

Report of the Standing Committee on Patrick Yu Memorial Scholarship 2021

1. The Patrick Yu Memorial Scholarship is a newly established scholarship. Its object is to encourage candidates of high calibre, who have been qualified to practise as a barrister in Hong Kong for a period of 5 years or less to practise in criminal work or to join criminal practice. The award to the recipient (named a Patrick Yu Scholar), is to enable him or her to participate as counsel in criminal trials or appeals in Hong Kong for a legally-aided defendant together with and under the guidance of a more senior counsel.
2. The Committee is chaired by the Honourable Madam Justice Susan Kwan VP, and its members include the Honourable Mr Justice Patrick Chan NPJ, Ms Dominica Yu Yang, Mr Mok Yeuk Chi, Mr Tony Li, Mr Jeffrey Tam and myself (*ex officio*).
3. This is the first year that this Scholarship is open for applications. According to the rules, applications must be submitted to the Bar Secretariat on or before 30 September of a calendar year. The Secretariat has received a total of 21 applications this year. The Bar Council has decided that for 2021, not more than 5 Scholarship awards shall be made, subject to the limit of \$200,000 for each award without prejudice to any legal fees which the Legal Aid Department may see fit to pay to the Scholar.
4. The Committee will be interviewing selected applicants in due course, which is presently scheduled to take place in February 2022.

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Scholarship

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