



The Chinese University of Hong Kong



**INTERNATIONAL WORLD'S CHALLENGE CHALLENGE
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Introduction

Global Issues such as poverty, food security, public health, inequality and environmental degradation are the product of global relations in which we as global citizens bear some responsibility. The World's Challenge Challenge organized by Western University, Canada encourages young minds from different disciplines to address a global issue, offering solutions to implement in partnership with communities. It strives to bring together individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence and lead in the international community: to create global citizens who think creatively, and critically, about significant issues that affect us all. ⁱ

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is invited to nominate a team comprising of three students to the International World's Challenge Challenge 2019. Student teams should consider the [Global Goals](#) as part of their presentation.

The 17 Global Goals: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by world leaders at an historic UN Summit came into force on 1 January 2016. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

The SDGs call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection. ⁱⁱ

The University encourages members of the CUHK community, including the Colleges, academic departments as well as students to initiate and engage in activities that would support the understanding of and address the goals.

Activities/programmes should align with at least one of the SDGs. They include:



(Source: [United Nation](#))

1. To end **poverty** in all its forms everywhere
2. To end **hunger**, achieve **food security** and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. To ensure **healthy** lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. To ensure inclusive and equitable quality **education** and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. To achieve **gender equality** and **empower all women** and girls
6. To ensure availability and sustainable management of **water and sanitation** for all
7. To ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern **energy** for all
8. To promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable **economic growth**, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. To build resilient **infrastructure**, promote inclusive and sustainable **industrialization** and foster innovation
10. To reduce **inequality** within and among countries
11. To make **cities** and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. To ensure **sustainable consumption and production** patterns
13. To take urgent action to combat **climate change** and its impacts
14. To conserve and sustainably use the **oceans**, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. To protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage **forests**, combat **desertification**, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt **biodiversity** loss
16. To promote **peaceful** and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to **justice** for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. To strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global **partnership** for sustainable development

Funding Scheme

To support link-building and collaborations between the CUHK community and non-governmental sectors, the Global Policy Impact and Social Mission (GPISM) Subgroup is tasked with facilitating this education mission and works closely with different units within the University to strengthen and coordinate efforts in students' involvement in global social programmes. The University will support a team of three CUHK students participating in the International World Challenge Challenge 2019. The selected team will be supported the cost of air fare for travel between Hong Kong and London, Canada (capped at HK\$9,000 and only Economy Class is accepted for reimbursement). Students will be responsible for the sum of HK\$500, and the rest will be reimbursed upon submission of i) a written report; ii) a group video report; and iii) a reimbursement report.

For further details, please refer to <http://www.worldschallengechallenge.com/> or [GPISM website](#). Applications are now open until **12:00 noon on 25 February 2019**.

General Principle

1. Student teams will need to submit an application with a synopsis of their chosen issue or problem which should fall within at least one of the 17 Goals, and how they propose to address it. Please refer to Western's "[Instructions for participants 2018](#)" for reference.
2. A 3-minute video presentation will be required to submit with the application form.
3. Teams should present their unique solution to a global problem.
4. Selected team should attend the International World's Challenge Challenge 2019 at Western University on 2-7 June 2019.
5. A written report, a group video report, and the reimbursement report should be submitted within one month after the event. Otherwise, no reimbursement will be made.

Eligibility

1. All CUHK full-time students from all disciplines. Applicants should be registered students at CUHK during the time of the programme activity.
2. Each team must comprise of three students, preferably from at least two different disciplines.

Application Procedures

1. Applicants should complete the application form (downloadable from <http://www.gpism.cuhk.edu.hk/calling-for-application>) and submit a 3-minute video presentation.
2. Applications should be submitted by **12:00 noon on 25 February 2019** via mail to the Office of Academic Links to the attention of Ms. Cora Chan (i-Centre, 1/F Yasumoto International Academic Park) or email corachan@cuhk.edu.hk.
3. Applicants might be called for an interview and presentation in early March 2019. A second round of presentation will be required, if applicable.

Disbursement of Funding

1. The funding will only be disbursed after the submission of the completed reimbursement report, a written report and a group video report within one month after the event. Otherwise, no reimbursement will be made.
2. The original of official receipts for all expenditure items are required.

Enquiries

For enquiries about the Programme, please contact Ms. Cora Chan, Office of Academic Links, on 3943 1125 or at corachan@cuhk.edu.hk, or visit <http://www.gpism.cuhk.edu.hk/>.

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