

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Student Affairs Office

Non-means-tested Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-Secondary Students
(Non-means-tested MES)

Background

Non-means-tested Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-Secondary Students (Non-means-tested MES) is established to provide local and non-local students of full-time locally-accredited programmes at undergraduate including top-up levels to participate in exchange activities outside Hong Kong. It encourages and supports students to participate in exchange activities held in the Mainland.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Students

- Local and non-local students enrolled in full-time locally-accredited undergraduate programme at the time of application and throughout the duration of the subsidized exchange activity;
- Going to participate in an eligible exchange activity as detailed below and
- Selected through a merit-based mechanism administered by EdUHK.

Eligible Exchange Activities

- Outbound exchange activity comprising substantive teaching and learning elements to be held in the Mainland;
- Organized and/or endorsed by EdUHK;
- Lasting for at least five days; and
- If the exchange activity is not organized by EdUHK, the hosting institution must be a recognized institution/body either in Hong Kong or in the home country.

Subsidy for Students

The maximum amount of subsidy to be granted to an eligible student for participating in an exchange activity under Non-means-tested MES varies according to the duration of the exchange activity as set out below:

(A)	
Destination	Subsidy Amount (\$)
the Mainland	900
(B)	
Duration (Days)	Subsidy Amount (\$)
5-13	1,050
14-28	1,800
29-90	3,000
91-180	7,500
Over 180	13,500

**For Student Exchange Programme (SEP), duration is set at 91-180 days.*

Selection Criteria

- In general, the duration of an exchange activity should cover the period from the commencement date to the completion date of the official programme of the exchange activity. Travelling time back and forth between Hong Kong and the exchange destination should not be counted towards the duration of the exchange activity.
- For each exchange activity, the maximum amount of subsidy to be granted to the student is calculated by adding up the subsidy under (A) and (B) above.
- The amount of subsidy granted to an eligible student under Non-means-tested MES should not exceed the direct costs arising from his/her participation in the concerned exchange activity.
- EdUHK may, at its full discretion, adjust the actual amount of subsidy to be granted to the student downwards from that maximum amount, having regard to the actual travelling expenses and participation fees involved in the exchange activities, other subsidy/sponsorship received by the students, etc.
- Students are only eligible for assistance under the Non-means-test MES once throughout his/her study at the same level.
- Students who have previously received assistance from other scholarships or support schemes wholly or partly funded by the Government are also eligible for assistance under Non-means-tested MES.
- Students receiving assistance under Non-means-tested MES may receive subsidies from other sources (including Government and private ones) to cover expenses in connection with the same exchange activity.
- Priority should be given to those who have not received any subsidy under scholarship / sponsorship / subsidy schemes wholly or partly funded by the Government.
- Subject to subsidy funding available in that academic year.

Application Procedure

- Eligible students should submit the application together with supporting documents 1) SID copy; 2) acceptance letter issued from the overseas exchange institution
- Submit the Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form together with three major receipt copies WITHIN one month after the programme end date at the latest.

**The approved subsidy will be issued in one installment. Meanwhile, student should be able to receive the cheque in around 2 months after submission of declaration form.*

Subsidy Recipient's Obligations

- Sign an online undertaking form to comply with respective terms and conditions
- EdUHK reserves the right to demand the return of the subsidy amount granted if the subsidy recipients do not fulfill any of the above conditions or the subsidy received is greater than the actual direct costs associated with the exchange activity.

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