

# Grollman-Gombo Scholarship

*For a Tibetan student to pursue the Master of Public Health degree*

Stony Brook University (SBU) is pleased to announce the second Arthur Grollman-Ugen Gombo Scholarship, designated for a student from the Tibetan diaspora community to pursue a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree through the SBU Program in Public Health. As previous Tibetan students in the MPH Program have made outstanding contributions to their community and to global health upon their graduation, this new scholarship has been developed to highlight and address the public health needs of the Tibetan community. Recipients of this scholarship are expected to serve the Tibetan community in the future, either academically via research and scholarly contributions or professionally, through practical work in the field, while contributing also to global public health.

In 1990, Arthur P. Grollman, M.D., Distinguished Professor at Stony Brook University, initiated a scholarship program for Tibetan students at SBU in conjunction with a visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Stony Brook University, where His Holiness gave a Presidential lecture and received an honorary SUNY degree. Since its conception, this program has been facilitated through the efforts of Ugen Gombo, Ph.D., the first Tibetan to receive a Ph.D. degree – in Anthropology – in the United States. Drs. Grollman and Gombo directed the Tibetan scholarship program for more than 28 years. This Grollman-Gombo Scholarship, funded by the generosity of Drs. Marsha and Henry Laufer, will cover the tuition cost of the Master's program leading to a Tibetan student obtaining an MPH degree at Stony Brook University. This scholarship marks 2025 as the year of compassion in honor of The Dalai Lama's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## How to Apply

Applications will be accepted from students who fulfill the requirements listed below. Overall strength of candidates will be evaluated in making the selection.

## Application Requirements

### 1. All Applicants must:

- Be a Tibetan individual legally residing in the USA or Canada. Copy of Greenbook issued by the Central Tibetan Administration updated as of 2024 is required.
- Apply to the Master of Public Health (MPH) program at Stony Brook University starting in the Fall of 2025.
- Submit a resume/CV.
- Arrange for two letters of recommendation from persons who can speak to the applicant's capacity to complete a course of graduate study, provide leadership in public health, and address the public health needs of the Tibetan community. If the applicant is a student or has graduated within the last two years, one letter should be from a college/university faculty member familiar with the applicant's work.

- Write a personal essay of 1,000 words or less describing the applicant's background and experience, and how training in public health will prepare him/her for a leadership role in addressing the public health needs of the Tibetan community. [The essay should be written in 12-point font, single-spaced, and have a one-inch margin on all sides].
  - A personal interview, as requested by the Selection Committee, will be required.
- 2. Applicants must fulfill the following requirements in addition to the requirements above for all Applicants**
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher (Applicants having additional Master's or professional degrees are eligible to apply).
  - Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools (college/university).
  - Applicants who have completed their bachelor's or master's degree internationally and legally residing in USA or Canada may submit TOEFL iBT (internet-based test) or IELTS exam scores taken within the last two years. TOEFL or IELTS is NOT a requirement for this scholarship application, but the selected candidate will be required to submit his/her TOEFL or IELTS score before final approval by the university admissions committee. However, TOEFL or IELTS scores that are submitted along with the application will be taken into account. Therefore, candidates should take the TOEFL iBT/IELTS as soon as possible, if applicable.
  - Applicants with international degrees should request a course-by-course educational credential evaluation by the World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org>). This evaluation is NOT a requirement for this scholarship application, but the selected candidate will be required to have his/her credentials evaluated by WES before final approval by the university admissions committee. Therefore, candidates should start the process of credential evaluation by WES as soon as possible. This evaluation provides a U.S. course equivalent for semester hours earned, course content, and corresponding letter grade for all courses listed on the applicant's transcript.

**Note Regarding Quantitative Skills:**

Applicants are encouraged to provide evidence of quantitative ability. Thus, while the GRE is not required for admission, submitted scores will be reviewed and taken into consideration by the selection committee. An applicant's background in quantitative courses and applied skills found in the CV/Resume portion of the application will also be considered in their review.

**How to Submit**

Your application, prepared as a single PDF file, should be submitted by email to [tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com](mailto:tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com) by May 15, 2025. Candidates should apply as soon as their applications are complete and ready. Documents must be organized in the following order:

1. A cover page that includes your full legal name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
2. Copies of official academic transcripts OR degree and mark sheets of college and university as described above under application requirements.
3. Letters of Recommendation. In case candidates would like to waive their right to see the letters, the letters can be emailed directly at [tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com](mailto:tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com)
4. Personal essay.

5. Resume.
6. Copy of TOEFL iBT/IELTS scores, as applicable
7. WES Credential Evaluation, as applicable.
8. Greenbook copy.

Upon receipt of the application, the Program will inform the applicant as to whether the application is complete and under consideration and, subsequently, when a decision has been made.

Further questions may be directed at [tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com](mailto:tibetscholarship.sbu@gmail.com).



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