

## HSBC Overseas Scholarship 2025/26

### Information Sheet

The HSBC Overseas Scholarship aims to offer academically gifted and well-rounded **local undergraduate students** the opportunity to broaden their horizons through overseas study experience in a designated overseas university for **either one semester or one year** in the academic year 2025/26.

### 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 meet the following requirements:

- 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 (or top 3% of class/department, or equivalent) in the first term of academic year 2024/25 <sup>[1]</sup>.
- 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 2023** <sup>[2]</sup>.
- 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.
- To study at one of the universities in the List of Overseas Universities (Attachment A) <sup>[3]</sup> in the academic year 2025/26.

[1] *Though the academic results for Term 1 of 2024/25 is not available yet, interested students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered.*

[2] *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.*

[3] *If applicants' intended overseas university is not among the List, please discuss with OAFA as soon as possible. The contact details can be found at the end of this Information Sheet.*

### 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 video journal within a month of completion of their overseas studies;
- submit their transcript for their term of study abroad within one month of their return to Hong Kong; and
- agree to acknowledge by naming and tagging The Hongkong Bank Foundation when posting relevant contents on social media.

## Application Procedures

1. Application form is obtainable from the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/> (Fees and Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications → Scholarships for Overseas Studies).
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=13699934> **on or before 2 January 2025**. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
3. Applicants may submit a video to introduce themselves. Submission of the video is **optional** and is simply an additional way for CUHK interview panel / HSBC to get to know the applicants. Applicants who do not submit a video **will not be penalised**.

Notes: Though applicants of the following four HSBC scholarships may submit a video, HSBC expects that each applicant should submit only one video. Hence, if students intend to apply for more than one HSBC scholarship, their video should fit for all the HSBC scholarships they apply for (instead of a tailor-made video for individual scholarships).

- HSBC Greater Bay Area (HK) Scholarship 2024/25
- HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship 2024/25
- HSBC Overseas Scholarship 2025/26
- HSBC Social Work Scholarship 2024/25

Consent permission:

The submission of the video means that the applicant grants permission and gives consent to HSBC and Foundation for Shared Impact (FSI) to use the personal data, including his/her videos and recordings, for future events and presentations related to The Hub for the Future. The applicant also grants HSBC and FSI the right to reproduce, use, display, or exhibit these media files for promoting and publicising future events. The media files remain the property of HSBC and FSI.

4. Suitable candidates are required to attend a selection interview to be held by CUHK in campus in early February 2025. Candidates nominated by CUHK<sup>^</sup> (after further shortlisted by HSBC) will then be invited to HSBC for an in-person selection panel interview before April 2025.  
  
<sup>^</sup> *Candidates nominated by CUHK are required to submit their application documents to a specific HSBC online form. Candidates are strongly advised to **keep a copy of all the submitted materials** for future reference. Details will be provided to the students concerned in due course.*
5. 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 requirements listed in the Student Undertaking Form (Appendix D).
6. Candidates are responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at overseas universities of their choice 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.**
7. 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](mailto:sfas@cuhk.edu.hk) or 3943 7204.

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