

Transport Policy and Planning Scholarship Awardee

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(full-time)



Before I was enrolled in the MATPP program, I had got a degree in architecture and was a postgraduate student of urban planning in HKU. In order to make sure I have more comprehensive knowledge in related fields, and also to enhance my competitiveness in future career, I have chosen to further study transport policy and planning, as the continuum of my experience in planning and design. I was really excited when I was informed that I had been awarded the Transport Policy and Planning Scholarship. But this result was not quite unexpected to me in some sense, since I have kept a very good state in three-year learning process at HKU. However, when I was actually photographed holding the prize certificate in hand, I felt extremely proud and honored. After all, this is the best recognition of my own efforts in an extensive course and dissertation arrangement of the program.

To some extent, I did make an excellent performance in the learning experience in HKU, which is attribute to several key points as follows:

- Well-designed learning plan: A well-designed learning plan at the student era is the beginning of a successful career plan. It helps me clearly know the learning goals and objectives, and helps to stimulate learning enthusiasm and initiative.
- Good cooperation with classmates: For most of the courses, the learning requirements should be accomplished through the team work of several students. Establishing and maintaining a good work relationship with classmates of difference backgrounds and personalities, not only ensure the projects will be finished with a high quality, but also benefit myself a lot.
- Effective communication with teachers: Professors and tutors/supervisors are the best guide for the students. With a proactive and regular exchanges with the teachers, what I have got is absolutely not only the answer to the question that I just asked, but much more.
- Adequate efforts : The devotion of time and efforts is the guarantee of a good academic performance. Plenty of time should be spent on reading, researching and writing. No pains, no gains. (For part-time students, how to well allocate the time between work and study is a quite big challenge.)

Although these are all my own experience, I believe they are also beneficial to other MATPP fellows and future students.