs in technology and scientific development in various fields, including IT development, lifestyle, healthcare, digital media, entertainment, software and Apps, etc., or
2. Students should have received award(s) in local/regional/national/international competitions/performances, or represent the institution or relevant association in such competitions/performances, and have a good recommendation/assessment by the institution or relevant organization on their capability or talent.

C. Social Service

I. Serving the community of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
To recognize students who have shown outstanding and exceptional contributions to the CUHK community. They are able to:

1. demonstrate tangible improvements to student welfare, campus life, or

2. establish a sustainable framework ensuring the initiative will continue and beyond their own tenure, or
3. not only to serve their peers but also navigate institutional structures to create long-term, university-wide enhancements that elevate the quality of campus life will be given a higher priority.

II. Serving the society
To recognize students who are able to:

1. demonstrate care and compassion towards other fellow classmates or people in the community through social campaigns or activities which bring betterment to other people, or
2. raise awareness on the importance of humane virtues such as kindness, care and compassion in human relationships. Be able to inspire other people to increase their benevolent acts and in turn be able to bring changes to the community, or
3. gain recognition from the beneficiary as improving their quality of life and wellness.

D. Sports

To recognize students who have excelled in a chosen sport or sports and reached a noteworthy standard.

1. One should demonstrate good sports performance and achievements in local, regional/national/international competitions, or
2. One should have proven leadership and sportsmanship in the university sports team (s), or
3. Community service in the form of promoting sport or exercise can be considered as well (expected to be part of a group, association, or organization which contributes to the sports community).

E. Special Achievement

To recognize student(s) who has/have made remarkable achievements which does not fall into any of the above categories. Special Achievement category generally demonstrates one or more of the following:

1. Exceptional achievements in a specialized field do not fall neatly within the other award categories (e.g. entrepreneurship, research, debate, or other unique areas).
2. Recognition beyond CUHK, including notable accomplishments at the international level.
3. Outstanding leadership and initiative, evidenced by founding organizations or social enterprises, or leading initiatives with tangible impact.
4. Contributions that enhance CUHK's reputation and visibility, such as representing the University on national, regional and international platforms.