Student Exchange Programme 2020–21

Second-round Application

Pre-application Information Session
Introduction to SEP

• An opportunity for you to study at one of CityU’s worldwide partner institutions for one semester

• Earn and transfer academic credits back to CityU without paying tuition fee to the host institution
Eligibility

• Full-time students in government-funded bachelor's degree programmes offered by CityU
• Have completed at least one year of study with major declared at the time of application
• Have attained a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.5 in the recent semester prior to application
  ➢ some Colleges/Schools/Departments may set a higher CGPA requirement
• Fulfill the minimum English language requirement, unless the chosen programme is conducted in Chinese language at host institutions in Mainland China or Taiwan
• Meet any other language requirements, if any, set by the host institutions
• Meet any requirements specified by College/School/Department
Eligibility

English language requirement (at least one of the following)*:

• A minimum TOEFL^ score of 79 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based test)
• A minimum IELTS^ overall band score of 6.5
• Grade C or above in one of the following subjects:
  ➢ HKALE AS Use of English
  ➢ HKALE English Literature
  ➢ GCEAL English Literature (or grade B GCSE English Language)
  ➢ An English course approved by the Senate for fulfilling the University language requirement
• Level 4 of HKDSE English Language
• Any other equivalent English proficiency result may also be considered

*Additional language proficiency may be required by the host institutions
^TOEFL, IELTS and/or equivalent exam scores are only valid for two years from the date of the exam
Application Procedure

1) Refer to the [GEO webpage](#) and the College/School/Department’s webpage and check for available quotas and requirements for your desired exchange programmes.

2) Identify up to 8 programmes, and apply in order of preference.
   - Institutional (I) - *maximum of 4*
   - College (C) - *maximum of 2*
   - Departmental (D) - *maximum of 2*

3) Consult your academic advisor or exchange coordinator on the suitability of your proposed exchange study plan.

4) Complete the SEP application in AIMS, under “Student Services”, during the application period: **17 August – 3 September, 2020** (closes at 23:59:59)

*Note: All applications are subject to the final approval of your home and host Colleges/Schools/Departments.*
Selection Criteria

Students are selected on academic merit and overall suitability.

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<td>CGPA</td>
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- Students who are able to produce a valid IELTS or TOEFL or equivalent language test result that is internationally recognized and widely accepted by the partner institutions will have an advantage in the selection process.

- The “Application Statement” submitted as part of the application may be used for assessment, when necessary.
Funding Resources
GEO administered

Student Exchange Fund (SEF)

- Application: not required
- Eligibility: **Local students** who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes

- Funding amount:

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<td>Americas, Europe, Middle East</td>
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Funding Resources  
GEO administered

Special Fund for Non-local Outbound Exchange Students (SF)

- Application: not required
- Eligibility: **Non-local students** who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes

- Funding amount: HK$10,000

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Funding Resources
GEO administered

Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards (JLSEA)

- Application: required at the time of accepting SEP offer
- Eligibility: **ALL students** who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes with CGPA 3.0 or above
  - Students receiving means-tested grant will have higher priority
  - Students granted with JLSEA will not be entitled for funding support of SEF or SF for the same period of exchange study

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<tr>
<td>Outside Asia</td>
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Funding Resources
GEO administered – HKSAR Government Subsidy

Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange for Post-secondary Students (SSE)

• Application: required at the time of accepting SEP offer
• Eligibility: Hong Kong permanent residents who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes
  ➢ **AND** in receipt of *means-tested student financial assistance* from Student Finance Office (SFO) of the HKSAR Government or whose families are in receipt of the *Comprehensive Social Security Assistance* (CSSA)

• Funding amount: up to HK$60,000, depending on the destination, duration and the level of student finance approved by SFO

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Funding Resources
GEO administered – HKSAR Government Subsidy

Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” regions (Means-tested SSEBR)

- Application: required at the time of accepting SEP offer
- Eligibility: Hong Kong permanent residents who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes
  - **AND** in receipt of *means-tested student financial assistance* from Student Finance Office (SFO) of the HKSAR Government or whose families are in receipt of the *Comprehensive Social Security Assistance* (CSSA)
  - **AND** For programmes in “Belt and Road” regions, excluding the Mainland China, Taiwan and Macao

- Funding amount: up to HK$60,000, depending on the destination, duration and the level of student finance approved by SFO

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Funding Resources
GEO administered – HKSAR Government Subsidy

Scheme for Non-means-tested Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” regions (Non-means-tested SSEBR)

- Application: required at the time of accepting SEP offer
- Eligibility: Hong Kong permanent residents who are enrolled in full-time, government-funded bachelor’s degree programmes
  - For programmes in “Belt and Road” regions, excluding the Mainland China, Taiwan and Macao

- Funding amount: up to HK$18,000, depending on the destination, duration and the level of student finance approved by SFO

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SSE / means-tested-SSEBR / non-means-tested SSEBR continued:

• Students are not allowed to apply for subsidy under the three schemes concurrently for the same SEP

• Students will only be eligible to receive subsidy from each funding scheme once

• Applications are processed on first-come-first-served basis, subject to availability of funding

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Important Notes for SEP

- Successful candidates will receive a conditional offer of SEP from CityU.

- **CityU reserves the right to withdraw the conditional offer** if a student fails to fulfill the Programme requirements, which include but not limited to language requirements.

- Final result of the application for SEP is subject to your fulfilment of all Programme requirements set by both home and host institutions.
Important Notes for SEP

In consideration of the pandemic development, participation of exchange in Semester B, 2020-21 may be affected.

CityU had laid down the following conditions as measures in response to COVID-19 to safeguard outbound students in Semester A, 2020-21. The same conditions may apply for Semester B exchange if necessary, which means a selected outbound exchange student can set off for exchange as planned if the following conditions are fulfilled.

1. The host country/region concerned is not in the Red or Black Outbound Travel Alert zone as classified by the HKSAR government;
2. The outbound exchange student has taken out insurance that will provide COVID-19 coverage worldwide throughout the entire travel duration; and
3. Both home and host departments agree on the course and credit arrangements.
## Important Dates

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<td>Application Period (through AIMS)</td>
<td><strong>17 August – 3 September, 2020</strong></td>
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<td>Result Announcement</td>
<td>11 September, 2020 onwards</td>
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*Students must pay a Caution Money of HKD 1,000 by 25 September 2020 to confirm acceptance. Caution Money is fully refundable if and when students successfully completes the programme.*
Enquiry

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE (GEO) Website:
www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/StudentExchange

• For enquiry on exchange application, contact:
  Global Engagement Office (GEO)
  Tel: 3442 8089
  Email: geoins@cityu.edu.hk

• For enquiry on courses selection or credit transfer, contact:
  Your College/School/Department exchange coordinator
  or your programme leader