



HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship
滙豐粵港澳大灣區（香港）獎學金

Guidance Notes to Applicants 申請指引 2021/22

1. Objective

To help Hong Kong's next generation prepare for a future that is increasingly intertwined with the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship is established to encourage Hong Kong students to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge that will help them become competitive, confident, and employable as they pursue a successful and rewarding career in GBA.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Applicants should be full-time Bachelor's degree students;
- 2.2. Applicants must be Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong; and
- 2.3. Continuing students should have obtained a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.0 or above in the Autumn Term of the 2021/22 Academic Year.
- 2.4. Applicants are required to have commitment to pursue employment, entrepreneurship or advanced academic opportunities in GBA (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Zhaoqing, Macao SAR and Hong Kong SAR).

3. Award Format and Value

- 3.1. Up to 100 students from 12 local universities and tertiary institutions will be awarded in the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic years.
- 3.2. The value of each award is \$80,000 in cash.
- 3.3. Awardees will also be offered:
 - 3.3.1. Membership in an extensive network of past, current and future recipients of HSBC-funded programmes; as well as a community of like-minded young professionals, providing continuous support and networking opportunities;
 - 3.3.2. Mentorship, internship and other real-life learning opportunities offered by GBA-active businesses; and
 - 3.3.3. Dedicated learning opportunities and resources that aim to develop their preparedness for a GBA-specific career plan.
- 3.4. 35 students were awarded HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) scholarship in 2020/21.

4. Assessment and Selection Criteria

- 4.1. The following criteria will be considered in the selection:
 - A realistic and an ambitious plan for a long-term career in GBA;
 - An in-depth understanding of skills and knowledge required to achieve the career plan;
 - Candidates with a focus on strategic sectors (e.g. digital, innovation and technology, green business) will be given an advantage;
 - Future leaders who demonstrate all-roundedness; and
 - Commitment to be an active member of a community of HSBC Scholars.
- 4.2. Shortlisted applicants are required to attend an internal interview in February 2022. Applicants who do not attend the interview may forfeit the opportunity to be considered for the Scholarship.

- 4.3. The Student Affairs Office (SAO) will submit suitable nomination(s) for endorsement of the Student Financial Awards Committee (SFAC) in March. The selected nominees must attend an interview held by the HSBC in May 2022.
- 4.4. As candidates are shortlisted and selected on a competitive basis, there is no guarantee that any, or all, candidates nominated will be invited to the interview or will receive a scholarship. The decision of HSBC is final.

5. Application

- 5.1. Applicants should submit the online application form together with two personal essays and supporting proof to SAO during the application period.
- 5.2. Please read the “Guidance Notes” [FHSBC_GBA (2021/22) Guide-e] before completing the online application form via the student intranet.
- 5.3. Incomplete and late application will not be considered.

6. Notification of Result and Payment Arrangement

- 6.1 All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will receive internal nomination results by e-mail in March 2022.
- 6.2 Applicants who are successful in the internal interview may find a faculty member or staff from SAO Student Career Services to provide supplementary information (e.g. reference letter, personal qualities not captured by the application form, any special learning needs, family background, etc.) if necessary.
- 6.3 Disbursement arrangement will be made via autopay in July 2022.
- 6.4 Awardees should submit a report to reflect on their personal growth and learning journey towards their GBA aspirations after one year of being awarded the scholarship.
- 6.5 Successful applicants will be invited to attend ceremonies, events, activities and programmes organised by the University, HSBC or The Hub for the Future. They will also be invited to share their stories on the University website.

7. Handling of Personal Data

- 7.1 Applicant is obliged to provide all the required information in the application including personal data. If applicant fails to provide the required information/ documents, the University will not be able to process the application.
- 7.2 The personal data provided will be used for the purpose of processing applicant’s application, reporting the result to donor(s) or relevant stakeholders, as well as compiling relevant statistics, and materials for publicizing and review on granting the awards. Personal data and supporting documents submitted will be kept for a period of no more than three years.
- 7.3 The personal data including the academic records and information provided in the applicant’s application will be disclosed to the Student Financial Awards Committee (SFAC), other offices in the University and relevant stakeholders for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 7.2 above.
- 7.4 For the purpose of branding the University, the awardee’s name provided in the application will be published through the University website or made available for public access through the Student Affairs Office.
- 7.5 In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicant has the right to ascertain whether the University holds personal data on the applicant, to obtain a copy of such personal data and to have any inaccuracies corrected. Data access request should be made by using the Data Access Request Form OPS003 as specified by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data and addressed to the Data Protection Officer, Room A1111, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, Homantin, Kowloon.

8. Important Dates

Application Period	10 January – 13 February 2022
Internal Interview	24 February 2022
Release of Result (E-mail)	March 2022
External Interview	May 2022
Disbursement	July 2022
University Award Ceremony	August 2022

9. Enquiries

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