

Global Experience Support Scheme 2024/25AY

Hong Kong Baptist University, School of Business

- *Exchange Award for Business Students*
- *Matching Sponsorship Scheme for Metropolitan Attachment Programme (MAP)*
- *Overseas Activity Sponsorship for Business Students*

AIMS

The *Global Experience Support Scheme (GESS)* has been established to encourage and enable more students to gain overseas exposure in global business environments through exchange programmes, overseas internships and service learning programmes organized by the university. It also aims to support students with financial difficulties by covering the expenses incurred in these programmes.

The below awards/sponsorships are offered in addition to the sponsorship provided by the University. The primary selection criteria is the financial status of the applicants, while their achievement in community service, service to the University/School and/or extra-curricular activities will also be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the awards/sponsorships, students MUST:

- 1) Be full-time local (i.e. non-visa holder) students of BBA (Hons) Programme#
- 2) Be accepted by one of the below programmes:
 - a. Student Exchange Programme 2025/26AY administrated by International Office for a study period of one semester to one full year by a partner institution of HKBU,
 - b. Summer Programme 2025 recognized by the BBA Programme Office, or
 - c. Metropolitan Attachment Programme (MAP) 2025
- 3) Meet the academic requirement:

Name of Award/ Sponsorship	Minimum cGPA
Exchange Award for Business Students	2.50 or above
Matching Sponsorship Scheme for Metropolitan Attachment Programme	
Overseas Activity Sponsorship for Business Students	2.20-2.49

- 4) Have attained a certain level of achievement in community service, service/contribution to the University/School and/or extra-curricular activities

#For final year students, eligible applicants refer to students who expect to fulfill all the graduation requirements in semester 2, 2024-25AY or summer 2025.

DETAILS

I. Exchange Award for Business Students

An amount of maximum HK\$19,000 each, depending on the region, will be awarded to successful applicants in support of their participation in the Student Exchange Programme 2025/26AY (one semester or one year) or Summer Programmes 2025 recognized by the BBA Programme Office.

Maximum amount of Exchange Award for Student Exchange Programme (one semester or one year):

Destination (Countries/Regions)	Max. amount (HK\$)
Africa, Americas, Europe, Israel	\$19,000
The Middle East, Oceania, Kazakhstan, Turkey	\$16,000
Japan, Singapore, South Korea	\$11,000
China (except for Guangdong Province), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand	\$8,000
China (Guangdong Province), Macau	\$3,000

II. Matching Sponsorship Scheme for Metropolitan Attachment Programme[^]

Depending on the programme fee and destination, successful applicants will be awarded a sponsorship in support of their participation in the Metropolitan Attachment Programme (MAP) organized by the Office of Student Affairs.

[^]*Please refer to the Office of Student Affairs website for the latest information.*

III. Overseas Activity Sponsorship for Business Students

Successful applicants will be awarded a sponsorship of up to HK\$6,500 in support of their participation in 1) Summer Programme recognized by BBA Programme Office or 2) Metropolitan Attachment Programme.

*** For all of the above, students who have proven financial difficulties would be given higher priority. ***

IMPORTANT NOTES

- 1) Applicants are allowed to submit applications for all of the above-listed awards and sponsorships, with a clear indication of preference priority. In the case of successful acceptance by more than one programme, successful applicants can only receive ONE award/ sponsorship.
- 2) Students can apply for the Global Experience Support Scheme for more than one recognized activity during their University studies which the maximum amount of awards/ sponsorships each student receives from the scheme is HK\$19,000.

- 3) For **exchange applicants**:
- You can apply for both semester exchange and summer programme. However, priority will be given to successfully applied semester exchange through the International Office.
 - For **summer programme applicants**, you will be awarded the Exchange Award/ Sponsorship according to the priority of programme choices you indicated in the application form.
 - You are NOT eligible to receive the Exchange Award offered by the School of Business if you receive the Exchange Scholarships administrated through the International Office, scholarships/ awards/ sponsorships offered by the Language Centre or scholarships/ awards/ sponsorships offered by other University units for the same activity.
 - The recognition list of Summer Programme 2025 will be announced in January 2025. Please visit this link: <https://bba.hkbu.edu.hk/be-global/overseas-exchange>.
- 4) Qualified applications fulfilling the minimum requirements mentioned above will enter the second round selection. Meanwhile, due to resources limitation, applicants who have previously participated in exchange programme, MAP, received any scholarships/ awards/ sponsorships from School of Business/ University for the same activity will not be considered or will be placed at a lower priority and the awarding amount will be adjusted.
- 5) The amount of award/ sponsorship is subject to changes according to the programme fee, destination and estimated expenditure.
- 6) The BBA Programme Office reserves the right to make the final decision on the list of awards/ sponsorships recipients and adjust the amount granted based on budget availability.

OBLIGATION

- 1) Students must successfully complete the exchange programme or MAP and resume their studies at HKBU after the programme. Otherwise, he/she may be required to refund the awards/ sponsorships amount in full.
- 2) Students are obliged to attend ceremonies, visits, meetings, training and briefing sessions, give presentation or share experience at School event, and contribute to group publications, featuring your exchange/ MAP experience when invited to do so.
- 3) Students must submit a 400-words report on the exchange/ internship experience and at least 5 photos to BBA Programme Office upon completion.
- 4) Students are responsible to inform BBA Programme Office any changes of the programme, such as cancellation, withdrawal, or change of location.

APPLICATION

Complete the online application form [HERE](#) and upload the following documents:

- a. A copy of academic transcript (an unofficial student copy will be sufficient);
- b. Copies of valid supporting documents for the service/achievement/extra-curricular activities;
- c. [For students who have indicated financial difficulties] A self-statement of not more than 400 words in English on your financial needs and submit the recognized proof of financial needs; and
- d. Any other relevant documents that may help in our selection process

Recognized proof of financial needs includes:

- a. A letter of approval from the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme
- b. A letter of approved grant and loan amount from the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (Government Grant and Loan) in 2024/25
- c. Other documents issued by official organizations/ departments

MORE INFORMATION

- 1) [Student Exchange Programme](#)
- 2) [Metropolitan Attachment Programme \(MAP\)](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Programme Applied for	Award/ Sponsorship Application Deadline
Student Exchange Programme (semester exchange)	24 January 2025 (Friday)
Summer Programme (1 st round)	
Metropolitan Attachment Programme	25 April 2025 (Friday)
Summer Programme (2 nd round) (Quota is subject to the budgetary availability.)	

*** Late application will not be accepted ***

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