THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship 2022/23

Information Sheet

Purpose

To help Hong Kong's next generation prepare for a future that is increasingly intertwined with the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship is offered to encourage Hong Kong students to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge that will help them become competitive, confident, and employable as they pursue a successful and rewarding career in GBA.

Number and Amount of Awards

Up to 100 students from 12 local institutions are to be identified in three academic years starting from 2020/21 to receive a scholarship award of HK\$80,000. Awardees will also be offered:

- Membership in an extensive network of past, current and future recipients of HSBC-funded programmes; as well as a community of like-minded young professionals, providing continuous support and networking opportunities
- Mentorship, internship and other real-life learning opportunities offered by GBA-active businesses
- Dedicated learning opportunities and resources that aim to develop their preparedness for a GBA-specific career plan

Eligibility

To be eligible, the applicants must:

- be full-time undergraduate students studying any discipline;
- be Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- have obtained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or stand within top 15% of class/department in the first term of 2022/23; and
- be committed to pursuing employment, entrepreneurship or advanced academic opportunities in GBA.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be shortlisted and selected based on the following criteria:

- 1. A realistic and an ambitious plan for a long-term career in GBA
- 2. An in-depth understanding of skills and knowledge required to achieve the career plan
- 3. Candidates with a focus on strategic pillars (e.g. digital, innovation and technology, green business) will be given an advantage
- 4. Future leaders who demonstrate all-roundedness
- 5. Commitment to be an active member of a community of HSBC Scholars

Obligation & Payment Arrangements

Awardees are required to submit reports to reflect on their personal growth and learning journey towards their GBA aspirations. The first payment of HK\$50,000 will be made upon their approval of the selected candidates. The second and final payment of HK\$30,000 will be made upon the awardee's submission of the reports.

Application Procedures

- 1. Application form is obtainable from the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA) at http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk (Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications).
- 2. Please read this Information Sheet, the Checklist of Supporting Documents as well as all application documents carefully and follow the instructions strictly.
- 3. Completed application form together with all requisite documents should be submitted to your Faculty Office on or before 16 January 2023. Please check with your Faculty for the submission method. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 4. Shortlisted candidates are required to attend a selection interview to be held by the University in early March 2023. Finalists will then be invited by HSBC to attend a final interview to be held in May 2023.
- 5. Scholarship results will be announced in June 2023.
- 6. The decisions of the University and the donor are final and not subject to review, and the reasons for nominating, shortlisting, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

Enquiries

Please contact OAFA at <u>sfas@cuhk.edu.hk</u> or 3943 7204. (For the submission method of your application documents, please contact your Faculty Office direct.)

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