

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY
Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences

Father Lerda Scholarship 2025/2026

CALL FOR APPLICATION NOW!!!

Thanks to the kind donation of Mrs. Esther Ribeiro de Sousa, a Scholarship has been set up in the name of Fr Lerda, former President of Caritas-Hong Kong, to award students in sub-degree social work programmes who have achieved excellent academic results and have demonstrated determination to become a committed social worker. Details of the Scholarship are as follows:

1. Eligibility:

Students of **Higher Diploma in Social Work (Full-time Year 2, Part-time Year 2 or year 3)** who are currently studying in SFU with annual GPA scores of at least **3.1 or above** for the academic year 2024-25.

Holders of the **Outstanding Student Award of Self-financing Post-secondary Scholarship Scheme (2025-26)** are not eligible for this scholarship.

2. Amount:

The amount of award for full-time students will be HK\$7,500 while that for part-time students will be HK\$4,000.

3. Number of Beneficiaries:

The number of scholarships awarded would be subject to the amount of interest accrued each year.

4. Application Procedure:

Students have to fill in an application form and self-reflection report in soft-copy, and submit to Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences before the specified deadline.

5. Selection:

5.1 Selection Criteria

Students will be selected according to their GPA scores and the level of commitment to social work as demonstrated in participation in related activities in the University and community. Candidates who have financial difficulties will be given higher priority when GPA scores are the same and level of commitment considered similar.

5.2 Selection Procedure

A panel consists of the Director of Caritas Social Work Services, University President and Dean or Associate Dean of the School or their designates would be formed to do the selection. Candidates may be required to attend an interview to present their cases.

6. Schedule

- 6.1 All forms (soft copies) should reach School of Social Sciences (sss@sfu.edu.hk) on or before **11:59pm, 30th April 2026**.
- 6.2 Result will be announced in August 2026.

7. Obligation of the Awarded Students:

Award holders are required to declare that they would work in related fields or perform volunteer work for **TWO years**.

8. Use of Information:

Apart from supporting the application for the Scholarship, the information provided by the applicants may be used for the promotional activities of the School or the University.

Enquiry:

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