

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Student Affairs Office

Scheme for Non-means-tested Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” Regions
for Post-secondary Students (Non-means-tested SSEBR)

Background

Scheme for Non-means-tested Subsidy on Exchange to “Belt and Road” Regions for Post-secondary Students (Non-means-tested SSEBR) is established to provide 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 local students to participate in exchange activities held in the Belt & Road regions, excluding the Mainland, Taiwan and Macao.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Students

- 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 any B&R country/economy¹ excluding the Mainland, Taiwan and Macao;
- 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 SSEBR varies according to the destination and duration of the exchange activity as set out below:

¹ The definition of B&R country/economy refers to the one listed at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council website at <http://beltandroad.hktdc.com/en/country-profiles/country-profiles.asp>. The list of B&R country/economy is subject to review and update from time to time.

(A)	
Destination	Subsidy Amount (\$)
Asia (including Middle East, excluding the Mainland, Taiwan and Macao)	900
Africa	2,100
Oceania & Europe	2,400
Central & South America & Caribbean	4,500

(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 SSEBR 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 SSEBR 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 SSEBR.
- Students receiving assistance under Non-means-tested SSEBR 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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