Education Bureau
The Government of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China

HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE SCHEME 2026/27

Objective

To support outstanding local students to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies at world renowned universities outside Hong Kong.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scheme, applicants are required to meet the following two criteria:

1. have right of abode or right to land, or have entered Hong Kong on One-way Permits; and
2. have resided in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of the academic programme outside Hong Kong.

Besides, for undergraduate programmes, only students receiving/received their formal school education in Hong Kong are eligible. For postgraduate programmes, students who have obtained their undergraduate qualifications either in or outside Hong Kong are eligible.

Amount

Up to 100 scholarship offers would be made per cohort. Each awardee will receive a non-means-tested scholarship of up to **HK$300,000** per annum. In addition, the HKSES will provide additional support to financially needy awardees during their studies. Awardees who have passed the means test will receive a bursary of up to **HK$200,000** per student per annum, to cover their living and study-related expenses. The value of the award may be correspondingly reduced if an awardee also receives other awards to finance his/her same study outside Hong Kong.

Once awarded, a scholarship will last for the normal duration of the concerned programme in respect of undergraduate studies. For postgraduate studies, a scholarship will last for the minimum years required to complete the programme in respect of doctoral degree programmes and up to two years in respect of other postgraduate programmes (e.g. master's degree programmes).

Undertaking to Return to Work in Hong Kong

Awardees would be required to complete the specific study programmes and undertake to return to Hong Kong upon graduation to work for at least two years or a period equivalent to the duration of receiving the scholarship, whichever is longer.

Application

Eligible students who intend to pursue the first year of undergraduate or postgraduate studies at world renowned universities outside Hong Kong in the 2026/27 academic year (i.e. during the period of August 2026 to July 2027) are welcome to submit their applications for scholarship via the online application system at **https://hkses.edb.gov.hk** on or before **31 December 2025 (by 6 pm)**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Enquiry

Enquiries should be directed to **3509 7395** or **hkses@edb.gov.hk**.

More details about the scheme and to apply online, please visit **https://hkses.edb.gov.hk**.