

HSBC Overseas Scholarship 2023/24

Information Sheet

HSBC is inviting applications for scholarships which support non-final-year full-time undergraduate students to study in an overseas university for **either one semester or one academic year** in the academic year 2023/24. The maximum amount of each scholarship for the academic year 2023/24 is HK\$300,000.

The Scholarship

The scholarship will enable students who are currently studying under any one of the following disciplines funded by the University Grants Committee to spend a semester or an academic year **AS A VISITING STUDENT** or **AN EXCHANGE STUDENT** at one of the overseas universities listed in Attachment A.

All disciplines under architecture, business and economics, communication, computer science/information systems, construction and land use, dentistry, design, education, engineering, health care, hotel and tourism, law, medicine, science (basic and applied), social sciences, textiles, and arts subjects (linguistics and languages, translation, history, geography, fine arts and applied arts) and environment.

To enable students to have more exposure in their fields of study, students will have the flexibility to major in a different discipline other than the one the student is currently studying while abroad. The discipline, however, will have to be listed in the approved courses listed above.

Students are required to participate in and complete the Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme (HKYAS). Please refer to <http://yas.hkfyg.org.hk> for more information about HKYAS. Students may participate in other similar programmes with prior written approval from HSBC before their departure from Hong Kong.

Students should undertake to abide by the policies and requirements of both The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and overseas universities, and to participate actively in campus life and the community while overseas.

Conditional offers will be made in April 2023 to candidates who fulfil all the selection criteria, and are recommended by CUHK and selected by HSBC interview panel. Offers will be confirmed upon receipt of the following documents:

- (1) the official admission letter from the overseas university;
- (2) an application to HKYAS or similar programmes approved by HSBC in writing;
- (3) a letter from the overseas university outlining the duration of the academic year and information on the number of credits/courses that a visiting or full-time overseas student should take; and
- (4) a completed pro-forma summary sheet on the cost breakdown authenticated by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid of CUHK. Please note that the information on credits to be taken overseas and the costs submitted should be regarded as final. Costs of any additional credits taken during the academic year abroad will not be covered.

HSBC and CUHK do not have any arrangements with the overseas universities designated by HSBC (please refer to Attachment A for the List of Overseas Universities) whereby scholars will be guaranteed admission. Selected candidates are responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at overseas universities of their choice from the List of Overseas Universities (Attachment A) and be offered a place subsequently. **Candidates are, therefore, strongly advised to pay the closest attention to application procedures as soon as possible and selected candidates should secure acceptance independent of HSBC and CUHK.**

Value of the Scholarship

Under the recommendation by CUHK at the time of nomination, a maximum total value of each scholarship is HK\$300,000.

Scholarship amount for each scholar can only go towards (1) tuition fees and mandatory college fees, (2) a minimum economy return airfare, (3) reasonable room and board costs, books, a small portion of living expenses and visa application fees. The scholarship amount does NOT cover insurance, clothing expenses and other

incidentals. Please refer to Attachment C for the "Guidelines on How to Calculate an Overseas Scholarship Award Amount" provided by HSBC for details.

Eligibility

The applicants must

- be registered CUHK students in the tenure year of the scholarship;
- be non-final-year full-time undergraduate students;
- be currently studying under a discipline funded by the University Grants Committee;
- be Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- preferably have a minimum cumulative GPA (i.e. CGPA) score of 3.7 (top 3% of class/department, or equivalent) in the first term of academic year 2022/23;
- be well-rounded, participating in extra-curricular and community service activities;
- have no extensive experience of living or studying overseas;
- be in a financial situation which does not permit overseas study or extensive travel overseas;
- have a strong commitment to Hong Kong; and
- have a minimum total TOEFL score of 90 (Internet-based test) with scores for individual sections not lower than 22 on listening, 17 on writing, 21 on reading, and 21 on speaking; **OR** a minimum IELTS overall band score of 6.5, with no component below 6.0. These are irrespective of the admission requirements of the intended overseas universities. Test must be taken **on or after 18 February 2021**.

Selection Criteria

The candidates will be assessed based on, but not limited to, such qualities as intellectual ability, analytical power, creativity, leadership, communication skills, all-roundedness and commitment to Hong Kong.

Application Procedures

1. Application form is obtainable from the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/> (Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications).
2. Completed application form together with all requisite documents (please refer to the "Checklist of Supporting Documents" for details) should be submitted online by uploading them at <http://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13659093> **on or before 29 December 2022**. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
3. Suitable candidates are required to attend a selection interview held by the University in January/ February 2023. Shortlisted candidates are then required to attend an HSBC panel interview in March 2023. Candidates must attend all interviews.
4. Though the academic results for Term 1 of 2022/23 is not available yet, interested students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered.
5. Applicants are strongly advised to sit for the TOEFL or IELTS Test by the end of 2022 in order to fit in the application schedule of this Scholarship. Delayed provision of TOEFL or IELTS Test score transcript will result in partial submission of his/her application, and his/her application will therefore not be processed.
6. The decisions of the University and/or the donor are final and not subject to review, and the reasons for shortlisting, nominating, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

Enquiries

Please contact the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at sfas@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943 7204.

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