“The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation enables deserving students to pursue a world-class education at U of T. Over the past quarter century, it has made a transformative impact—in the lives of many of our best and brightest young scholars and in the communities where they go on to live and work. Today the Foundation is at the heart of one of U of T’s most important international partnerships, and we are delighted to salute its visionary leaders and supporters.”

Meric Gertler, President, University of Toronto
For a quarter century, the University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation has offered one of U of T’s most generous and prestigious scholarships to talented Hong Kong students in need, helping them achieve their dreams at a world-class university.

Hong Kong and the University of Toronto share deep and lasting ties that stretch back to the 19th century when U of T scholars first came to work and live in China. Our communities have since shared ideas, a global vision, and a wealth of academic talent.

It was this spirit of collaboration that, in 1995, inspired a group of Hong Kong-based U of T alumni and friends to create the University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation. Their goal was to ensure that Hong Kong’s most promising students could receive scholarships that enabled them to embark on a lifelong journey beginning at the University of Toronto, a top-ranked institution with a cosmopolitan outlook that mirrors that of our alumni and donors in Hong Kong. As U of T alumni, the founders wanted these students to receive the same unparalleled education and transformative university experience they enjoyed.

Since then, through the generosity of a community of dedicated donors, the U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation has changed the lives of more than 80 truly remarkable scholars, opening doors to opportunities they once thought beyond their reach. The Foundation’s legacy over the past quarter century speaks for itself. Today, the Hong Kong Foundation scholars live and work in 15 countries including Canada, the United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa, and China.

These remarkable alumni excel across a range of professions as market analysts, pediatric researchers, public prosecutors, programmers, investment associates, city planners, government economists and more.

Many have returned to Hong Kong, reinvesting their skills and talents as leaders in business and in the communities that nurtured them. They bring with them a sense of curiosity and civic-mindedness, inspired by their experience at a global university located in the heart of one of the world’s most diverse cities.

None of this would be possible without the alumni and friends who so generously support the U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation’s work and its founding mission. Your dedication helps these students every step of the way, from their arrival in Toronto to that proud day when they receive their hard-earned degrees. Your generosity enriches our communities in Canada and Hong Kong by providing talented students with an opportunity to transform their societies with an unparalleled education.

As we celebrate our 25th year, we look forward to another quarter century of awarding deserving students the experience of a lifetime at one of the world’s great academic institutions: the University of Toronto.
Our Dedicated Leadership

From founding patrons to chairs, board members, donors and other supporters, the U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation has benefitted from experienced leadership and widespread support right from the start.

The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation began in October 1995, the brainchild of a dedicated group of U of T friends and alumni in Hong Kong who understood the power and prestige of a U of T education, as well as the financial barriers that can prevent promising students from pursuing their dreams.

The Foundation awarded its first-ever scholarship to Noel Fung Yi Tsang in 1996, and since then it has helped more than 80 scholars reap the benefits of a global education at the University of Toronto. This legacy can be traced back to founding patrons the late Dr. Stanley Ho and the late Dr. Cheng Yu-tung, two widely respected figures who championed the Foundation’s cause across Hong Kong and drew widespread support.

The U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation has flourished under the leadership of three accomplished chairs who have worked to help the Foundation thrive over the 25 years as leaders, mentors and donors: The Honourable Dame Dr. Rosanna Wong Yick-ming, JP (MSW 1979, Hon. LLD 1999) chair, 1995-1998; Dr. Patrick Y.B. Fung, JP (BAsc 1971, MBA 1973, Hon. LLD 2005) chair, 1998-2008; and our current chair Ms. Daisy Ho (MBA 1990) chair, 2008-present.

The Foundation has also received invaluable guidance and support from our governors: William Doo (BSc 1968 NEW), Patti Ho, Ang Keng-lam (MBA 1975), Lee Lau (BAsc 1977, MEng 1982), Dr. Edwin Leong (MSc 1974), Rita Liu, Kenneth Lo, and Prof. Evelyn Man (PhD 1997). Without their generosity and leadership, as well as the dedication of so many others who have helped students open doors to greater opportunity at the University of Toronto, the Foundation would not be where it is today.
“I know first-hand the value of a University of Toronto education, how it builds confidence and broadens your perspective on the world. In meeting U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation scholars over the years, I can see not only how important this scholarship is for the students themselves, but also for the people, businesses and societies they lead and inspire each and every day, whether in Hong Kong or around the globe.”

Daisy Ho (MBA 1990)
Chair, U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation
An Opportunity Like No Other

The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation Scholars are selected each year from many applicants in need, an exceptional group who stands out not only for their academic success but their sense of curiosity and global outlook.

The U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation scholarships provide talented students in need a unique opportunity to live abroad at a renowned global university—one they could not otherwise afford—and their experience at U of T spurs them to new academic and professional heights. Hong Kong Foundation scholars study a range of subjects, from economics to medicine to science, law, mathematics and the humanities. Close to 60 per cent of them have gone on to pursue postgraduate degrees.

Located in one of the world’s most liveable and diverse cities, the University of Toronto is consistently ranked among the top 10 publicly funded universities in the world, and among the top 25 overall. The University’s excellence in research, teaching and innovation is recognised across a wide range of disciplines, with U of T ranked top five in the world for research output. U of T is also a leader among North American universities for research-based startups, inventions and licenses and options. The University’s remarkable alumni community numbering more than half a million people, includes prime ministers, Olympic athletes, Academy Award winners, astronauts and our many successful Foundation scholars around the world.
“Thanks to the culturally diverse experience at U of T and the atmosphere there, I am well-equipped for the challenges I face daily at work, where a global mindset, confidence and creativity are essential. The University of Toronto is the best school in Canada, and the scholarship helped me cover all my tuition. It was a gift that brings a life-changing impact.”

Cindy Yip, Cognitive Science, Dr. Cheng Yu-tung Scholar 2002

“There are so many learning opportunities and freedom from stereotypes and physical limitations. Startups, career fairs and workshops give us an overview of the business world and the requirements for being a professional engineer. I met a lot of inspiring professors and classmates. From them, I learned how to prepare for the future. I would say that the scholarship made my dream come true.”

Nicholas Yip, Mechanical Engineering, Foundation Scholar 2013

“The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation Scholarship opens up endless opportunities — involvement in student clubs and diverse causes, meeting scholars from all over the world, working with world-renowned professors. It’s definitely life-changing. I couldn’t have enjoyed all these advantages without the scholarship.”

Natasha Ho, Psychology, Foundation Scholar 2012
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As the U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation celebrates this historic milestone, it continues to be a beacon of excellence. Under the leadership of its board and with the support of generous donors, the University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation is set to continue to give bright students a chance to attend one of the world’s great universities for many years to come.

And interest in the Foundation’s work is growing. The recent HK Match campaign, in which Daisy and her brother Lawrence Ho (BA 1999 VIC) match gifts to support the Foundation, was met with overwhelming enthusiasm. The campaign will ensure talented students get a chance to go to U of T regardless of their financial circumstances.

The Foundation is also strengthening the ties between the University of Toronto and the Hong Kong community, home to one of the oldest and largest U of T alumni populations outside of Canada. U of T’s innovative research programs, its expertise across a wide range of fields, and its teaching excellence will equip another generation of scholars with the knowledge they will need to better their communities around the world—including Hong Kong.

It is this global vision that unites the Foundation and its supporters, one that will continue to bear fruit in the years and decades ahead as we continue to transform lives together—both our scholars and the many people who benefit from their leadership and education around the world.
Thank you

“On behalf of the University of Toronto, I wish to extend my congratulations to the University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation on its 25th anniversary. The scholarships it provides remain among the most generous and prestigious across the University. This is entirely due to the incredible support from the Foundation’s many donors, as well as the leadership of its committed board and founding patrons. We are grateful to the Foundation for enabling so many talented students to come to U of T, and for helping to build and strengthen the bonds between our two communities.”

Dr. Rose M. Patten, Chancellor, University of Toronto

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