THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

<u>Master of Arts in Digital Learning and Technology</u> <u>Entrance Scholarship Proposal for 2024/25 and onwards</u>

1. Background

Master of Arts in Digital Learning and Technology (MA(DLT)) Entrance Scholarship (the Scholarship) is established with the following objectives:

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2. Quota and Scholarship Amount

An amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to each awardee. The quota for the Scholarship is 5% of the entire cohort in the academic year 2024/25 and onwards, depending on the intake quota for each academic year.

3. Allocation of Awards

The Scholarship will be allocated as follows:

(a) The quota for the Scholarship is 5% of the entire cohort in the academic year 2024/25 and onwards; and

(b) The unused Scholarship fund, if any, will be returned to the MA(DLT) programme account.

4. Provision of the Scholarship

(a) The Scholarship must be used to offset part of the tuition fee of MA(DLT). The Scholarship will be disbursed to the awardees in two equal instalments to cover a part of the tuition fees subject to the completion of two semesters of study respectively.

(b) The awardee is allowed to hold concurrent Scholarship(s) granted by the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), but the total amount of Scholarship(s) received in an academic year must not exceed annual tuition. However, scholarships/awards for outbound learning activities are not counted into the aforesaid ceiling.

5. Eligibility Criteria

The Scholarship is available to both local and non-local full-time students who meet the following criteria:

(i) Meet the admission requirements of the MA(DLT) programme.

(ii) Have submitted an application for the September 2024 intake of the MA(DLT) programme through EdUHK's Online Application System and accepted the admission offer.
(iii) Register for the MA(DLT) programme offered by EdUHK in the September 2024 intake.
(iv) NOT an awardee of the Scholarship for Teachers (Pursuit of Master's Degree Programmes (2024/25)) provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) or the UGC Targeted

Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowship Scheme 2024/25^{#1}.

^{#1} The MA(DLT) Entrance Scholarship will be withdrawn if the recipient is awarded the Scholarship for Teachers (Pursuit of Master's Degree Programmes (2024/25)) or the UGC Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowship Scheme 2024/25.

6. Nomination and Selection

(a) Applicants who fulfil the criteria as stipulated in para.5 item (i) - (iv) and interested in applying for the Scholarship must send an email to madlt@eduhk.hk on or before May 31, 2024. The email should include the following information:

(i) Intention to apply for the Scholarship.

- (ii) Attached documents:
 - CV detailing relevant qualifications or experiences.
 - One recommendation letter completed by an academic staff member from a university or the principal/leader of the applicant's current school/company.

Applicants who meet the above requirements will be considered for the MA(DLT) Entrance Scholarship.

(b) Selection will be based on the following criteria (not in any particular order):

- (i) Applicants' academic performance^{#2}.
- (ii) Performance in and/or contribution to their current school/company.
- (iii) Other relevant criteria as deemed appropriate.

^{#2} The main considerations will be the applicant's GPA in their Bachelor Studies (Cumulative Grade Point Average 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent) and their IELTS band score (Overall band score 6.5 or above).

(c) The Programme Leader will shortlist the potential awardees for the approval of the Head of the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Department.

(d) The MA(DLT) Programme Team will submit the list of nominees to the MA(DLT) Programme Committee and Committee on Scholarships and Prizes for noting.

(e) Once approved by the Head of the C&I Department, a formal email and/or letter notification will be issued to the awardees regarding the Scholarship results. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and decisions made by EdUHK regarding the Scholarship will be final.

(f) The confirmed list of awardees will be submitted to the MA(DLT) Programme Committee and Committee on Scholarships and Prizes for record.

7. Conditions of Award

(a) The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to be a student of the MA(DLT) Programme. The Scholarship will be withdrawn if the awardee does not complete the Programme successfully. The Programme reserves the right to ask the recipient to return their Scholarship funding, either in part or in full.

(b) The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient has committed any unethical and/or undesirable behaviour and/or violated the regulations laid down by EdUHK. The Programme reserves the right to make judgments on undesirable behaviour.

(c) The recipient is required to attend functions related to the Scholarship organised by the Programme/EdUHK.

(d) The Programme reserves the right not to award the Scholarship to any participants and may revise the selection procedures and criteria if deemed necessary.

(e) The Program reserves the right to make the final decision, including determining the number of awardees and the potential cancellation of the Scholarship if no suitable candidates are identified.

8. Resource Implications

The total amount of MA(DLT) Entrance Scholarship for 2024/25 and onward varies depending on the intake quota for each academic year. It will be funded by the MA(DLT) Programme.

9. Handling of Information and Personal Data Supplied in Application (for Regulations and Procedures only)

(a) The personal data provided in this nomination will be used for activities relating to the processing of the nomination for these Scholarship awards and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate the review of the Scholarship.

(b) The personal data provided in the nomination forms will only be disclosed to relevant parties for the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraph above.

(c) The candidates have the right to request the correction of and to request access to the data provided.

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