

## Scholarship Applications, Personal Statements and Interviews: Links and References

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE (ILC) AT CUHK

[https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/ENResources/JobSearching\\_PersonalStatement.aspx](https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/ENResources/JobSearching_PersonalStatement.aspx)

- ILC's one-stop resource guide on writing Personal Statements for further study, academic or career purposes. Both general and disciplinary-specific templates and samples are available.



<https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/workshop/ISDSEx/EN/login.aspx>

- Interview Skills Development System Extended (ISDS Ex) – ILC's all-in-one platform for interview skills resources



[https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/ENResources/Indept\\_ScholarshipApp.aspx](https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/ENResources/Indept_ScholarshipApp.aspx)

- ILC's resource lists for scholarship applications – Links to selected guides on applying for scholarships, writing personal statements, and preparing interviews



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme:** <https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>

- Official website for the PhD fellowship award in Hong Kong

**Fulbright Commission:** <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/application-components>

- Official Fulbright Scholarship application guide

**Rhodes Trust:** <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/applications/hong-kong-sar/>

- Official Rhodes Scholarship application guide

**Curtin University:** <https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/apply/tips/>

- General tips for scholarship applications

**University of Edinburgh:** <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/funding-tips>

- Key points about scholarship applications

**Scholarships.com:** <https://www.sscok.edu/new/assets/pdfs/sponsored-Grant-programs/student-support-services/ScholarshipAppChecklist.pdf>

- A checklist for scholarship applications

**HSBC Scholarships:** <https://www.about.hsbc.com.hk/hsbc-in-hong-kong/community>

- Official HSBC scholarship opportunities

## PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND INTERVIEWS

**University of Michigan-Flint:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5gjhZiWTO0>

- Video on writing a personal statement for graduate schools

**Pomona College:** <https://www.pomona.edu/sites/default/files/mapping-out-the-personal-statement.pdf>

- A visual thinking strategy for students to map out the personal statement, with mind-map prompts and themes

**University of Toronto:**

[https://www.law.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/documents/JD/UofT\\_Law\\_Personal\\_Statements\\_Examples.pdf](https://www.law.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/documents/JD/UofT_Law_Personal_Statements_Examples.pdf)

- Personal statement samples for scholarship applications

**New York University Abu Dhabi x TED Talk:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YalRmUMTuoE>

- TED Talk on “How to Win a Rhodes Scholarship”

**Unigo.com:** <https://www.unigo.com/pay-for-college/scholarships/how-to-answer-common-scholarship-interview-questions>

- Tips on tackling common scholarship interview questions

**JobsDB:** <https://hk.jobsdb.com/career-advice/page/practice-interview-builder/>

- Build your own practice interview template using an interview question bank

## USEFUL PRINT RESOURCES

1. **The ultimate UCAS personal statement guide** (LB2351.4.G7 A63 2020)
2. **Why you?: 101 interview questions you'll never fear again** (NAGE HF5549.5.I6 R44 2017)
3. **50 successful Ivy league application essays (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)** (ILC LB2351.52.U6 T36 2015)
4. **65 successful Harvard Business School application essays (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)** (ILC HF1131 .A135 2009)
5. **Admission matters: What students and parents need to know about getting into college (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)** (CUHK e-book)
6. **Brilliant answers to tough interview questions (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.)** (CUHK e-book)
7. **Getting into graduate school in the sciences: A step-by-step guide for students** (CUHK e-book)
8. **GPS for Graduate School: Students Share Their Stories** (CUHK e-book)
9. **How to go to college on a shoe string: The insider's guide to grants, scholarships, cheap books, fellowships and other financial aid secrets (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)** (CUHK e-book)
10. **Is Graduate School Really for You?: The Whos, Whats, Hows, and Whys of Pursuing A Master's or Ph.D** (CUHK e-book)