

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

HSBC Global Scholarship 2026/27

The Hongkong Bank Foundation has approved a donation of up to HK\$1,500,000 towards the HSBC Global Scholarship 2026/27 (previously named “HSBC Overseas Scholarship”). The Scholarship is open to **non-final-year full-time local undergraduate students**.

Aim of the award

- To support outstanding students to study in an overseas university (including Chinese Mainland and other countries worldwide) for either one semester or one academic year in 2026/27. Strong justifications are required to support the choice of the destination university.

Value of the award

- The maximum scholarship value is capped at HK\$300,000 per awardee or the total cost of the overseas study, whichever is lower. 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.

Eligibility

- Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- Preferred minimum **cumulative GPA score of 3.7** or **top 3% of class/ department** by the end of 2025/26 Semester A;
- 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^[1].
- Demonstrating a well-rounded profile, showcasing involvement in extra-curricular and community activities;
- No extensive experience of living or studying abroad;
- Be committed to Hong Kong;
- In a financial situation that does not permit overseas study or extensive travel overseas;
- Has not previously received the HSBC Overseas Scholarship.

Application/nomination

- **Method:**
 1. **Nomination by Colleges or Schools:** students can approach their respective academic departments for nomination; students should follow submission deadline and arrangements per respective departments. For Colleges or Schools, nominations must reach SDS by 19 Dec 2025.

2. **Application by students:** students can submit their individual applications directly to SDS (via email to Ms Ling at wcling@cityu.edu.hk), with submission deadline on 19 Dec 2025.

- **Application Documents:**

1. Application form [[download here](#)]. Students must submit the form in word file format (scanned pdf form is not accepted)
2. JPG file: applicant's portrait photo
3. JPG file: applicant's e-signature
4. JPG file: applicant's witness's e-signature
5. JPG file: applicant's guarantor's e-signature
6. Result: TOEFL/IELTS
7. (if applicable) CSSA/Govt Grant supporting

- Late or incomplete applications/nominations will not be considered.

Key Milestone

Timeline	Key Milestone
Mid-January 2026	Internal interview by CityUHK panel to select suitable candidates for nomination submission to HSBC
February / March 2026	Preparation of selection interview by professional coaches for shortlisted candidates
March / April 2026	Selection interview by HSBC panel
May / June 2026	Announcement of results (final scholarship offers will be made upon the formal admission by the intended overseas university and other requirements listed in the Student Undertaking Form)
After June 2026	Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a minimum of 16 hours of volunteering or community service during the 2026/27 academic year to positively contribute to the community (details will be announced by HSBC accordingly)

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GUIDELINES ON HOW TO CALCULATE HSBC GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT

The university/institution will be responsible for authenticating the recommended scholarship amount

CATEGORY	TYPE OF EXPENSE	ELIGIBLE	REMARKS
Tuition	Tuition fees	YES	Must be supported by evidence from the destination university outlining the duration of the academic year and confirming the number of credits that the student will take during his/her one year or one semester abroad. The information provided will be regarded as final and costs of any additional credits taken during the academic year will not be covered.

	Subscriptions, student association fees, registration fees	YES	The following two conditions must be met: (1) fees are mandatory. (2) fees are non-refundable
Room & board Accommodation Meals	Room	YES	The student should opt for shared/ the most basic on-campus accommodation. If on-campus accommodation is not available, the destination university should recommend an alternate arrangement and provide an estimate of the associated costs. The period covered is the duration of the academic year (or the single semester if applicable). This can include any breaks and holidays that occur during the academic year (or semester if applicable). If the student is required to attend a mandatory orientation prior to the academic year or semester, room costs for that period (as recommended by the destination university) is also eligible.
	Board	YES	The student should opt for campus residence that provides full catering service. If this is not possible, the destination university should recommend an alternate arrangement and provide an estimate of meal costs. If more than one meal plans are offered, the student may opt for the most comprehensive plan.
Books & other supplies	Books, supplies and stationery	YES	The destination university should recommend an amount for the cost of these items.
	Lab/ studio fees; apparatus; uniform	YES	Eligible if recommended by the destination university and required by the student's degree course.
Living/ personal expenses	Laundry	YES	For coin-operated machines only.
	Police registration fee	YES	Eligible only if mandatory

CATEGORY	TYPE OF EXPENSE	ELIGIBLE	REMARKS
	Energy charges	YES	Eligible only if the student lives off-campus or if charges are not included in room costs.
	Transportation	YES	For public transportation and travel to and from university during school days. Travelling costs associated with mandatory clinical placement(s) are eligible.
	Telephone charges	NO	
	Internet charges	YES	Includes installation and rental charges only depending on accommodation.
	Social functions and entertainment	NO	
	Sight-seeing and personal travel	NO	
	Deposit fees	NO	
	Insurance (travel, medical, dental, or personal possession)	NO	
	Personal hygiene, toiletries & cleaning materials	NO	
	TV rental and license/ cable costs	NO	
	Clothes	NO	
	Cultural programmes / student events	NO	
	Owning/ renting a vehicle	NO	
Airfare	Economy return airfare	YES	For a minimum economy return airfare. The student should request the least expensive route. Must be supported by three quotations from different travel agents. Include at least two different carriers and indicate the expected date of departure from Hong Kong. Inclusive of any applicable government and airport taxes and security levy.
Miscellaneous	Other student fees not indicated as compulsory	NO	
	Student visa application fees	YES	

[1] *This requirement is irrespective of the admission requirement of the intended overseas universities. All tests must have been taken on 12 February 2024 or later. Test results will have to be ready by the time of nomination/ application.*