

Enhancement and Start-up Grant Scheme for Self-financing Post-secondary Education (ESGS)

Summary of Approved Project

Part A – Basic Information	
Project Title:	Development of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Forensic and Investigative Psychology Degree Programme
Institution:	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Approved Grant (in million):	14.6
Round of applications:	2023/24
Designated Project Period:	September 2025 to August 2029
Title of Programme(s) to be launched:	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Forensic and Investigative Psychology
Part B – Project Summary	
<p>Hong Kong Shue Yan University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Forensic and Investigative Psychology (BSSc-FIP) with effect from September 2025. The proposed programme is the first of its kind in Hong Kong exploring the various psychological factors behind different criminal behaviours, studying the psychological profiles and needs of different types of offenders, understanding the impact of offending behaviours on victims and society and rendering evidence-based suggestions on crime prevention and offender rehabilitation. The proposed programme not only provides training on a wide range of subjects related to forensic and investigative psychology, through inviting experts with rich experience in working with the criminal justice system and conducting research in related fields to give guest lectures and conduct workshops and arranging students to visit and attach to related organisations, it helps students to further understand how forensic and investigative psychology is applied in society and connect to related professionals for seeking advice on their learning and future career development.</p> <p>Students can seek employment within the criminal justice system upon graduation, e.g. disciplined services, agencies providing rehabilitation services to ex-prisoners, organisations rendering support to victims and private companies who are involved in the prevention of fraud and related crimes. Graduates of the proposed programme can also register as a member of the Hong Kong Psychological Society and become qualified for enrolling in various Master’s degree programmes in psychology. The ESGS approved grant will be used for recruiting full-time faculty staff responsible for operating the proposed programme including teaching, conducting research and carrying out administrative duties and procuring equipment such as cyber forensic tools that would enrich students’ learning regarding the psychology of cybercrime and related subjects.</p>	

Part C – Contact Details	
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Note: The details of the approved project are provided by the institution. The operation of the relevant programme(s) is(are) subject to the applicable legal and accreditation requirement(s).