



United Board Faculty Scholarship Program

2019-2020 Program Guidelines

Introduction

The United Board Faculty Scholarship Program supports junior faculty to pursue postgraduate degree studies at the master's or doctoral levels. United Board scholarships are designed for developing colleges and universities in the United Board network in Asia that need to upgrade their teaching faculty, have a plan for faculty development, and are committed to providing whole person education for their students. Over the last two decades, hundreds of young scholars have benefited from the program.

Candidates are required to study full-time in English-medium graduate degree programs based at United Board network institutions or approved institutions within the Asia-Pacific region but located outside of their home countries. A list of these universities and their English-medium degree programs can be found on the Faculty Scholarship Program webpage.

The United Board is prepared to contribute up to US\$12,000 of scholarship support per scholar per year. Grantees showing satisfactory progress in their doctoral programs generally may renew their scholarships for a maximum of four years of support; master's level students may receive up to two years of support. Additional support for field research or conference attendance related to a doctoral dissertation in the final year is possible, and a request should be submitted when applying for scholarship renewal.

United Board scholarships generally cover tuition, room and board, and a modest monthly allowance. In some cases, the host university will share costs with the United Board by waiving full or partial tuition costs. We encourage scholars and/or the home institutions to contribute additional funding.

The United Board will transfer scholarship funds to the **host university**, to be made available for disbursement to the scholars upon enrollment. The United Board Faculty Scholarship Program does not support expenses for spouses or family members.

Eligibility

United Board Faculty Scholarship candidates should:

- be currently employed full-time at an eligible college or university in the United Board network (please see the list on page 5);
- have a record of academic excellence, and show evidence of outstanding potential for professional advancement in teaching;
- be under 42 years old for applicants to master's degree programs, and under 40 years old for applicants to doctoral degree programs;
- be committed to return to their home institutions after completion of the degree;
- have at least 2-3 years of teaching experience and service at their home institutions;
- be proficient in English (TOEFL/IELTS/GRE results may be required by some host institutions, and candidates must have their scores ready by the time of application).

Please note that this scholarship is open to candidates from all academic disciplines. Each institution can recommend up to three candidates for the scholarship every year.

Application Summary

The deadline for the scholarship application is **October 15, 2018** for candidates seeking admissions for July/ August/September 2019 entry.

Applicants should research university websites for the programs; admission requirements; TOEFL, IELTS or GRE exams if required; and information on tuition and living costs, prior to applying for the United Board Faculty Scholarship. A list of United Board network institutions and approved institutions with English-medium degree programs can be found on the Faculty Scholarship Program webpage. Candidates should refer to the list when declaring choices of institutions and degree programs.

Applicants should first apply to the United Board with the completed online application dossier listed below. After evaluation, the United Board will refer eligible candidates to potential host universities. Candidates who have been referred to a university by the United Board should immediately follow the standard process to complete their application for admission. The United Board will share a copy of the candidate's United Board Faculty Scholarship Program Application dossier with the potential host university.

Based on the academic interests of the candidate and the needs of the home institution, the United Board may suggest degree programs or host institutions to the candidates. Scholarship recipients at the master's level may return for doctoral study at a later date. Field study components of the degree may be completed in the home country of the scholar if approved by the host institution, using United Board Faculty Scholarship funds for this purpose.

Applications sent directly to the university without, or prior to, United Board referral will not be considered for United Board scholarships. Applicants may indicate up to three

choices of programs and institutions where they wish to study. If admission to the preferred program is not forthcoming, the United Board may suggest an alternative academic program. Only applicants who are offered admission by a host university will be awarded the United Board Faculty Scholarship.

**Note that candidates planning to apply to universities in Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, or Australia should research the list of faculty in the desired institutions and consult with them on the potential for dissertation supervision, prior to submitting an application to the United Board. Many faculty members would require a research proposal for review, and candidates should prepare in advance for this.*

Timeline:

- October 15, 2018 – application deadline
- November 30, 2018 – evaluation by the United Board and referral to potential host universities (if you are not contacted by the United Board by this date, you can assume that your application is unsuccessful)
- April 15, 2019 – admission decision by host universities (candidates must notify the United Board of their admissions status and choice of university by this date)
- June 2019 – announcement of scholarships

Application Requirements:

Candidates can choose to fill out the online application (strongly recommended), and email all the supporting documents in electronic copy format. Alternatively, they can opt for the paper application, which can be downloaded from the United Board website.

1. Application Form
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. Transcript of Prior Post-Secondary Academic Study
4. Personal Statement
5. Two Reference Letters

The United Board does not charge an application or service fee. The host universities, however, may charge an application fee.

Reference Letters:

1. A letter of approval from the Head of Institution indicating that, if the scholarship is approved by the United Board and the host university, a leave of absence will be granted for the period of study and a position will be held for the scholar upon return;
2. An academic reference from a senior faculty member who knows the applicant's work;

The United Board will arrange interviews via phone or electronic video format with shortlisted candidates to assess their English level, their experience in teaching or administration, and their general readiness for advanced academic study.

Scholarship Renewal

Scholars are responsible for submitting complete scholarship renewal documents, including their latest transcript and a report from their advisor on academic progress, to the United Board after each academic year. Satisfactory progress will entitle the scholar to continue receiving the United Board scholarship. There is no need to submit an additional application each year.

More information can be found at:

<https://unitedboard.org/programs/faculty-development/faculty-scholarship-program/>

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About the United Board

The United Board is committed to education that develops the whole person – intellectually, spiritually, and ethically.

We draw strength from our Christian identity and values and our collaboration with Asian colleges and universities. Together we prepare individuals for lives of professional and personal fulfillment and meaningful service in community with others.

The United Board is a nongovernmental organization. We are registered as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization in the United States and as a public charity in Hong Kong.

Faculty Scholarship Program Partial List of Eligible Institutions

If your institution is not on the list but are interested in this program, you may contact our staff at UBScholars@unitedboard.org to inquire about institutional eligibility.

Please note that eligible institutions should have at least participated in one of the following United Board programs in the past: United Board Fellows Program, United Board Faculty Scholarship Program, Asia University Leaders Program, and Bamboo Grants Program and/or Institutional Grants Program.

Bangladesh

Asian University for Women

Cambodia

Pannasastra University of Cambodia

Royal University of Phnom Penh

China

Central China Normal University

Fudan University

Fujian Hwa Nan Women's College

Fujian Normal University

Ginling College, Nanjing Normal University

Guizhou Normal University

Jinan University, Guangzhou

Nanjing University

Ocean University of China

Renmin University of China

Shaanxi Normal University

Shandong University

Shanghai University

Sichuan University

Soochow University, Suzhou

Yunnan University

Zhejiang University

Hong Kong

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Education University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Baptist University

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Lingnan University

The University of Hong Kong

India

The American College

Bishop Heber College
Christ University
Karunya University
Lady Doak College
Madras Christian College
Salesian College
Scottish Church College
St. Ann's College of Education
St. Christopher's College of Education
St. Aloysius College
Stella Maris College
Union Christian College, Kerala
Union Christian College, Shillong
Women's Christian College, Chennai

Indonesia

Artha Wacana Christian University
Atma Jaya University, Yogyakarta
Duta Wacana Christian University
Maranatha Christian University
Petra Christian University
Sam Ratulangi University
Sanata Dharma University
Satya Wacana Christian University
Soegijapranata Catholic University

Japan

International Christian University
Sophia University

Macau

University of Macau

Myanmar

Dagon University
Mandalay University
Myanmar Institute of Theology

Philippines

Ateneo de Davao University
Ateneo de Manila University
Central Philippine University
De La Salle University
Miriam College
Pilgrim Christian College
Silliman University
Southern Christian College

Trinity University of Asia
University of St. La Salle
Xavier University

South Korea

Ewha Womans University
Seoul Women's University
Yonsei University
Yonsei University Health System

Taiwan

Chang Jung Christian University
Chung Yuan Christian University
Fu Jen Catholic University
Soochow University, Taipei
Tunghai University

Thailand

Assumption University
Payap University

Vietnam

An Giang University
Hue University
Vietnam National University