

Gifted Education Fund: Off-school Advanced Learning Programmes

Programme No. 2021-12 (For secondary students)

Title of Programme	Multilingual Communication Training and Cross-cultural Communication Course for Future Leaders
Programme Provider	Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Supporting organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of English and Communication, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University• The HK PolyU-PKU Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University• The Linguistic Society of Hong Kong• Centre for Translation Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University• Research Centre for Professional Communication in English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University• International Research Centre for the Advancement of Healthcare Communication, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University))
Theme	Humanities and Social Science Research Programme
Maximum No. of Participants and Class Level in the 2021/22 School Year	30 students (Secondary 1-5)
Pre-requisite	Applicants should have a good command of the English language.
Programme Delivery Period	From June 2022 to April 2023 (11 months) (tentative)
Medium of Instruction	Course Material: English Class teaching/ Discussion: English
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the knowledge and skills of gifted students in areas of language sciences, including linguistics, language and culture, communication theories, sociolinguistics and translation studies;• To strengthen the ability of students in the use and interpretation of language with good communicative sense about the norm-variation in cross-cultural exchanges; and• To nurture positive values and attitudes among students for better understanding and appreciation of diversified values from people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, and realisation of the importance of teamwork and empathy.
Programme Outline*	This programme aims to enhance gifted students' knowledge and

	<p>skills in language sciences, and strengthen their ability in communications and cross-cultural exchanges. The students will also develop positive values and attitudes related to inclusive core values, teamwork, empathy, etc. that are useful for personal growth and becoming future leaders one day. The programme consists of four phases.</p> <p>Phase I: General Introduction to Linguistics (18 hours in total; 9 sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wide range of topics related to linguistics such as phonology and phonetics, lexical semantics, language structure, translation and interpreting is introduced in this phase. A mentor will be assigned to guide and support each student throughout the programme. Each student will share a short essay on a topic in class and submit an assignment by the end of this phase. <p>Phase II: Advanced topics in cross-cultural communication and multilingualism (16 hours in total; 8 sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn about multilingualism and cross-cultural communication and topics such as language contact, multi-lingual dictionaries, accents and accents reduction and communication disorder. Each student will share a short essay on a topic and submit an assignment by the end of this phase. <p>Phase III: Thematic workshops (18 hours in total; 9 sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level and moderate-level workshops are available to cater for learners of different needs. Students will be divided into 2 groups according to their performance in Phases 1 and 2, and be assigned to the workshops that best suit their abilities. The workshops will deal with various topics related to multilingualism and cross-cultural communication such as language and social media, machine translation, and corporate communication. By the end of this phase, each student will conduct further research and submit a 1000-word report on one of the topics of the attended workshops. <p>Phase IV: Student conference (one day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will present their research results at a one-day student conference at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in late April 2023 (tentative). Parents, instructors, mentors and other guests will attend the conference. <p>* In view of the latest development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the programme provider may need to modify the learning and teaching activities as a contingency.</p>
Admission Fee	Free of charge
Application Method	Application form can be downloaded from the following webpage:

	<p>https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/curriculum-area/gifted/ge_fund/gef/programme/current.html</p>  <p>Please complete the application form and send it by post <u>on or before 16 May 2022</u> to the following address:</p> <p>EF406 Chan Sui Wai Building The Hong Kong Polytechnic University 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon (Attn: Ms Karen HO)</p>
Documents to be Submitted along with the Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form (please complete the section of Student's Self-introduction in no more than 500 words in English); • Curriculum Vitae consisting of a summary of relevant qualifications, activities and achievements; • Certificate(s) in selection and/or participation in Olympiad events/ other relevant local and international competitions; and • Certificate(s) of any participation/ completion of gifted/ talent programme.
Enquiry	<p>Ms Karen HO (Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)</p> <p>Tel No.: 2766 7466 Email: karen-yl.ho@polyu.edu.hk</p>
Date of Announcement of Result	By early June 2022 (tentative)