Purpose
To help Hong Kong’s next generation prepare for a future that is increasingly intertwined with the Greater Bay Area (GBA), a new HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship is established 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 one-time scholarship award of HK$80,000 which is intended for uses that help realise the awardees’ career plan in GBA. 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:
- 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 in the first term of 2020/21; 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 sectors (e.g. digital, innovation and technology, logistics, green energy) will be given an advantage
4. Future leaders who demonstrate all-roundedness
5. Commitment to being an active member of a community of HSBC Scholars
Application Procedures
1. Details of the Scholarship and its application form are available at the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk (Financing Your Studies > Scholarships > Open for Applications).
2. Please read the Information Sheet, Notes for Applicants 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 26 February 2021. 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 held by the University in April 2021. Finalists will then be invited by HSBC to attend a final interview to be held on 31 May 2021.
5. Selection result will be announced around mid-2021.
6. The decisions of the University Selection Panel 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.

Obligation
Awardees are required to submit a report to reflect on their personal growth and learning journey towards their GBA aspirations after one year of being awarded the Scholarship.

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