

HSBC Overseas Scholarship Scheme 2011/12

Information Session

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Student Development Services

In this Session, you will learn more about –

- ✓ Value of the Scholarship
- ✓ Eligibility
- ✓ Application Procedures
- ✓ Selection Process
- ✓ Obligation
- ✓ Possible Gains & Difficulties
- ✓ Tips & Hints in Making a Difference

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Financial support for your ONE-YEAR overseas study!

The Scheme

To support full-time and local non-final year undergraduate students of approved programmes from eight Universities / Institution in Hong Kong to study abroad at specified renowned universities for a year.

- Overseas Universities (see SDS's website)

** Students should major in the same discipline while abroad*

How many & How much?

A number of **full HSBC Overseas Scholarships** at a maximum total value of **HK\$4,000,000 to be awarded to eight Universities / Institution in Hong Kong**

What will it cover?

Each scholarship will cover the followings:

- tuition fees
- a minimum economy return airfare
- reasonable room and board costs, books and a small portion of living expenses

** Visa application fees, or other associated fees, insurance, clothing expenses and other incidentals will NOT be covered*

Who can apply?

- Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong
- Current full-time Year 1 students of a 3-year bachelor's degree programme OR
- Current full-time Year 1/Year 2 students of a 4-year bachelor's degree programme
- Students with a minimum GPA score of 3.3 in Semester A 2010-11 (for Year 1 students) or in the academic year 2010-11 (CGPA for Year 2 students)
- A minimum 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**
(These are irrespective of overseas universities' requirements)

TOEFL & IELTS SCORE

- Must be taken between **12 February 2008 and 13 December 2010**
- The minimum score specified is irrespective of overseas university requirements
→ check the minimum score required by the university you apply for
- More information:
TOEFL – www.toefl.org
IELTS – www.ielts.org

What are the criteria of the Scholarships?

- Well-rounded, participating in extra-curricular and community service activities
- No extensive experience of living or studying overseas
- In a financial situation which does not permit overseas study or extensive travel overseas
- Committed to Hong Kong
- Accepted for admission by the respective overseas university
- Scholarship awardees are **NOT** allowed to receive other financial support by the University or other sources for the year abroad

How and When to apply?

1. Consult your College/School on the application procedures
2. Consult your Programme Leader/Academic Advisor on your overseas study plan
3. Submit the completed application form by the deadline via your College/School (by nomination) or Student Development Services (open application)
4. All applications should be sent to SDS **on or before 13 December 2010**

* Students are **NOT** allowed to change their target university once the application is made (i.e. 13 December 2010)

How candidates are selected?

1. 13 December 2010 : -- Nomination by Colleges/School
-- Open application
2. Late December 2010 : First round interview
(in the week of Dec 27) (arranged by SDS)
3. March 2011: Final interview
(arranged by Hongkong Bank Foundation)

Schedule for offers and confirmation of Awards

4. April 2011 : **Conditional offers** will be made to the successful candidates
5. 30 June 2011 : Successful candidates have to provide the following documents to SDS –
 - (1) A letter from your College/School confirming the number of credits needed to be taken during the year abroad
*Costs of additional credits taken other than those stated in the letter will **NOT** be covered
 - (2) A letter from the overseas university outlining the duration of the academic year and the number of credits that a full-time overseas student should take

6. By 15 July 2011 : Confirm the scholarship offers by submitting the following documents –
 - (1) Official admission letter from the overseas university
 - (2) Academic transcript (overall GPA score of 3.3 or above at the end of academic year 2010/11)
 - (3) Application form for the “Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme”

6. By 15 July 2011 :
 - (4) A letter from the overseas university confirming a cost breakdown
 - (5) 3 quotations for the minimum economy return airfare from different travel agents of at least two different carriers
 - (6) Pro-forma summary of final cost breakdown
7. Late August 2011 : Confirmation of Offers and Award of Scholarships

Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme
香港青年大使計劃

- Jointly organized by the Tourism Commission (旅遊事務署) of the HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence (香港優質服務協會) and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (香港青年協會)
- A major project under “A Hospitable Hong Kong (「好客文化遍香江」)” Campaign to encourage and train young people to be Ambassadors for Hong Kong
- A series of training programmes in summer
- For more information: www.yas.org.hk

The awardees have to –

- Complete the training programmes of the “Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme” in summer 2011
- Complete their degree studies with CityU right after
*** Awardees are required to reimburse the full cost of the scholarships if they fail to do so**
- Submit (1) a written report of your overseas experience to HSBC; and (2) an official academic transcript from overseas university within one month after your return to Hong Kong

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