



## Background

**The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF)**, supported by the HKSAR Government and launched in May 2019, is set up to organize **the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the Forum)**. The Forum aspires to be a **world-class scientific and academic exchange event** to connect the current and next generations of leaders in scientific pursuit, as well as to **promote understanding and interests** of the young generation in Hong Kong and around the world in various disciplines in science and technology.

The Forum will invite the participation of recipients of Hong Kong home-grown Shaw Prize\* as well as globally distinguished scientists to spend a week interacting with 200 young scientists from around the world for idea exchange and inspiration in three disciplines, namely Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences.

The inaugural Forum is scheduled to be hosted on **15-20 November 2021** at Hong Kong Science Park and other Hong Kong's signature locations. Whilst world-wide open application for young scientists will begin in September this year, the HKLF is keen to invite your university to be our **Collaborating Organization** and to **nominate science enthusiastic and talented individuals to participate in the inaugural Forum**.

## Young Scientists

Individuals fulfilling the following criteria may apply:

- ✓ Undergraduates / Postgraduates (*Enroll in Undergraduate or Postgraduate programme as at 15 November 2021*) or PhD Graduates (*Awarded PhD after 15 November 2016*)
- ✓ Academic / research disciplines in **Astronomy / Life Science and Medicine / Mathematical Sciences / Other closely related subjects** (*Not limited to research work in institutions, universities and industry; Individual researches could also be considered*)
- ✓ Age 35 or below

We sincerely invite your university to nominate **10 undergraduates** and **10 postgraduates & PhD graduates** to apply to join the inaugural Forum. Successful submissions will be reviewed by a two-tier Scientific Review Panel of the HKLF. For the Forum-participating young scientists, a range of financial support will be arranged by the HKLF, such as hotel accommodation, meals, local transportation, tours, visits and cultural experience activities within the Forum's programme.

Details of the eligibility criteria and financial support, please refer to the attached *Annex A*.

## Proposed Timeline

- By early Oct 2020 - Please simply provide a list of your university's nominations to the HKLF Secretariat with (1) **nominee names**, (2) **email address**, (3) **academic level in academic year 2020/2021<sup>1</sup> / position<sup>2</sup>**  
(<sup>1</sup>For undergraduates and postgraduates; <sup>2</sup> For PhD graduates) by mid-Oct 2020.
- Oct 2020 - Your university's nominees will receive a notification email with the Forum's online enrollment link
- Oct – Nov 2020 - Submission
- Q1 2021 - Completed submissions will be reviewed and processed by a two-tier Scientific Review Panel
- April 2021 - Final result will be announced by the HKLF Secretariat

## Response to Invitation and Enquiries

Your support would definitely help our next generation of scientists as well as making the Forum a success. Most grateful for your response to our invitation by 20 August 2020 (Thursday) via email to Ms. Kay Choy, the Assistant Event Manager of the Secretariat of the HKLF, at [kaychoy@hklaureateforum.org](mailto:kaychoy@hklaureateforum.org). If we could have the honour of your support, you are most welcome to provide us your university logo (no less than 1M in JPEG format). We would be very pleased to acknowledge your university at, including but not limited to, our HKLF website, HKLF mobile app and other publicity materials wherever appropriate. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. We would be more than happy to provide further information upon your requests.

## Others

More information of the HKLF (Annex B and a HKLF pamphlet) is attached for your perusal. Much appreciated if you could forward the information to any interested individuals and potential participants of the Forum. Individuals of your university are also most welcome to visit and stay tuned to our HKLF website and social media for Forum-related and science-exploration information:

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*\*The Shaw Prize is an annual international award first presented by The Shaw Prize Foundation in 2004 in Hong Kong. Each year the prize presents to individuals in the fields of Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences, who have achieved distinguished and significant advances, made outstanding contributions in academic and scientific research or applications, or in other*

*domains who have achieved excellence. The Shaw Prize has been described as the "Nobel of the East". As of 2019, 82 world renowned researchers have been awarded The Shaw Prize and some of them have also been awarded the Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, Lasker Awards or Abel Prize.*

*Enclosure:*

*(1) Annex A*

*(2) Annex B*

*(3) HKLF pamphlet*