

HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship 2024/25

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 2024/25, HSBC will award up to 30 scholarships to 13 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 meet the following requirements:

- 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 (i.e. CGPA) score of 3.0 or stand within top 15% of class/department in the first term of 2024/25.
- Be committed to pursuing employment, entrepreneurial endeavours, or advanced academic opportunities in the wider GBA.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be shortlisted and selected based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to pursue employment, entrepreneurial endeavours, or advanced academic opportunities leveraging Hong Kong's position as the international gateway to opportunities in the wider GBA
- Candidates with a focus on strategic pillars (e.g. digital, innovation and technology, and green business) will have an advantage
- A future leader who demonstrates all-roundedness
- Commitment to be an active member of a community of HSBC Scholars

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. Completed application form together with all requisite documents (please refer to the “Checklist of Supporting Documents” for details) should be submitted **to the applicant’s Faculty on or before 13 January 2025**. **Please check with the respective Faculty for the submission method.** Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Applicants can 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. Shortlisted candidates, who are nominated by the respective Faculties, are required to attend a selection interview to be held by CUHK in campus in February 2025. Candidates nominated by CUHK[^] (after further shortlisted by HSBC) will then be invited to attend an interview at HSBC during the period from March to May 2025.

[^] *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. Scholarship results will be announced in June 2025.
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 application documents, please contact the respective Faculty direct.)

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