



## HSBC Overseas 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 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 overseas study experience.
- Eligibility** Selected universities/institutions<sup>1</sup> may nominate non-final year, full-time undergraduate students studying any discipline 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 first semester of 2024/25 academic year.
  - 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 abroad.
  - Strong financial needs.
- Selection process**
- A list of nominated candidates, along with the recommended scholarship amount for each nominee, is received by HSBC **on or before 14 February 2025**.
  - Shortlisted candidates will be invited to HSBC for a selection panel interview before April 2025, after which conditional offers are made.
  - Final offers will be extended upon the formal admission by the intended overseas university and other requirements listed in the Student Undertaking Form.
- Award** The maximum scholarship value is capped at HKD300,000 per awardee or the total cost of the overseas study, whichever is lower. 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.

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