


## Gifted Education Fund: Off-school Advanced Learning Programmes

### Programme No. 2020-13 (For secondary students)

Title of Programme	<b>Linguistic Training and Internship for Gifted Students</b>
Programme Provider	Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Supporting organisation: Department of English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
Theme	Humanities and Social Science Research Programme
Maximum No. of Participants and Class Level in the 2020/21 School Year	20 students (Secondary 2-5)
Pre-requisite	Applicants should have a good command of the English Language.
Programme Duration	About 13 months
Medium of Instruction	Course Material: English Class teaching/ Discussion: English
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the knowledge of gifted students in areas of language sciences;</li> <li>• To develop the students' analytic skills and research methods, and enable them to conduct a research project of their interest under mentorship;</li> <li>• To improve their interpersonal skills, including communication skills, problem solving skills and teamwork skills through their engagement with peers and mentors in an interdisciplinary, multi-cultural environment; and</li> <li>• To nurture positive values and attitudes among the students such as ethical issues in research, respect for different cultures, empathy, social responsibility, etc.</li> </ul>
Programme Outline*	<p>This programme aims to enhance the gifted students' knowledge of language sciences, strengthen their analytic skills as well as improve their research ability through a guided research with internship. The students will also develop positive values and attitudes useful for personal growth and future development. The programme consists of four phases.</p> <p>Phase I: General Introduction to Linguistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 face-to-face lectures (weekly; 3-4 hours each)</li> <li>• Introduction to the theories and concepts of linguistics, e.g. phonetics, semantics and sociolinguistics.</li> </ul> <p>Phase II</p> <p>(a) Research in practice &amp; Internship</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-5 hours on a weekly basis in one semester or 2-4 weeks in an intensive manner over the summer/ winter vacation</li> <li>• Students will carry out a mini research project under the supervision and guidance of academics/ educators. Some may have the chance to interact with young researchers in other relevant linguistic projects administered by the programme provider.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Advanced Topics in Linguistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 weekly face-to-face sessions (3-4 hours each) with a focus on the practical and ethical issues in conducting linguistics research.</li> <li>• Research methodology, academic writing and presentation skills, problem solving skills, etc. related to linguistics will be covered.</li> </ul> <p>Phase III: Student Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will meet their mentors in individual consultation sessions in preparation for a one-day student conference to be held in March 2022. Students will present their research results and answer enquiries from participants in the conference.</li> </ul> <p>Phase IV: Linguistics Olympiad Problem Creation Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 face-to-face sessions (3-4 hours each) on design and solving linguistic problems that may appear in international linguistic competitions.</li> <li>• Students will learn how linguistics problems are created, the main principles and constraints associated with linguistics problems as well as the skills to solve linguistic problems.</li> <li>• Students will work in groups and create a linguistic problem for other groups to solve as a challenge.</li> </ul> <p>* In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, some sessions of the programme may be conducted online.</p>
Admission Fee	Free of charge
Application Method	<p>Application form can be downloaded from the following webpage:</p> <p><a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/curriculum-area/gifted/ge_fund/gef/osalp.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/curriculum-area/gifted/ge_fund/gef/osalp.html</a></p>  <p>Please complete the application form and send it by post <u>on or before 15 April 2021</u> (now extended to 30 April) to the following address:</p> <p>CF701 Tang Ping Yuan Building The Hong Kong Polytechnic University 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon (Attn: Ms Tracy LUO Xin)</p>

<p>Documents to be Submitted along with the Application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form (please complete part IV student's self-introduction in no more than 500 words in English);</li> <li>• Curriculum Vitae consisting of a summary of relevant qualifications, activities and achievements;</li> <li>• Certificate(s) in selection and/or participation in olympiad or other relevant local and international competitions; and</li> <li>• Certificate(s) of any participation/completion of gifted talent programme.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please also email the programme provider (<a href="mailto:tracyxin.luo@polyu.edu.hk">tracyxin.luo@polyu.edu.hk</a>) the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a short self-introduction extracted from part IV of the application form; and</li> <li>- a list of documents that have been sent by post along with the application form.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p>Date of Announcement of Result</p>	<p>By May 2021 (tentative)</p>