

GUIDANCE NOTES

PROGRAMMES

Please refer to the details at: <https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/outgoing-students/summer-programmes>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Current full-time undergraduate students
- Year of Study: Year 2 or 3 on a 4-year programme
- Cumulative GPA: normally 2.50 or above (as of Term 1, 2025-26), students with a lower CGPA may also be considered
- Any additional requirements specific to the individual institution, as detailed in the programme information sheet and/or required by the host institution
- Priority will be given to:
 - (i) students in their third year or above
 - (ii) those who have not participated in any exchange programmes offered by OGE
- No previous in-person Summer International Exchange Programmes arranged by OGE.
- Students who have participated or will participate in semester-long/winter student exchange programmes under OGE are welcome to apply for this programme.

APPLICATION

Please complete and submit an online application by **26 January 2026 (Monday)** at: <https://webapp.ln.edu.hk/sys/OGE/obexchange/>.

Selection interviews will be arranged tentatively from 29 - 30 January 2026.

Selection for Summer Programmes 2026 will be based on a comprehensive review of your entire application package, including but not limited to academic record (CGPA), interview performance, language proficiency, commitment to internationalisation, and previous participation in exchange programmes. **Application results will be announced in early February 2026.**

Students should be responsible for their decisions and actions. Students who withdraw from the programme after the offer is confirmed or who cannot complete the programme satisfactorily/ pass all required assessments may result in the following:

- a) forfeiting the full programme fee
- b) paying back any fees which are being sponsored by Lingnan or the host institution
- c) leading to negative impacts on future exchange and/or exchange scholarship applications

OGE reserves the final right in the selection of students for Summer Programmes 2026. The final decision on your application also rests with individual host institutions.

COURSES AND CREDIT TRANSFER

You should take the number of credits for Summer Programmes as listed in this document. Credits of courses taken at host institutions **MUST** be transferred back to the University with prior approval from relevant authorities. Grades obtained will not be counted in GPA calculation, but actual grades obtained will be shown in transcripts. Participating students should follow our prevailing procedures to obtain approvals for their study plans (please read <https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/outgoing-students/intranet/outbound-useful-links-faq-for-staff-and-students> - part 4).

For enquiry, please consult OGE or your academic advisor/home department/programme office before exchange.

STUDY LOAD

The maximum study load in a summer term is **2 courses or 6 Lingnan credits**, including your participation in Lingnan Summer Institute.

Please be reminded that, according to the Registry, all students participating in Summer Programmes 2026 organised by OGE are in principle **NOT** allowed to enroll in any summer courses offered by Lingnan Summer Institute 2026. If you would like to take both courses offered by Lingnan Summer Institute 2026 **with no time clash** and **within the maximum study load (i.e. 2 courses or 6 credits)**, you are required to write to OGE for special approval on your intention. OGE will then review and forward your request to the Registry for their consideration. Credits taken are counted in the maximum study load for the academic year of 2025-26 or in the next academic year (i.e. 2026-27) as appropriate.

INSURANCE

You are required to purchase suitable and adequate insurance covering travel, personal accident, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalisation and emergency evacuation/ repatriation throughout the entire exchange period and personal trips.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Schemes for EDB Subsidy

Education Bureau (EDB) has introduced the following subsidy schemes to support post-secondary students with financial needs to participate in exchange activities outside Hong Kong.

- a) **Scheme on Subsidy on Exchange for Post-secondary Students (SSE) and Scheme for Means-tested Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” Regions for Post-secondary Students (Means-tested SSEBR)**
Local students participating in eligible Summer Programmes and receiving means-tested student financial assistance from Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency or whose families are in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) are welcome to apply. Applicants must apply through a separate online system. The OGE will share the details in due course.

b) Scheme for Non-means-tested Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” Regions for Post-Secondary Students (Non-means-tested SSEBR)

Local students participating in eligible Summer Programmes in Belt and Road (B&R) regions listed at the [Hong Kong Trade Development Council website](#) (excluding the Mainland, Taiwan and Macao) are welcome to apply. Applicants must apply through a separate online system. The OGE will share the details in due course.

For details of EDB subsidy schemes, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/outgoing-students/intranet/outbound-useful-links-faq-for-staff-and-students> (part 2)

Students with successful offers of eligible Summer Programmes will receive an email in April/May 2026, inviting them to submit online applications together with approval letters from Student Finance Office (if applicable). Applications will be assessed based on (1) the approved level of student finance (if applicable); (2) destination of your exchange; (3) duration of your exchange; and (4) availability of the fund. Application results will be announced by the end of July 2026.

Air Ticket Sponsorship (for students enrolled in UGC-funded programmes only)

Lingnan University will sponsor the net airfare of the most economic and reasonable flights between Hong Kong and your host institution. Other expenditure including tax, security fees, fuel surcharges, other miscellaneous items and your personal trips will be borne by students. Students must purchase air tickets from the designated travel agent. For details about the procedures and regulations, please refer to the “Financial Support” and “Order Form for Corporate Travel Ltd” at OGE website at:

<https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/outgoing-students/intranet/outbound-useful-links-faq-for-staff-and-students> (part 3)

Students enrolled in UGC-funded programmes who have participated in OGE semester-long/winter student exchange programmes and received sponsorship will be considered for airfare allowance.

**Notes: The University reserves the right to review or claw back any sponsorships as deemed appropriate.*

**Remark: Outgoing students enrolled in self-financed programmes are not entitled to air ticket sponsorship under the OGE. They should consult their respective programme offices/home departments to see if other sponsorships are available and follow the relevant guidelines accordingly.*

ENQUIRY

Further information about Summer Programmes may be available on the individual host institutions' websites, which may be updated from time to time. You should regularly check the above information and refer to the host institutions' official websites for the latest information. Please do **NOT** contact the host institution at this stage. For further details, please feel free to contact us (Email: oge@ln.edu.hk; Tel: 2616-8990).