



HSBC Global Scholarship

History

Since 1965, HSBC has been at the forefront of supporting Hong Kong's youth and communities, empowering them to prepare for the future through comprehensive scholarship schemes. Established in 1996, our Scholarship programme (previously named HSBC Overseas Scholarship) aims to offer academically gifted and well-rounded local students the invaluable opportunity to broaden their horizons through either a one-year or one-semester study experience outside Hong Kong.

(New) To encourage students to travel to renowned universities in Chinese Mainland and other countries around the world for the 2027/28 academic year, the Programme has two streams of applications – Chinese Mainland and Global - to better align with requirements needed for youths to study at institutions across the globe.

Award

The maximum scholarship value is capped at HKD300,000 per awardee for the Global stream or the total cost of the overseas study, whichever is lower, or at \$25,000 per awardee for the Chinese Mainland stream. The scholarship covers economy-class return airfare, tuition fees, room and board, as well as a portion of living expenses during their study overseas. Awardees are encouraged to seek additional funding sources to cover expenses not covered by the Foundation. Meanwhile, awardees will receive additional support through a network of past and current scholarship recipients.

Application requirements

The following documents will be needed to complete the application:

- CV/resumé
- Official Transcript / Testimonial (certified with university stamp) to verify current student status
- Proof of Enrolment / Offer Letter (from 1st choice Destination University)
- Proof of Government grants (where applicable)
- Two references from academic and/or professional with signature and letterhead and referee contact details (optional)
- Proof of financial need (optional)

Eligibility

Selected universities¹ non-final year, full-time undergraduate students studying any discipline in Hong Kong who meet the following requirements:

- Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong.
- Preferred minimum cumulative GPA score of 3.7 (first-class honours, or top 3% of class/department, or equivalent) in the 2025/26 academic year.
- Candidates applying to the Global stream are required to 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 components below 6.0.
- Demonstrating a well-rounded profile, showcasing involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.
- No extensive experience living or studying overseas.
- Be committed to Hong Kong.
- In a financial situation that does not permit overseas study or extensive travel overseas.

¹ Includes: The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, City University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Lingnan University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Saint Francis University, and Vocational Training Council.

- Strong justifications required to support the choice of the destination university.
- Expects to complete a minimum of 16 hours of volunteering or community service during the 2027/28 academic year to positively contribute to the community.
- Has not previously received the HSBC Overseas/Global Scholarship.

Selection process

- Completed applications to be received by HSBC **on or before 8 January 2027, HKT 6pm.**
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to HSBC for a selection panel interview before April 2027, after which conditional offers are made.
- Final offers will be extended upon formal admission by the intended overseas university and other requirements listed in the Student Undertaking Form.

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