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HKU Special Principal's Nomination Scheme for Young Scientist Scheme (HKU SPN for YSS) in 6901 BSc Programme Opening the Door of Early Research Experiences to Talented Science Students

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The Young Scientist Scheme (YSS) within the 6901 BSc Programme was launched in 2016-17 to provide outstanding undergraduate students with ample early research experiences. 27 students were admitted to YSS, among which 17 were from JUPAS with a score of 31 or above for their best 5 HKDSE subjects.

With the success of the first year of YSS, and in order not to leave out those exceptionally talented science students who do not perform equally strong in non-science subjects, HKU Faculty of Science has set up a new HKU Special Principal's Nomination Scheme for YSS (HKU SPN for YSS, "The Scheme") in 6901 BSc Programme in the coming academic year 2017-18. This Scheme is separate from the JUPAS School Principal's Nominations (JUPAS SPN) and nomination to YSS would not be counted towards the JUPAS SPN quota.

School Principals are invited to nominate their talented science students to the Scheme. Nominees would be interviewed and conditional offers to YSS would be made by the end of June and before the announcement of the HKDSE results. A student with a conditional offer for admission to YSS under this Scheme will be admitted to YSS provided that he/she has put BSc 6901 as one of his/her Band A JUPAS choices in the final programme reprioritization, is admitted to BSc 6901, has obtained 5** in two or more 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 2017 HKDSE.

Meanwhile, same as last year, other JUPAS students admitted to BSc 6901 with a total score of 31 or above in their best 5 HKDSE subjects (Category A subjects and M1/M2) will continue to be admitted to YSS automatically, while Non-JUPAS applicants will be invited to enroll in YSS individually.

Students admitted to YSS are guaranteed with the following opportunities:

- **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 an **Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF)** in a foreign institution in a subsequent year
- **International exchange, visiting or summer study** at a renowned overseas university
- Attendance to an **international scientific conference** on frontier research
- Guidance from a **research mentor** individually from the start of the undergraduate study
- Enrolment in **Frontiers of Science Honours Seminar** to learn how our award-winning professors solve their research problems

- **An entrance scholarship** ranging from HKD 15,000 to HKD40,000#
- **Stipends** for research activities

Scholarship for Non-JUPAS students are considered on a case-by-case basis.

An information talk on 6901 Bachelor of Science Programme and an Information Session on Young Scientist Scheme (YSS) – Pathway to Research were held today (May 16, 2017) to provide more information to prospective students. Photos of the information sessions can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://www.scifac.hku.hk/news/media?page=1>

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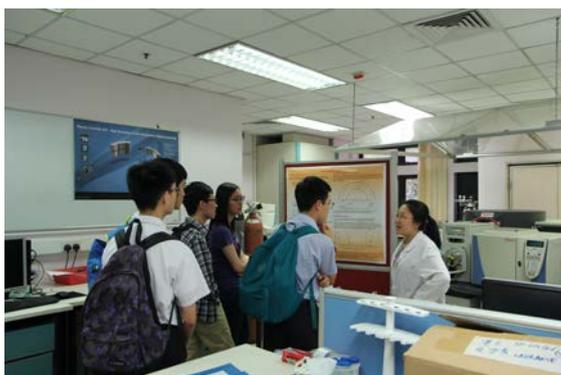
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1a. & 1b. Admissions Director of HKU Faculty of Science Professor Cheung Wing Sum introducing the Young Scientist Scheme (YSS) to prospective students.



2a. & 2b. Our distinguished scientist Professor Vivian Yam talking about the contemporary cutting-edge research in the Department of Chemistry during the YSS Pathway to Research Information Session.



3. Secondary school students touring around campus to learn more about our facilities and environment.