

**Career and Leadership Centre
Student Development Services
City University of Hong Kong**

Guideline on HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship

1. Programme Objective

HSBC aims to provide our communities with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the global economy by supporting charitable programmes that help people in the community develop the skills for the jobs of today and tomorrow. To help Hong Kong's next generation prepare for a future that is increasingly intertwined with the Greater Bay Area (GBA), a new 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. The Award

Up to 100 students from across Hong Kong are to be identified in the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 academic years to receive a one-time scholarship award of HKD80,000 which is intended for uses that help realise the awardees' career plan in GBA. Awardees will also be offered:

- a. 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
- b. Mentorship, internship and other real-life learning opportunities offered by GBA-active businesses
- c. Dedicated learning opportunities and resources that aim to develop their preparedness for a GBA-specific career plan.

3. Eligibility

College / School / Academic Unit may nominate full-time undergraduate students, studying any discipline, who meet the following requirements:

- a. Hong Kong permanent residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong
- b. Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) score of 3.0 or top 15% of class / department in the first semester of the current academic year
- c. Commitment to pursue employment, entrepreneurship or advanced academic opportunities in GBA.

4. Selection Criteria

Students will be shortlisted and selected based on the following criteria:

- a. A realistic and an ambitious plan for a long-term career in GBA
- b. An in-depth understanding of skills and knowledge required to achieve the career plan
- c. Candidates with a focus on strategic sectors (e.g. digital, innovation and technology, logistics, green energy) will be given an advantage.
- d. Future leaders who demonstrate all-roundedness
- e. Commitment to be an active member of a community of HSBC Scholars

5. Application Process

- College / School / Academic Unit should nominate eligible candidates by sending completed application forms to Career and Leadership Centre (CLC) by email at clc.careercentre@cityu.edu.hk no later than 19 March 2021 (Friday).
- CLC will coordinate institutional submission to HSBC for consideration.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a final interview by HSBC on 31 May 2021.
- 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.

6. Announcement and Scholarship Payment

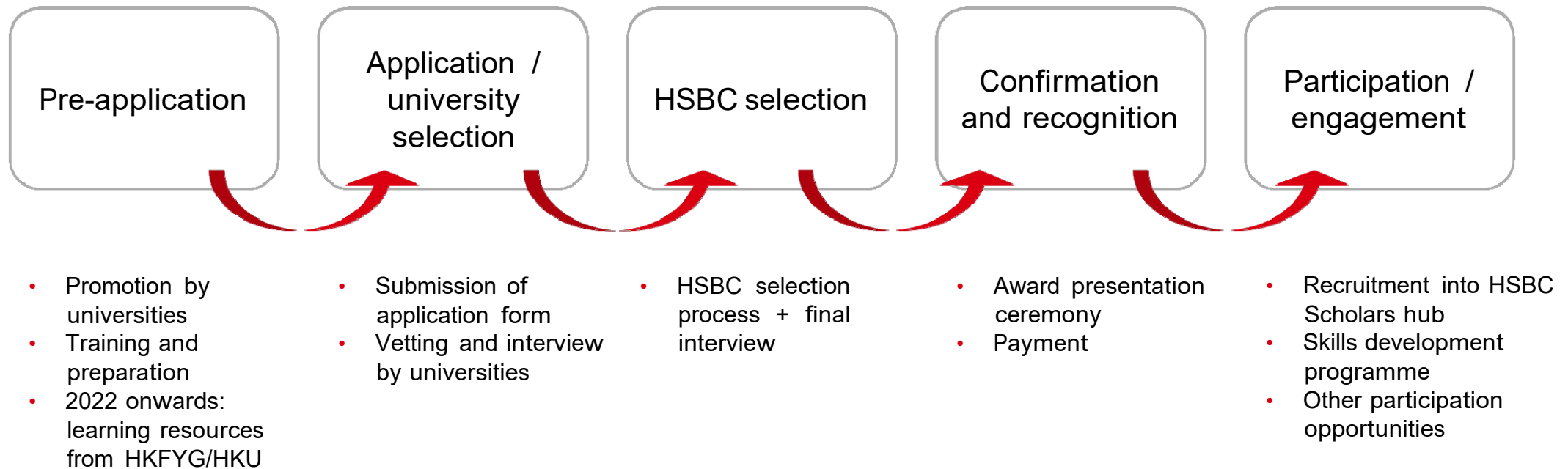
- Selection result will be announced with endorsement by the Hongkong Bank Foundation in mid-2021.
- Payment of the scholarship award will be arranged via CLC afterwards.

7. Student Reports

Awardees will submit a report to reflect on their personal growth and learning journey towards their GBA aspirations after one year of being awarded the scholarship.

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Similar to other HSBC Scholarship schemes, the new scheme will have the following stages:



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Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Up to 100 students are to be identified in the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 academic years◆ 12 universities / institutions – with no pre-allocated quota
Award amount	A one-time scholarship award of HKD80,000 per awardee
Purpose of award	Uses that help realise the awardees' career plan in GBA
Obligations	Awardees will submit a report to reflect on their personal growth and learning journey towards their GBA aspirations after one year of being awarded the scholarship

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Other benefits

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The application form

HSBC GREATER BAY AREA (HONG KONG) SCHOLARSHIP 2020/21 APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Name in Chinese: _____
 Gender: _____ Birth date: _____ HK I/D card no.: _____
 Place of birth: _____ Years of residency in Hong Kong: _____
 Citizenship(s): _____ Father's occupation: _____
 Contact phone number: _____ Mother's occupation: _____
 Home address: _____
 Personal e-mail address: _____
 Hobbies: _____

Please affix recent photo here

Name of university / institution: _____
 Name of degree and major: _____ Duration: _____ Current year of study: _____
 GPA score: _____ CGPA _____ 2020/21 1st semester _____ 2019/20 _____ *Please attach transcript (if applicable)

Name of secondary school or any post-secondary school attended:
 (Please list in chronological order from the most recent to the earliest.)

From	To	School

Work experience (full-time and part-time), if applicable:
 (Please list in chronological order from the most recent to the earliest.)

From	To	Company / organisation	Title / capacity

Extra-curricular activities and community service:
 (Please list up to five in chronological order from the most recent to the earliest.)

From	To	Description

Degree and major:

- ◆ Please indicate not just the degree name (e.g. Bachelor of Arts) but also the major name (e.g. History)

Duration:

- ◆ E.g. 4 years

Current year of study:

- ◆ E.g. First year

Secondary school or any post-secondary school attended:

- ◆ Feel free to add rows if necessary

Work experience

- ◆ Please don't list more than 4

Extra-curricular activities and community service

- ◆ Please don't list more than 5
- ◆ Add one row if necessary

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (CONT'D)

What GBA opportunities do you look forward to pursuing? Tick all that applies. Employment Entrepreneurship Academic advancement

Please elaborate in English using the space below.

GBA opportunities

- ◆ An explanation of the choices made in the check box. E.g., the specific opportunities that the candidate may be targeting, say, what industry or sector, what type of business that the candidate may want to start, and what schools or research activities that the candidate is considering to pursue.

Please list out any past GBA experience – work, leisure, learning, academic, etc – that you have gained. (Please list in chronological order from the most recent to the earliest. This is not a prerequisite. Please mark N/A if you do not have any such experience)

When	Description

GBA experience

- ◆ Any type of relevant personal or career experience
- ◆ Not a requirement to complete

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (CONT'D)

IMPORTANT: USING THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IN ENGLISH WITH NO MORE THAN 300 WORDS. ADDITIONAL SHEETS/ATTACHMENTS WILL **NOT** BE REVIEWED.

Essay 1: Please tell us about your long-term career aspirations. Please give specific details of your career plan and explain how you will leverage opportunities in GBA to make it a reality.

Essay 1: career aspirations

- ◆ “A realistic and an ambitious plan for a long-term career in GBA“
- ◆ Realistic: e.g. well-considered; achievable; flexible; with clear goals and milestones; and well researched
- ◆ Ambitious: e.g. challenging; exciting; self-fulfilling; and impactful to self, business, community and economy
- ◆ Long-term: it is not about getting a job, but about doing well and thrive in the long-run
- ◆ GBA: considering HK’s role in GBA and the region’s strategic potentials, how the applicant’s career aspiration will make sense and make the best use of the opportunity.

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Essay 2: Please tell us about the particular strengths you possess that will help you reach your stated career aspirations. Please also tell us about any weaknesses that you see as hurdles and how you plan to overcome them.

- _____ **Essay 2: Strengths and weaknesses** _____
- _____ **◆ “An in-depth understanding of skills** _____
- _____ **and knowledge required to achieve** _____
- _____ **the career plan”** _____
- _____ **◆ Self-assessment on how and why GBA is** _____
- _____ **suitable for the candidate’s career** _____
- _____ **◆ Demonstrate self-awareness, maturity and** _____
- _____ **values** _____
- _____ **◆ Demonstrate resolve: how weaknesses are** _____
- _____ **viewed positively and can be overcome** _____
- _____ **with a plan and determination** _____