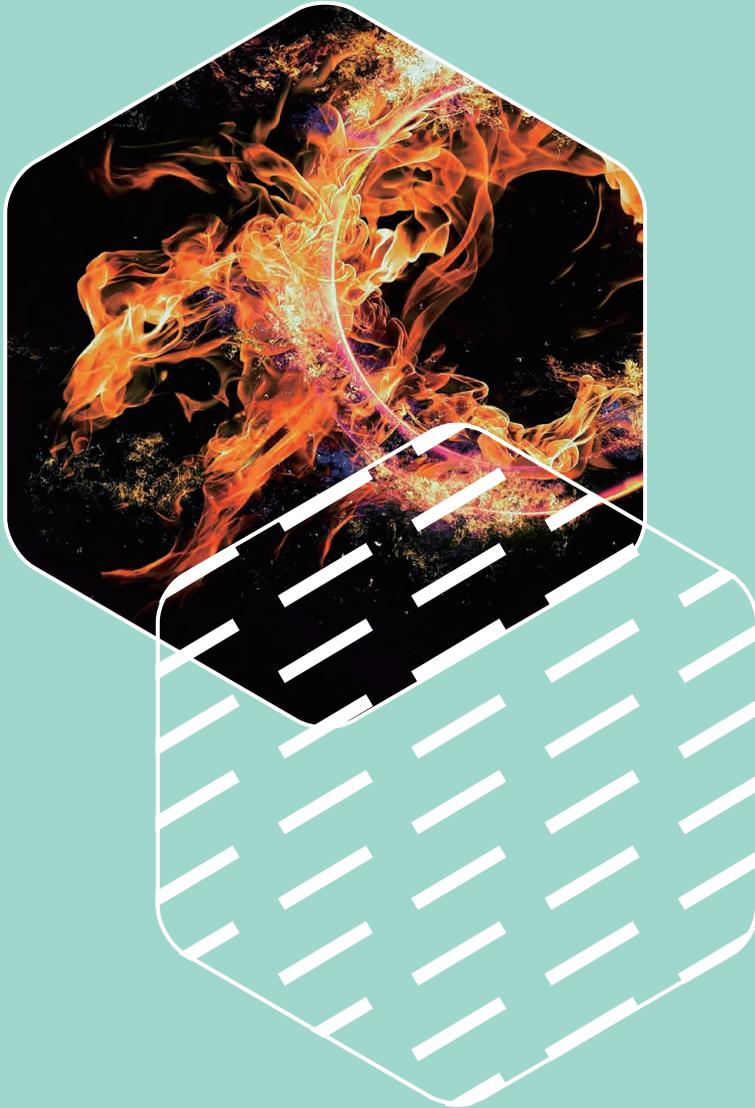




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MENTORSHIP
SCHEME 2022



The Mentorship Scheme 2022 is designed for life sciences and biotech students, aiming to equip them with workplace knowledge and soft skills; as well as the ability to network and make relevant connections.

MENTORS

are industry experts, young entrepreneurs, and senior executives from a wide range of professions in the life sciences industry, including but not limited to:

- _ Consulting
- _ Data Analysis
- _ Healthcare
- _ Investment and Finance
- _ Law and Compliance
- _ NGO
- _ Research & Development
- _ Start-up

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will be able to:

- _ Identify opportunities for career development and further study;
- _ Gain insights of HK & Mainland China's latest biotech developments;
- _ Equip themselves with practical, workplace knowledge;
- _ Learn about the latest I&T trends through visits; and
- _ Build their personal and professional networks.

ELIGIBILITY

- _ The Scheme is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students, aged 18 or above, pursuing a life sciences or related discipline.
- _ Graduates with a non-life sciences background will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



IRENE CHU

Partner, Head of New Economy and Life Sciences, KPMG China

MEET OUR MENTOR

What does your typical day look like?

It will be morning run or light yoga/meditation for 30 minutes, getting kids ready for school, checking my kids' and my own schedules for the day, walking the dog (if I have time or I will walk him in the evening). On my way to work while riding on ferry, I will catch up on global and local news, emails and messages. During the day at work, it will be filled with internal and external meetings, calls and projects. Over the past 14 months, I have been attending online classes so some days I will need to attend classes in the evening from home or in the office.

Who is your favourite entrepreneur who has inspired you?

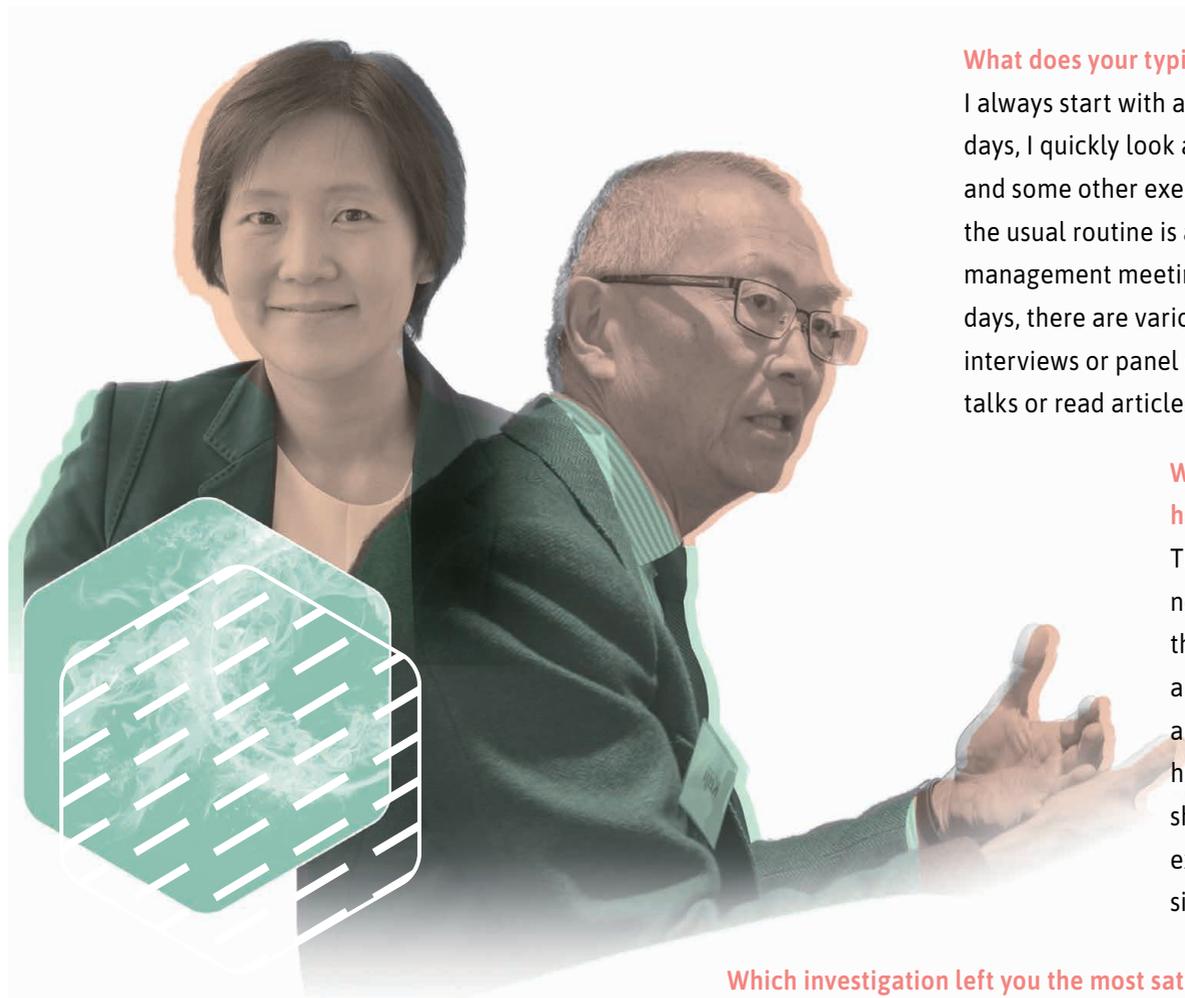
Bill Gates for his contribution to healthcare and drug development through Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

What do life sciences mean to you?

It's about understanding how lives work, how they are made and how we can improve the standard and quality of lives.

Tell us one of the most interesting deals you've involved in the life sciences business?

It's about a Hong Kong biotech startup I have been working with more than 5 years since it was first founded. It has evolved and grown over the years and is now very successful. It focuses on helping people to live a healthier life and with more information and control over their health.



What does your typical day look like?

I always start with a big cup of coffee. Then on most days, I quickly look at emails before going for a run and some other exercises before work. At the office, the usual routine is a combination of emails, management meetings and meeting people. On some days, there are various advisory meetings, media interviews or panel discussions. On quiet days, I work on talks or read articles.

Who is your favourite scientist who has inspired you?

There are so many great scientists but none is a favourite per se. But among them, Leonardo da Vinci stands out as a unique combination of thinker, artist, scientist, engineer and humanist. While many individuals show genius in certain areas, the full expression of human potential in a single individual is rare.

Which investigation left you the most satisfying experience during your tenure in WHO?

Managing the 2009 influenza H1N1 pandemic, completing the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework negotiations, and taking Antimicrobial Resistance Discussions to the United Nations in 2016 were the most satisfying work experiences. But the best life experiences have been the time with my family and leaving college for a year to travel around the world. To provide perspectives, my work experiences were achievements but the life experiences were life changing.

What's your advice to students who are studying life sciences?

Push yourself to be a good person and focus on what is really important rather than bling. The rest will come.

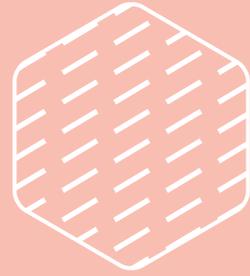
Director, School of Public Health, HKU

KEIJI FUKUDA

MEET OUR ADVISOR

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ASHLEY LAI
Mentee 2021

How changing one's perspective changes everything?

When in times of COVID-19, living with the new normal requires not only a change in perspective, but different levels of adjustment in life. For HKLSS's mentee Ashley Lai, the opportunity to get a mentor out of this challenging time was golden. Although unable to meet her mentor Dr David Liu face-to-face during the mentorship period, the advice and sharing received from him were remarkably useful for her future planning. Whilst going for further education or getting a job was both a feasible choice for Ashley, Dr Liu's personal experience has become some constructive insights for her decision with his help in listing out all the pros and cons. By understanding better the importance of enhancing self-awareness and setting professional goals, she is now more rest assured that a solid academic background in the life sciences field that combines business elements would ensure a flying colour in her future career.



Scan the QR code to read on her story.

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The power of 'In Real Life' experience

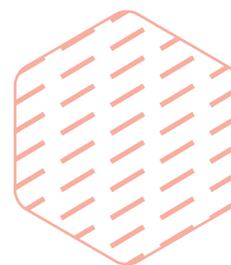
"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade," best describes HKLSS's mentee Edna Au's survival mindset in search of an internship opportunity in times of pandemic. Refused to be defeated by all sorts of impacts due to this urgent global issue, she returned to her origin Hong Kong from the UK where she studied biotechnology at the Imperial College London and embarked on a six-week internship program organised by HKLSS without an ounce of hesitation. While her internship reassured her will in developing her career in the business side of the science world, the mentorship program offered by HKLSS in which her mentor, Ken Wong, the Executive Director of HKLSS reconfirmed the importance of building a network that will serve her future career. Never too late to learn was another golden rule she has learnt from her mentor. "Today, lifelong learning is essential and is particularly applicable in the life sciences world."



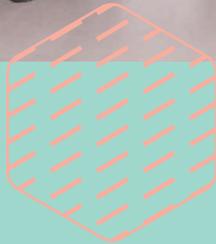
Read Edna's life changing experience via this QR code.



EDNA AU
Mentee 2021



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“ I am appreciative of the time and energy my mentor dedicated to help me make my career choice and solidify my options for the future. ”

JETT OSBORNE
Mentee 2020



“ This scheme provided me a good opportunity to communicate with my peers and mentors who have aspiration and passion in both bioscience and bioindustry. ”



LIKUN WEI
Mentee 2020

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