

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

To: Students majoring or minoring in French

**THE DENNIS AND ANNE BEAVER STUDY IN LYON SCHOLARSHIP AND
MENTORSHIP IN FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

1. In the 2007-08 academic year, the Dennis and Anne Beaver Study in Lyon Scholarship was established through the generous donation of the Anne and Dennis Beaver Foundation, Bakersfield, California, for the purpose of supporting students of the University of Hong Kong in their language training programme in France in the summer months.
2. There shall be 1 to 3 scholarships per year of a value determined by relevant costs in effect, and will include round-trip airfare from Hong Kong, tuition fees from the Alliance Française of Lyon, housing, limited rail transport and pocket money.
3. The Scholarship shall be awarded to second year undergraduate students who are majoring or minoring in French. Criteria for award include academic excellence and financial need of the candidates.
4. This award is given in the spirit of cultivating in HKU graduates a sense of responsibility that extends into their professional experience and accomplishments. The scholarship recipients are thus expected to consider offering similar opportunities to HKU undergraduates in the years ahead.
5. Upon their return to HKU, the recipients are expected to mentor fellow students who are contemplating stays in France. Also, they are expected to help build a network of scholarship recipients who can promote French language and culture.

Administrative Arrangements

6. The School of Modern Languages and Cultures is responsible for advertising the Scholarship and inviting students to apply.
7. The Scholarship shall be awarded by a Selection Committee comprised of French teachers from the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, the Head of the School and representatives from the Anne and Dennis Beaver Foundation.

Application procedure and Timetable

8. To be eligible, applicants must currently be enrolled in course FREN2001 (French II.1) and FREN2002 (French II.2); they must also have declared French as their major or minor.
9. Applicants should write an essay in French comprising approximately 600 to 800 words on the following topic: « *La langue française et mon avenir* »
 - In addition to this essay, applicants must provide a short statement written in English describing briefly their family background and resources as well as other information about themselves they may deem relevant.

Note: Both the essay and statement must be typed, double spaced, page numbered and must clearly state the name, student number and contact information of the author on each page. Both documents should be sent under one single file under filename: "lyon_University No." to: Dr D.C. Meyer (dcmeyer@hku.hk). Hardcopies of both documents should also be handed to: Ms Yvonne Yeung, General Office, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, 7/Fl., KK Leung Building.

10. The deadline for submitting applications is: **December 10, 2011**.
11. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Selection Committee in December or early January. The successful recipient(s) will be announced by the end of January at the latest.