

PolyU Belt and Road Learning Experience Fund

Application Guidelines

To encourage PolyU undergraduate students to engage in the Belt and Road experiences, Global Engagement Office (GEO) launches the “Belt and Road Learning Experience Fund” (the Fund) to support faculties, schools, departments and offices in organising Belt and Road study programmes that strengthen students’ multicultural competency and enrich students’ Belt and Road experience.

Eligible Programmes

- Study tours, field trips, cultural immersion programmes organised/arranged by PolyU’s academic units and student-related offices to the Belt and Road countries (refer to <http://beltandroad.hktdc.com/en/country-profiles/country-profiles.aspx> for the list of Belt and Road countries). Study tours to the Mainland with Belt and Road relevance will also be considered;
- Fee-paying/non-fee-paying study programmes organised by PolyU’s Belt and Road university alliances (University Alliance of the Silk Road (UASR), University Consortium of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (UCMSR), Association of Sino-Russian Technical Universities (ASRTU), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Consortium of Universities)
- Any other Belt and Road study programmes that provide substantial learning benefits to enrich PolyU’s students’ Belt and Road experience and knowledge.

Eligible Participants

- Students supported under the Fund must be PolyU full-time undergraduate students in UGC-funded programmes at the time of application and during the dates of event. Final-year students are not eligible for activities happening in Summer Break.
- Students can only be subsidised for once during the whole UG study period.
- PolyU faculties, schools, departments and student-related offices (applicants) are responsible for selecting qualified students.

Funding Arrangement

	<i>Subsidy per Person</i>
East and Southeast Asia	HKD 3,000
North, Central and South Asia	HKD 4,000
Middle East and outside Asia	HKD 5,000

- Learning experiences should last for **at least 5 calendar days**.
- A total of 100 PolyU UG students and accompanying staff will be supported for participation in outbound visits each year (**Minimum 10 and maximum 20 PolyU UG students for each application, including the accompanying staff(s)**).
- To support PolyU's academic units and student-related offices to organise the Belt and Road trips, accompanying staff will also be sponsored in a ratio of 1 staff to 10 students, capped at 2 staff for each programme. The amount of staff subsidy will be same as that of the concerned student subsidy.
- This Belt and Road Learning Experience Fund does not support internship, service-learning and Global Student Exchange programmes.

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- **Call for applications* are made for two rounds in 2023** as follows:

	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Round 2</i>
Application deadlines	15 March 2023	15 September 2023
Result announcement	By 30 April 2023	By 31 October 2023

**The quota of subsidy to be offered each year is subject to the availability of sufficient fund.*

- The application should be made by PolyU's faculties, schools, departments and student-related offices to Global Engagement Office (GEO) at bnrinfo@polyu.edu.hk **at least 6 weeks before the commencement of programme and before the application deadlines**.
- The disbursement of approved fund will be made to the successful applying units (i.e., PolyU's faculties, schools, departments and offices).
- Unspent amount of subsidy due to the cancellation or incompleteness of programme should be returned to GEO within 1.5 months upon the confirmation of such change.
- Should there be any deviations (e.g., programme arrangement), applicants must obtain prior written approval from GEO.
- **Applicants are required to submit an evaluation report within ONE month after the completion of the activities.**
- GEO is the administrative unit of the PolyU Belt and Road Learning Experience Fund. GEO reserves the right to change the guidelines stipulated herein from time to time, without notice to applicants prior to the change.