



香港教育大學

The Education University  
of Hong Kong

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

Aug 2024

# Schemes for Subsidy on Exchange

(SSE, Means-tested SSEBR)

# Background

- To provide local students of full-time locally-accredited programmes at sub-degree and undergraduate levels (including top-up) with means-tested grant to participate in exchange activities outside Hong Kong
- To ensure that no post-secondary students will be denied access to exchange activities due to a lack of financial means
- SSEBR is specially established to strengthen and promote further educational exchanges between Hong Kong and the nearby countries along the Belt and Road (B&R) regions

# Eligible Exchange Activities





















<u>SSE</u>	<u>Means-tested SSEBR</u>
<p>Learning activities                      Internship programmes                      Service programmes                      National, regional and international events and competitions</p>	
<p>to be held in any “Belt and Road” countries,                      excluding the Mainland/Taiwan/Macao</p>	
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## “Belt and Road” country/economy listed at Hong Kong Trade Development Council

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\*Subject to review and update from time to time

## Level of Subsidy - SSE

(A)

Destination	Subsidy Amount (\$)
Asia (including Middle East)	3,000
Africa	7,000
Oceania & Europe	8,000
North America	9,000
Central & South America & Caribbean	15,000

(B)

Duration (Days)	Subsidy Amount (\$)
14-28	6,000
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## Means-tested SSEBR

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## Calculation Formula

### Maximum subsidy amount granted

[Component (A) + Component (B)] x level of student finance approved by SFO  
(in terms of % of full grant)

### Example

If a student is receiving 50% of full grant from Student Finance Office (SFO) joins an exchange activity in Hungary for 100 days, the maximum amount of the subsidy will be HK\$16,500. In cases where the financial assistance level by the SFO is lower than 50%, the financial assistance level to be adopted in the calculation will be adjusted upward to 50%.

### Calculation:

**Max. Subsidy Amount Granted**

$$= 50\% \times [(a)\$8,000 + (b)\$25,000] = \text{HK\$16,500}$$

# Eligibility Criteria

Target Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Local</u> students enrolled in <u>full-time</u> locally-accredited sub-degree and undergraduate (including top-up degree) programmes at the time of application <u>and</u> throughout the duration of subsidized exchange activity</li></ul>
General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being selected to participate in <u>and</u> able to complete outbound exchange programme;</li><li>• Recipient of <u>means-tested</u> financial assistance (i.e. <b>approved grant under TSFS or FASP</b>) from Student Finance Office (SFO) <u>OR</u> whose families are in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by the time student applies or is nominated for an outbound exchange programme;</li><li>• Selected through a <u>merit-based mechanism</u> administered by EdUHK</li></ul>



## Selection Criteria

- Students are only eligible for the SSE once throughout their study in programmes at the same level of study
- Students are eligible for means-tested SSEBR twice at the current level of study. The total amount of subsidy is capped at HK\$60,000.
- Destinations of every exchange activities subsidized under SSEBR and SSE should be different in terms of country/economy
- Priority should be given to credit-bearing or award-bearing exchange programme
- Subject to subsidy funding available in that particular academic year

## Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange

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## Supporting Documents Needed

1. SID copy
2. Grant/Loan Notification Result or Notification Letter on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (if any)
3. Acceptance Letter issued from the overseas exchange institution

*\*Incomplete or late applications will not be processed*

# Approved means-tested grant

在職家庭及學生資助事務處  
學生資助處  
九龍長沙灣道303號  
長沙灣政府台署十一樓

Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency  
Student Finance Office  
11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road,  
Kowloon.

APP. NO. : 22FSG  
TELEPHONE : 2152 9000  
FAXLINE NO. : 2519 8512

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## Student Name

Dear CHAN

21/06/2022

If there are any changes in the data shown below, you should inform this Office immediately.

HKID No. : Student No. :

Bank A/C No. :

Institution : THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Course : Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Primary) - General Studies / Mathematics (Five-year Full-time)

Tuition Fee paid / payable for 2022/23 Academic year : \$42,100.00

Student ID & HKID

2022/23 Academic Year  
Notification of Result of Application for Financial Assistance  
under the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS)  
and Offer of Loan under the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Full-time Tertiary Students (NLSFT)

TSFS / FASP

I wish to inform you that processing of your application for the financial assistance under the TSFS for the 2022/23 academic year has been completed and the result is as follows:

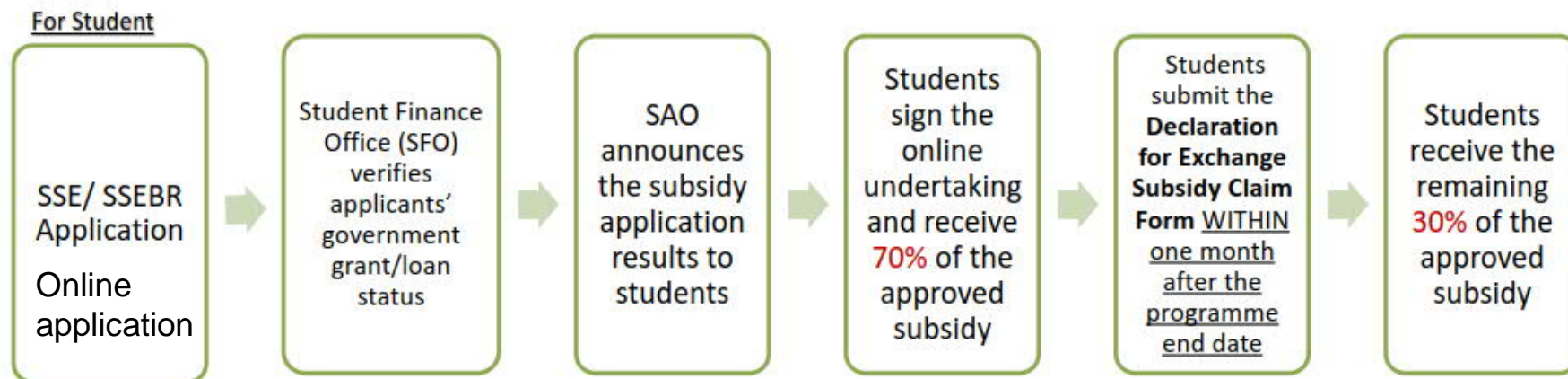
Tuition fee grant	: \$42,100.00
Academic expenses grant	: \$8,290.00
Loan under TSFS	: \$55,560.00
NLSFT Loan	: \$0.00

Grant Amount > 0

Disbursement of the grant and loan as set out above is subject to the condition that you and/or your indemnifier has/have no arrears of grant and/or loan and/or subsidy under any financial assistance/loan scheme administered by this Office. The payment of financial assistance under the TSFS, if any, will be arranged in two equal instalments (Note 1). The first instalment of the tuition fee grant and the academic expenses grant will be paid

Workflow

# Application Flowchart



*\*Student should be able to receive the cheque in around 2 months after the submission of application and declaration form.*

\* The approved subsidy will be issued in two installments: 70% will be issued before the exchange activity while the remaining 30% will be issued after submission of Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form.

\* Application should be completed, for consideration by SAO, **prior to the exchange activity**. Student should submit the Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form within one month after the programme end date, the latest, while the exchange activity in a certain academic year should be completed on or before 31 August of that academic year only.

# Non-means-tested Schemes for Subsidy on Exchange

- Non-means-tested Mainland Experience Subsidy (Non-means-tested MES)
- Non-means-tested SSEBR

# Eligible Exchange Activities

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## Subsidy Recipient's Obligations

- Sign an online undertaking form to comply with respective terms and conditions; and
- Submit an online Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form together with three major receipt copies and participation letter issued by host universities and the boarding pass WITHIN one month after the programme end date.

*EdUHK reserves the right to demand return of any subsidy amount granted if the subsidy recipients do not fulfill any of the above conditions or subsidy received is greater than actual direct costs associated with the exchange activity*

# Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form

To be submitted **WITHIN one month** after the programme end date.



## Declaration for Exchange Subsidy Claim Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_) hereby declare that the direct cost\* arising from my exchange activity / programme to \_\_\_\_\_ (Exchange Country) from \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy) to \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy) are as follow:

Nature of Receipt	Amount (HKD)
Programme / activity fee	
Airfare, train fare and / or other transportation fees	
Accommodation fees	
Local transportation	
Living expenses i.e. meals	
Miscellaneous:	
> Insurance _____	
> Medical expenses _____	
> Others: please specify: _____	
<b>Total</b>	

### Remarks

- Example of direct costs which would be funded wholly or in part by the exchange subsidies include
  - programme / activity fee
  - airfare, train fare and / or other transportation fees to and from the destination country / region (one return trip only);
  - accommodation fees;
  - local transportation fees;
  - living expenses incurred within the exchange period; and
  - other miscellaneous expenses (e.g. insurance, medical expenses, etc)
- Please attach **receipt copies of (a), (b) & (c) above; and participation letter issued by host universities and the boarding pass** together with the declaration form
- Provided that the subsidy granted is greater than the direct costs arising from your exchange activity / programme, refund of extra amount is deemed necessary.
- I understand that any false information will disqualify my application for the subsidy and as a result, any approved subsidy will be withheld or I shall be requested to return all the received subsidy to the University.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>	Handled by (date): _____ ( )
Application No.: _____	
Granted Subsidy Amount: _____	
Amount of direct cost exceeding subsidy granted (If any): _____	

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## Enquiries

Student Affairs Office

Email: [saosfa@eduhk.hk](mailto:saosfa@eduhk.hk)

Webpage:

[https://www.eduhk.hk/sao/info/student\\_finance/schemes\\_for\\_subsidy\\_on\\_exchange/](https://www.eduhk.hk/sao/info/student_finance/schemes_for_subsidy_on_exchange/)

Location: Cho Kwai Chee Foundation Building, 1/F-01

Office Hour: [Mon-Fri] 8:30 am – 5:20 pm

