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DEAN  
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Dear Principal,

**HKU Special Principal's Nomination Scheme for  
Young Scientist Scheme (YSS) in 6901 BSc in 2018-19**

As you must well be aware of, the **Young Scientist Scheme (YSS)** under the 6901 BSc programme has been launched for two years since 2016-17. There are currently a total of 44 local and international students in the Scheme.

In order not to leave out those talented science students who do not perform equally strong in non-science subjects, the **HKU Special Principal's Nomination Scheme for YSS (HKU SPN for YSS)** in 6901 BSc programme would continue to be set up in the academic year 2018-19, with updated arrangements as follows:

- (1) Each school is invited to nominate a **maximum of 5 students, who are predicted to achieve 5\* or above in at least two Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science, Integrated Science, Core Mathematics, M1, or M2) and with a total score of 30 or above in their best 5 HKDSE subjects (Category A subjects and M1/M2), in the 2018 HKDSE.**
- (2) An interview will be arranged for all shortlisted nominees in May 2018. The shortlisted applicants will be informed of the interview arrangement individually.
- (3) Conditional offers for admission to YSS will be made by the end of June before the release of the HKDSE results.
- (4) A student with a conditional offer for admission to YSS will be admitted to YSS provided that he/she
  - i) has put BSc 6901 as one of his/her Band A JUPAS choices in the final reprioritisation;
  - ii) is admitted to BSc 6901;
  - iii) has obtained a total score of 30 or above in their best 5 HKDSE subjects (Category A subjects and M1/M2) **including 5\* or above in at least two Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science, Integrated Science, Core Mathematics, M1, or M2) in the 2018 HKDSE.**
- (5) All other JUPAS students with a total score of 31 or above in their best 5 HKDSE subjects (Category A subjects and M1/M2) admitted to BSc 6901 will continue to be admitted to YSS automatically. Non-JUPAS applicants will be invited to enrol in YSS individually.

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Students admitted to YSS are guaranteed with the following:


- enrolment in our flagship **Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) Scheme** to conduct research under the supervision of our professors in the first summer
- a further **SRF** or **Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF)** in a foreign institution in subsequent years
- **international exchange, visiting or summer study**
- attendance in an **international scientific conference** on frontier research
- guidance from a **research mentor** individually from the start of the undergraduate study
- enrolment in our **Frontiers of Science Honours Seminar** to learn how our award-winning professors solve their research problems
- **stipends** for research programmes
- an **entrance scholarship** ranging from HKD 20,000 to HKD 70,000<sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> for JUPAS students with a total score of 30\* or above in their best 5 HKDSE subjects (Category A subjects and M1/M2). Please refer to (S20/1017) as attached for more details.

To facilitate our early consideration, I should be grateful if you could complete the reply form attached, and return to us by **February 9, 2018**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview in May 2018. Successful applicants, who are going to receive a conditional offer to YSS in the coming academic year, will be informed of the result by the end of June.

For more details of YSS, please visit our website at <http://www.scifac.hku.hk/yss>. If you have any questions about admission or YSS and its special SPN Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact us at email: [science@hku.hk](mailto:science@hku.hk) or tel: 3917 2683.

Yours sincerely,



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6901 BSc programme  
Science Entrance Scholarships (HKDSE Students) 2018

HKDSE Examination Results (total score in best 5 subjects in Category A or Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics)*	Scholarship Amount (HK\$)	Duration of Scholarship (year)
Score of 35	\$70,000	1
Score of 34	\$60,000	1
Score of 33	\$50,000	1
Score of 32	\$40,000	1
Score of 31	\$30,000	1
Score of 30 <sup>#</sup>	\$20,000	1

\* The HKDSE “level to score” scale is as follows:

Category A: Core and Elective Subjects and Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics								
Level	5**	5*	5	4	3	2	1	Others
Score	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

<sup>#</sup>Only for JUPAS students admitted to 6901 BSc under the HKU Special Principal’s Nomination Scheme for YSS (HKU SPN for YSS).

Notes:

The score is based on the 2018 HKDSE examination results. No combined certificate is allowed. Candidates must be non-HKDSE repeaters. To be eligible for an award of the entrance scholarship, candidates must fulfil the minimum University entrance requirements. Candidates are also eligible to apply for other scholarships after admission to the University, subject to a maximum yearly amount stipulated by the Senate.

October 18, 2017