

HSBC Global Scholarship 2026/27

About the Scheme

The Hongkong Bank Foundation offers the **HSBC Global Scholarship 2026/27** to **local non-final-year full-time undergraduate students** to broaden their horizons through study experience at a renowned institution in **Chinese Mainland or other countries worldwide** for **either one academic year or one semester** in 2026/27.

Value of Scholarship

Each scholarship is up to **HK\$300,000**, covering

- Tuition fees and mandatory college fees
- Economy class return airfare
- Reasonable room and board costs, books, and a small portion of living expenses

The awardee will also benefit from support through a network of past and current scholarship recipients.

Eligibility

The applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Non-final year full-time undergraduate students
- Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong
- Preferred minimum cumulative GPA (i.e. CGPA) score of 3.7 (first class honours, or top 3% of class, or equivalent) in the first semester of academic year 2025/26^[1].

[Applicants with a CGPA slightly below 3.7 may still be considered. Such applicants are required to submit a justification letter for consideration. The justification may include academic achievements beyond GPA, future aspirations, commitment to personal or professional development, etc.]

- 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. **Tests must be taken on or after 12 February 2024**^[2].

- Well-rounded, showcasing involvement in extra-curricular and community activities
- No previous extensive experience living or studying abroad
- Be committed to Hong Kong
- In a financial situation that does not permit non-local study or extensive travel overseas
- Have strong justifications to support the choice of the destination institution
- Has not previously received the HSBC Overseas Scholarship
- Expects to complete a minimum of 16 hours of volunteering or community service during the 2026/27 academic year to positively contribute to the community.

^[1] Though the academic results for Term 1 of 2025/26 is not available yet, interested students should still submit their applications if they would like to be considered.

^[2] Applicants are strongly advised to sit for the TOFEL or IELTS Test as early as possible to fit in the application schedule of this Scholarship. Delayed provision of TOFEL or IELTS Test score will be considered as partial submission of application, and the application will not be processed.

Application Procedure

Application Period: 15 December 2025 to 9 January 2026

1. Complete the **Online Application (link)**
2. Upload the following supporting documents **on or before 9 January 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- HSBC Global Scholarship Application Form*
- Signed Personal Information Collection Statement*
- Student Undertaking Form*
- Pro-forma Summary Form*along with all reference documents:
 - Tuition fee, mandatory college fees, room and board fee, etc. (could be referred from the destination institution's website)
 - A minimum economy class return airfare should be provided based on the lowest price of three quotations
- Transcript (including your latest CGPA of 2025/26)
- TOEFL or IELTS test report

***These forms can be downloaded from the application link, and please refer to the “Guidelines on how to calculate a global scholarship award amount” for details.**

3. Shortlisted students will be invited to a selection interview conducted by LU on campus in **late January 2026**.
4. The selected student will then be nominated to HSBC and will be invited for an **in-person selection panel interview at HSBC before April 2026**.
5. Conditional offers will be made after the HSBC selection panel interview. Offers will be confirmed by HSBC upon receipt of the formal admission from the intended destination institution and fulfilment of the requirements listed in the Student Undertaking Form.
6. The selected student is responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements of the chosen destination institution and be offered a place subsequently.
7. The decisions of LU and/or HSBC are final and not subject to review.

Notes to Applicants

- The awarded student must return to Hong Kong to complete his/her degree at LU after the non-local studies. Student who does not comply with this requirement must reimburse the full cost of the scholarship.
- As scholarships will be awarded only to candidates who fulfil all selection criteria and are selected by the HSBC panel, there is no guarantee that any candidate(s) nominated by LU will be invited to the interview or receive the scholarship.
- Awardees must complete **a minimum of 16 hours of volunteering or community service** during the 2026/27 to positively contribute to the community.
- Awardees must submit **a written journal** with key achievements or learnings (up to 800 words) with a few photos and their transcript for their term(s) of study to HSBC via OGE **within a month after completing their global studies**.
- All awardees must also agree to acknowledge by naming and tagging The Hongkong Bank Foundation when posting relevant contents on social media.

Enquiries

Please contact OGE at oge@ln.edu.hk or 2616 8990.

ONLINE APPLICATION: [HSBC Global Scholarship Applications](#)