HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship 2023/24

Information Sheet

Purpose

With the aim of preparing Hong Kong’s next generation for a future closely intertwined with the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship is offered to encourage Hong Kong students to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in the GBA, fostering competitiveness, confidence, and employability as they embark on a successful and fulfilling career in GBA.

Number and Amount of Awards

In 2023/24, HSBC will award up to 30 scholarships to 12 participating universities. Each awardee will receive a scholarship of HK$80,000. Awardees will also be offered:

- Membership in a network of past and current recipients of HSBC scholarships
- Opportunities to network with like-minded young professionals
- Mentorship as well as connections to related internship and learning opportunities

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 2023/24; and
- be committed to pursuing employment, entrepreneurial endeavours, or advanced academic opportunities in the wider 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 the wider 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, and green business) will be given an advantage.
4. A future leader who demonstrates 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 15 January 2024. Please check with your Faculty Office for the submission method. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

4. Shortlisted candidates, who are nominated by the respective Faculties, are required to attend a selection interview to be held by CUHK in early March 2024. Finalists (after further shortlisted by HSBC) will then be invited to attend a final interview at HSBC by June 2024.

5. Scholarship results will be announced in June 2024.

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 sfas@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943 7204.
(For the submission method of your application documents, please contact your Faculty Office direct.)

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