

The Establishment of HKUST COVID-19 Student Hardship Relief Fund

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Dear Members of HKUST,

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, our life has been greatly affected at multiple fronts, with some of our students having financial hardship as a result of salary cuts or job losses of their family members.

To support students who have financial difficulties, HKUST has been offering tuition deferment, financial aids and bursaries under our regular budget framework as well as the University's Alumni Endowment Fund. The Student Emergency Fund has also been lending a helping hand to students in need.

In order to provide a timely and more targeted relief to those students who are in financial hardship, the University has recently set up a COVID-19 Student Hardship Relief Fund to offer immediate help. As an initial step, I have committed to donating my entire April salary to this fund, and am taking this opportunity to call for generous support and contribution from our employee colleagues, alumni and supporters.

For those who are able to contribute through payroll giving, please fill out the [pdf form](#) as your signature is required. For direct donation, please use the [online form](#). Your generous support will be eligible for tax deductions.

If you have any questions related to salary donation and tax arrangements, please contact Biddy Lee, Assistant Finance Manager via 2358-5785 or fobiddy@ust.hk; or Tora Lam, Assistant Finance Manager via 2358-6410 or fotora@ust.hk. For inquiries related to direct donation, you can reach out to Karina Wong, Manager (Development) via 3469-2543 or karinawong@ust.hk.

Thank you very much for your generosity in advance. Only through our concerted efforts in helping those in need will we be able to overcome the challenges ahead together.

In the meantime, stay well and healthy.

Sincerely,
Wei SHYY
President