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

Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program 2025

Information Sheet

Bai Xian Asia Institute Limited (BXAI) is inviting applications for "Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program" (AFLSP) which awards scholarships to young Asians choosing to study away from their home region/country within Asia with the aim of promoting cross-cultural understanding. For more information about BXAI, please visit: https://www.bxai.org/.

Coverage of the Scholarship Program

Up to 10 students will be awarded an amount of maximum US\$25,000 per year each. AFLSP aims to cover the following items:

- Tuition fee;
- Stipend for personal expenditure on lodging, meals, communications, books and other education materials, local travel and transportation, and other miscellaneous needs; and
- Matriculation and other miscellaneous fees.

Duration of Scholarship Program

Each Scholarship is tenable for two years, provided that the AFLSP recipients continue their enrolment at CUHK and have attained a minimum Cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 during the first scholarship year, and fulfill the obligation as stated hereinafter.

The Scholarship shall be forfeited in the event that the AFLSP recipient takes leave of absence, withdraws from CUHK or is suspended (except for exchange programme pre-approved by BXAI)/expelled from CUHK for whatever reasons.

Eligibility ^

To be eligible, the candidates must:

- be registered full-time CUHK students during the entire Scholarship period;
- be non-local students whose nationality is from an Asian country or region;
- be currently in their second or third-year **undergraduate studies**; and
- have achieved a Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 up to Term 1 of 2024/25.
- ^ Students are <u>not eligible</u> under the following circumstances:
 - be final year students in 2024/25;
 - the tuition fee at CUHK for 2024/25 has been <u>fully</u> supported by an award which is renewable (e.g. admission scholarship); and/or
 - receive award(s) that will fully support the tuition fee payment for 2025/26.

Selection Criteria

Each applicant is assessed based on the following areas:

- 1. Academic performance
- 2. Command of English and presentation skills
- 3. Appreciation of BXAI's mission and vision
- 4. Propensity for international and intercultural understanding
- 5. Desire to positively invest in Asia
- 6. Leadership potential
- 7. Compassion and service experience
- 8. Projected level of engagement in Bai Xian Community

Selection criteria of AFLSP also generally encompass (1) personal integrity, (2) propensity for international and intercultural understanding, and (3) compassion and commitment to service. For details, please visit BXAI's website at https://www.bxai.org/aflsp/scholarships/eligibility-and-selection-criteria/.

Obligation

Recipients of AFLSP 2025 must satisfy the following conditions during the entire period of time they remain recipients of AFLSP:

- To participate in the BXAI Summer Program[#] in the summer of 2026;
- To participate in the Enrichment Program[#] during the scholarship tenure as arranged and required by CUHK;
- To participate in other activities[#] which may be arranged and required by BXAI during the entire Scholarship period;
- To remain in Hong Kong for the majority of the scholarship period, with exception of attending one-semester exchange/short-term overseas study which is **pre-approved by BXAI**;
- To notify CUHK and BXAI if he/she decides to pursue exchange or short-term overseas study during the scholarship period. If the AFLSP recipient attends a programme outside of Asia and pursues non Asia-related studies, the Scholarship during the period of exchange or overseas study may be forfeited; and
- To disclose to CUHK and BXAI should they be recipient of any other scholarship(s), tuition waivers, and/or funding support offered by a third party. While AFLSP scholarship recipients are permitted to receive other forms of funding support in conjunction with AFLSP, BXAI reserves the right to review the terms of AFLSP in such an event on a case-by-case basis and to deduct the relevant scholarship amount.
- Information on the program/activity is to be confirmed. Details will be provided to the Scholars in due course.

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 (Fees and Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications → Scholarships for Local Studies).
- 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 the following units concerned (depending on applicant's major study) on or before 13 January 2025. Please check with the respective unit for the submission method. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicant's major study	Submission Unit
Chinese Studies	Centre for China Studies
Any Programme other than Chinese Studies	Applicant's Faculty

- 4. Shortlisted candidates will be nominated to BXAI which will further select up to 10 students to be awarded the AFLSP.
- 5. 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 <u>submission method</u> of application documents, please contact the <u>respective unit</u> direct.)

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