

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very much honored to be selected as the recipient of the Jacobson Prize for Pharmaceutical Sciences for the Academic Year 2019-2020. Your generous award has encouraged me to further pursue my interest in pharmaceutical sciences as a research postgraduate student.

Pharmaceutical sciences is a fascinating area of study to me as it links the basic chemical sciences, pharmacology with clinical pharmacy. During my 4-year undergraduate studies in pharmacy, I have gained deep appreciation of how much effort drug manufacturers and their staff have put in into delivering effective, safe and quality medications for patients through various courses in pharmaceutical sciences and site visits to various pharmaceutical companies. In Year 3, I and my fellow classmates had the invaluable opportunity to visit Europharm Laboratories Ltd. (a PIC/S GMP manufacturer under the Jacobson Pharma Group), where we could enter various sites in a pharmaceutical plant, e.g. production, quality control areas, etc., to see the medications that patients use in front of our very own eyes. We not only had real-life exposure to the knowledge we have learnt during our studies, but also gained great confidence into ensuring that the medications we hand out to patients are of high quality for safe consumption. The knowledge I have learnt has been useful not only in pharmaceutical industry settings but also in community and hospital settings, where patients may ask about the function of excipients or why certain tablets cannot be chewed or crushed.

At the same time, I am actively planning to pursue research postgraduate studies in pharmaceutical sciences either locally or overseas. Firstly, I believe that pharmaceutical research can help to transform the lives of patients and provide better treatment options to diseases that bring a significant impact to patients. Secondly, I would like to perform teaching duties alongside research to nurture the next generation of pharmacists and pharmaceutical experts in Hong Kong. In the past few years, I have engaged in research projects under various professorial staff members in my home Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, to which I have gained exposure to essential research skills including literature review, presentation skills, report writing skills, etc. From the experiences, I have specifically developed an interest in the use of nanoparticles for drug delivery, as they has large potential to improve efficacy and tolerability of current and future therapeutic agents. I am now planning to apply to various renowned universities to pursue after my research postgraduate studies, and the award money would be used to support my application expenses as well as tuition fees/living expenses shall I successfully apply to such universities.

I am grateful for your corporation in recognizing my talent in pharmaceutical sciences. I shall continue to utilize my knowledge to help patients achieve their best health outcome possible. Thank you very much for your continued support and investment in my future.

Best regards,

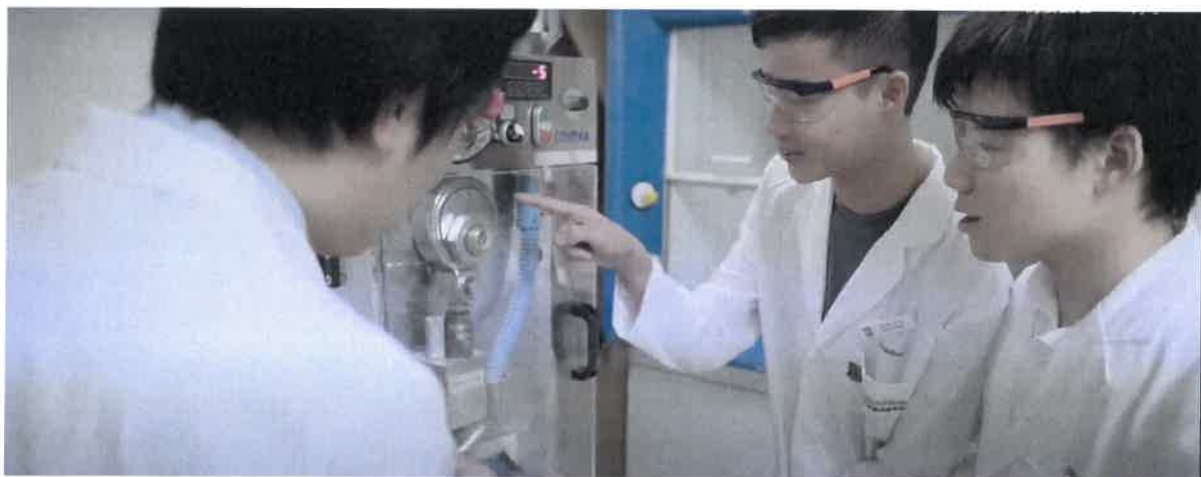
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Chan Ho Wan, Howard

HKU Bachelor of Pharmacy 2020 Graduate



A group photo of myself (third from the left) with my classmates during a visit to the manufacturing facilities of Europharm Laboratories Ltd, owned by the Jacobson Group, in March 2018. The tour is our first visit to a PIC/S GMP manufacturing facility where we get to learn about how drugs are manufactured and packaged. The visit is inspiring in that it reminds us of the importance of quality alongside the efficacy and safety of medications.



A photo of myself (right) with Dr. George Leung (Associate Professor, left) and one of my classmates Mr. Jeff Tam (middle) discussing over the mechanisms of the tableting machine during shooting of HKU BPharm programme promotional video in August 2017.

## Jacobson Prize in Pharmaceutical Science

Dear Donor,

I am very honoured to be a recipient of the 2019/2020 Jacobson Prize in Pharmaceutical Science, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support to BPharm students at the University of Hong Kong.

My goal is to become a clinical researcher and the clinical use of drugs in different formulation is one of my research interests. My further educational pursuits in research would not be possible without generous support from scholarship donors like your organization. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!

I would also like to share with you two of my most memorable moments during the past academic year. Please see the photos attached in page two.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give back to the community.

Regards,

So Wang Leong, Kevin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin So". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**Photo 1: White coat ceremony**

Joining the white coat ceremony as a final year student is unforgettable. It reminds us the Hippocratic Oath and what the white coat means to us before graduation.



**Photo 2: "Super pass rice"**

The pharmacy society is responsible to organise "super pass rice" (勁過飯) every year for all pharmacy students. All participants want to get a good GPA after having the super pass rice together.