

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund – Reaching Out Award 2025/26

Information Sheet

Aim
To equip students with international vision, broadening their exposure to multicultural environment and enhancing their communication skills in English, Putonghua or other languages.
No. and Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 300 awards for PolyU government-funded students. - The value of each award is fixed at HK\$10,000.
Eligibility and Selection Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To current students pursuing a full-time government-funded degree or above level programmes. Inbound exchange students are not eligible. - Both local and non-local students are eligible. - The disciplinary record(s) of the nominees with PolyU (if any) may be taken into consideration in the selection process. - The candidates should normally have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or an equivalent standard by the end of Semester One of 2025/26. - The awardees should participate in an event/ competition (e.g. Conferences/forums/workshops/seminars/ training camps/competitions, service projects etc.), partake in an internship or placement (credit-bearing/non-credit bearing), take part in a field/study trip or attend a course (e.g. foreign language immersion programmes, academic exchange programmes etc.) that is conducted outside Hong Kong (destination must also be outside the home country of the non-local students) in the 2025/26 academic year. Although there is no strict limit on duration, <u>the outreaching activity should be more than 2 days.</u> - The outreaching activity should either be <u>organised or endorsed by PolyU and conducted during the period 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026.</u> Activities which commence slightly before 1 September 2025 <u>OR</u> end slightly after 31 August 2026 may also be considered (<i>Examples: a) Overseas Exchange from 15 August 2025 to 28 December 2025 or b) Summer Overseas Study Trip from 9 August 2026 to 3 September 2026 are eligible. Activities which were completed before 1 September 2025 <u>OR</u> to be commenced after 31 August 2026 are NOT eligible. Students departing during the recognised period for the 2026/27 Academic Exchange should apply for ROA in 2026/27.</i>). Online activities are NOT eligible for ROA. Students are welcome to further clarify with Student Affairs Office (SAO) on the eligibility of the outreaching activity. - The ROA recipients are only eligible to receive the Award ONCE throughout their studies. However, they are allowed to concurrently hold other scholarship(s)/subsidy which cover the cost of outreaching activities. - The ROA is not on reimbursement basis but may cover whole/part of the expenses incurred during the outreaching activities. The conditional offer (if any) for the Award will be withdrawn and award money will not be released to the awardees who failed to participate in/complete the proposed outreaching activity and/or submit completion proof and reflection report upon completion of activity.
Nomination/Selection Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each academic department hosting full-time government-funded programme(s) can nominate up to a designated number of eligible students (with priority) to compete for the Awards. <u>Interested students who wish to be considered for nomination should approach their Faculty/School/College/Departmental Scholarship Liaison Officer on or before 18 March 2026 (Wednesday) or the deadline set out by your Faculty/School/College/Academic Department (whichever is the earlier).</u> - Nominees must provide proof for their proposed outreaching activity as supporting documents, such as official acceptance letter issued by the host university/institution, air tickets, accommodation booking record, programme fees payment receipt, etc. If the outreaching activity is completed at the time of application, nominees should submit their completion proof as supporting document, such as certificate of participation, official transcript issued by the host university, reference letter/declaration of employer for internship, inbound/outbound boarding

passes, etc. Please note that screenshots/cropped images cannot serve as proof. Please convert the email/webpage into pdf by “print -> save as pdf”.

- The PolyU awardees will be selected by a selection panel. The nominees will be notified of the selection results by SAO sometime in June/July 2026 after Education Bureau (EDB)’s endorsement.

Remarks

- **ROA is awarded to individual students who fulfill all the selection criteria and award conditions. The Award should NOT serve as a subsidy for the outreaching activity which the awardees participated in.**
- Each awardee is required to submit a softcopy of the reflection report to SAO about the activity participated and the learning experiences and benefits acquired within one month upon completion of the activity. If the activity has been completed before the nomination deadline, the awardee should submit the reflection report within one month upon the announcement of selection result.
- The report will be passed to EDB upon request. The HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund reserves the right to publish the reports and photos (in full or in part) submitted by ROA recipients, either online or in print.
- The payment will only be released to the awardees after the submission of a satisfactory report and completion proof.