HSBC is inviting applications for scholarships which support non-final-year full-time undergraduate students to study in an overseas university (as listed in Attachment A) for either one semester or one academic year in the academic year 2024/25.

**Value of the Scholarship**

The maximum amount of each scholarship is HK$300,000.

The scholarship covers (1) tuition fees, (2) minimum economy-class return airfare, and (3) reasonable room and board costs, books, and a small portion of living expenses. 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 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 2023/24;
- demonstrate a well-rounded profile, showcasing involvement in extra-curricular and community activities;
- have no extensive experience living or studying abroad;
- have strong financial needs; 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. Test must be taken on or after 12 February 2022. These are irrespective of the admission requirements of the intended overseas universities.

**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.

**Obligation**

Awardees are required to / must:
- submit a written report and their transcript for their term of study abroad within one month of their return to Hong Kong;
- participate in and complete the Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme (H KYAS). Please refer to http://yas.hkfyg.org.hk for more information about HKYAS; and
- agree to acknowledge by naming and tagging The Hongkong Bank Foundation when posting relevant contents on social media.
**Application Procedures**


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=13678255](http://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13678255) **on or before 28 December 2023**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

3. Though the academic results for Term 1 of 2023/24 is not available yet, interested students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered.

4. Applicants are strongly advised to sit for the TOEFL or IELTS Test as soon as possible 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.

5. Suitable candidates are required to attend a selection interview to be held by the University in late January/early February 2024. Shortlisted candidates are then required to attend an HSBC selection panel interview in-person before April 2024. Candidates must attend all interviews.

6. Conditional offers will be made after the HSBC selection panel interview. Offers will be confirmed by HSBC upon receipt of the formal admission by the intended overseas university and the application to participate in the HKYAS.

7. HSBC and CUHK do not have any arrangements with the overseas universities designated by HSBC whereby scholars will be guaranteed admission. 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.**

8. 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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