

Full-fledged Employability Support for Graduating Students

With the pandemic severely disrupting global economies and the job market, planning career paths and securing employment have become increasingly challenging for graduating students in 2020. To support CityU students' job landing in times of unprecedented uncertainties and hardship in view of COVID-19 and to ensure that our graduating students will be well taken care of during these challenging times, Professor Way Kuo, President of the University, has set aside additional HK\$10 Million to support our students in various areas such as professional career coaching for all graduating students; executive mentoring in collaboration with industry partners; and a Career Launch Scheme in which outreach efforts to employers and alumni would be heavily involved to solicit job opportunities for our graduating students. Details of the Scheme are now being worked out with Colleges/Schools and will be announced in due course.

The Career and Leadership Centre (CLC) of Student Development Services, working closely with academic units, is launching a series of special initiatives for enhancing the employability of the graduating students:

1. "One Final-year Student, One Employability Consultant" Scheme

- One-on-one career consultation will be extended to 31 August 2021 for 2020 graduating students
- One-on-one career consultation will be extended to 31 August 2020 for 2019 graduates
- CLC has been proactively reaching out to those **2019 graduates** who are facing challenges on their career launch to provide them with career consultation sessions in a timely manner

2. "Career Month" to be conducted online from May to June 2020

- Close to 20 sessions of Special Seminars "Surfing the Wave of Change" How to look for job opportunities and launch your career via multi-media and networking" are provided to students via their respective academic units
- Job Search Skills Sessions to be delivered by honourable business professionals from different industries to provide insights and tips to succeed in specific career fields
- 30+ Career Preparation Workshops and mock sessions
- 3. Connecting employers with graduating students through an online job search platform

With our conviction and genuine sincerity to support our students, although the road to career launch could be a little bumpy and uncertain during these challenging times, I am confident our students would be well-supported and will thus, eventually succeed.

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