

## Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong

### University Student Sponsorship Programme in Wildlife Conservation 2018-19

University Student Sponsorship Programme in Wildlife Conservation (USSP) is a programme organised by Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong (OPCFHK) that sponsors Hong Kong university students to participate in field conservation research and community of neighbouring Asian countries.

#### Objectives

- To encourage our next generations to consider a career in conservation by experiencing a real-life conservation work in the field
- To increase the understanding and concern of Hong Kong university students in local conservation-related issues

#### Programme highlights

If you join the programme, you will

- Join a local research team in an Asian country for 10 to 14 days and contribute to local conservation efforts
- Have the chance to meet some of the world's most endangered animals
- Design and implement your own conservation campaign in Hong Kong to contribute to local conservation efforts – you can make a difference too!
- Meet local conservationists and fellow university students for knowledge exchange
- Join local wildlife expenditures to learn more about Hong Kong wildlife and conservation issues

#### Programme schedule

Date	Time*	Activity
<b>27 Oct 2018</b> (Sat)	09:00 – 13:00	<b>Orientation and briefing</b>
<b>17 Nov 2018</b> (Sat) backup date in case of poor weather: 1 Dec 2018 (Sat)	08:00 – 12:00	<b>Local field trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birds in Long Valley</li></ul> AND/OR
<b>13 Apr 2019</b> (Sat) backup date in case of poor weather: 27 Apr 2018 (Sat)	19:30 – 22:30	Amphibians and reptiles in Tai Mo Shan/Tai Po Kau/Sha Lo Tung/Long Valley
Two weeks before field trip	Around 1.5 hour	Before trip briefing
Dec 2018 to Feb 2019 OR May to Jun 2019	10 to 14 days	10 – 14 days conservation field trip to an Asian country
Two weeks after field trip	Around 1.5 hour	After trip presentation
<b>13 Jan 2019</b> (Sun)	14:00 – 17:00	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration cum Alumni Gathering</b>
Jan to Sep 2019	--	Conservation project
<b>28 Sep 2019</b> (Sat)	09:00 – 13:00	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>

\*The proposed time of the activities might have slight adjustments.

Bold text – important dates to mark down on your schedule

## Programme requirements

- Prepare and complete a field trip with your team members to conduct conservation research and community work in an Asian country for 10 to 14 days
- Participate in 70% of the programme activities and attend at least one field trip, unless with reasonable justification
- Design and complete a Conservation Project with your team members under our instructions, with submission of a short proposal and report, suggested forms (but not limited to):

- Workshop
- Eco-tour
- Exhibition
- Investigative project
- Sharing
- University promotional booths
- Video production
- Infographic production

Students are highly encouraged to design an innovative and creative activity for their project.

- Complete all assignments, including:
  - One Facebook photo album with bilingual captions and five Facebook bilingual live updates during the trip per team
  - Photos and videos taken during the trip
  - Bilingual group summary report
  - Individual reflection (max. 2 pages, Chinese or English)
  - Financial budget and report

The refund of the expenses for the field trip and conservation community project would only be processed if the performance is satisfactory.

Student groups with the best performance will receive prizes at the end of the programme!



## Project list of USSP1819

Project Code	Uni	Species	Location	Project Name	Possible Task	Period
BIRD	CityU, OUHK, LingU	Bali starling	Bali, Indonesia	Local community collaboration for the successful conservation of the Bali starling	Released population and community monitoring, community education work	Dec 2018 to Jan 2019 or May to Jun 2019
FROG	HKU, HKBU	Boulenger's spiny frog	Sichuan, China	Impact of climate change on the habitat connectivity and morphological traits of <i>Rana boulengeri</i>	Stream population survey and specimen measurement to investigate the effect of climate change	May to Jun 2019
DUG	CUHK, LingU	Dugong	Palawan, Philippines	Community-Driven Monitoring and Conservation of Palawan's Threatened Dugongs	Population monitoring and seagrass habitat assessment	May to Jun 2019
PANDA	CUHK	Giant panda	China	Study on sustainable grazing and management policy of giant panda's habitat	Population survey, community work, interview with local citizens	May to Jun 2019
CETA 1	EdUHK, OUHK	Multiple species of cetaceans	Penang, Malaysia	Ecological studies on cetaceans with a focus on the Irrawaddy dolphin around Penang island	Population survey, photo-identification studies and analysis	May to Jun 2019
CETA 2	CUHK, HKBU	Multiple species of cetaceans	Luzon and Visayas Island, Philippines	Cetacean Health and Stranding Response Program: a One Health Initiative in the Philippines	Marine mammal stranding response, sample collection, population survey, education campaign	Apr to Jun 2019
FELID	HKUST, CityU	Multiple species of felids	Laos	China-Laos cross-border protection on Felidae and biodiversity	Population survey and market survey	Dec 2018 to Jan 2019
SNOW	HKU, HKBU	Snow leopard	Qinghai, China	Identification of key protection area for snow leopards in Sanjiangyuan under climate change	Collect data from infra-red triggered cameras in the field, field surveys, laboratory works, community education work	May to Jun 2019
SNAIL	HKUST, EdUHK	Vietnamese giant land snail	Vietnam	Population, habitats and conservation of the critical endangered Vietnamese giant land snail: Research and local capacity building	Population survey, measurement of environmental parameters and specimens	Dec 2018
YFP 1	HKUST, CityU, LingU	Yangtze finless porpoise	Zhenjiang, China	Summarizing experience and promotion of Yangtze finless porpoise wild population recovery in Dongting Lake	Population monitoring	Dec 2018 to Jan 2019
YFP 2	HKU, EdUHK, OUHK	Yangtze finless porpoise	Hubei, China	Monitoring and welfare assessment of captive Yangtze finless porpoise pregnancy and postnatal care	Monitoring of population in lakes, participate in net caging in reserve	May to Jun 2019
<b>Project with special requirements:</b>						
FISH	NA	Small eye golden-line fish	Guangxi, China	Distribution and threatened status re-evaluation of <i>Sinocyclocheilus microphthalmus</i> , a cavefish endangered and endemic to China	Experienced in climbing and stream trekking Good mentality towards cave surveys	Late Dec 2018 or Apr 2019
TURT	NA	Green turtle	Malaysia and Philippines	Understanding impacts of climate change on at-sea populations of green sea turtles in Malaysia and the Philippines	Extremely good swimmer Snorkeling and scuba diving experience	Dec 2018

## Application method

Please put (1) your comprehensive **resume** AND (2) a copy of your **unofficial transcript** into **ONE WORD FILE** and return together with (3) your completed **application form** to the email listed in the application form no later than **23:59, September 30, 2018 (Sun)**. You are recommended to join our **Information Session** on **September 22, 2018 (Sat)** to learn more about the background of the programme and the details and criteria of each research projects available this year!

12 – 30 Sep 2018	Application period
<b>22 Sep 2018</b>	<b>Information session</b> 10:00 – 12:30 @LT-12, Yeung Kin Ming Acad. Bld, City University of Hong Kong
30 Sep 2018 23:59	Application deadline
13-14 Oct 2018	Interview sessions*
19 Oct 2018	Result announcement

\*The interview is compulsory for all selected applicants.

Applicants would be selected for interview base on the information they provided in their application forms, studying programme, and related experiences. Time of the interview would be arranged by OPCFHK and it will last for about an hour. Selected applicants would be notified through email, so please check your provided email often to make sure you do not miss our announcement!

After interviews, successful applicants would be selected based on their demonstrated passion and vision for conservation, critical thinking, problem-solving, and presentation and communication skills.

Marks will be deducted for late submissions.

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