

Division of Business

Summer Overseas Study 2018

A. Objectives

The Summer Overseas Study programme is funded by the Community College of City University (CCCU) and comprised of two different categories: Study Abroad Scheme and Overseas Attachment Scheme, providing an opportunity for students to study at a reputable institution (university or degree-granting college) in US, UK, Australia, Canada, or countries of your choice (subject to approval by CCCU) for a certain period of time (e.g. 2-4 weeks).

The Programme aims at:

- enhancing students' English proficiency;
- enriching students' educational and personal experience through immersion in a different environment; and
- Polishing personal portfolio.

B. Quota

CCCU has set aside more than one million Hong Kong dollars for this Programme. Besides, the Reaching Out Award, set at \$10,000 per student, funded by the Education Bureau of HKSAR provides another source of sponsorship to support students. In the past, around 70 students were able to benefit from the Programme each year.

C. Principles and Responsibilities

1. Successful students must complete their Associate Degree studies with CCCU after taking up the Summer Overseas Study programme. Those who fail to comply with this requirement will be required to pay back the full financial subsidy (including the tuition fee paid to the host institution by CCCU and the grant received) obtained to CCCU.
2. Students must obtain a minimum "C" grade (according to the host institution's grading system) in a course in order to gain credit transfer. The grades of the courses completed in the host institution will not count in the calculation of the student's Grade Point Average (GPA). Students should consult their Programme Leaders about the courses that can be granted credit transfer to their AD programmes.
3. Successful applicants cannot change their institutional option unless approved by the Division/CCCU.
4. Foreign institutions chosen should be reputable and in the QS Ranking League of top 100 institutions.
5. CCCU and the Division reserve the right to determine the number of students awarded for the Programme.

D. Eligibility

The Programme is open to all current Year 1 ABA students who meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Students must be over 18 or 19 years old on the date of departure for some overseas programmes;
2. Students must have attained good academic standard and satisfied specific requirements of host institutions;
3. Students should obtain GCE1000 or 1500 with grade B and B- or above, or DSE English Level 3 or above; some overseas programmes also require IELTS score of 5.5 or above.
4. Students must have attained a CGPA of at least 3.0 in their latest semester or term of study;
5. Students must possess travel documents with a validity of 6 months from the departure date;
6. Students who have no previous experience of living or studying in an English speaking country for more than 12 months are preferred; and
7. Students' contribution to activities of their AD programme and participation in extra-curricular activities will be considered.

E. Programme Categories and Enquiry

Category A: Study Abroad Scheme

Students with CGPA 3.3 or above can take part in short overseas academic study programmes of their own choice. Interested students should submit the application online at <https://goo.gl/forms/U55LICTOI7T8IUqn2> by 15th January 2018. A subsidy of **\$25,000** will be offered to successful candidates.

Students are responsible for applying individually to foreign institutions, completing their overseas studies and providing sufficient documents such as transcript and boarding pass for the reimbursement of subsidy.

Some examples of academic programmes joined by the students in the last few years were listed below.

- Harvard Summer School, Harvard University, US (Rank #3 in QS2018)
- International Summer Programme, University of Cambridge, UK (Rank #5 in QS2018)
- Enterprise Summer Programme, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (Rank #11 in QS2018)
- Summer School, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK (Rank #35 in QS2018)

Category B: Overseas Attachment Scheme

The following four summer programmes are recommended by the Division.

- English for International Business Communication, University of Queensland, Australia, (Rank #47 in QS2018)
- Vancouver Summer Programme, University of British Columbia, Canada, (Rank #51 in QS2018)
- University of Westminster, London, UK
- Eureka Collage, Illinois, US

A maximum of **\$10,000** sponsorship will be offered to successful candidates. Interested students with CGPA 3.0 or above should complete an online application available at <https://goo.gl/forms/U55LICTOI7T8IUqn2> by 15th January 2018.

F. Important Notes and Dates

1. CCCU and the Division reserve the right to interpret and construe any terms or provisions in this information sheet and to make reasonable and necessary adjustments to it at its sole discretion.
2. CCCU students are covered by the Group Personal Accident Insurance. Details are available at <http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/FO/studentlan/htm/Travel.htm>.
3. Payments and Deadlines
 - (a) Online apply at <https://goo.gl/forms/U55LICTOI7T8IUqn2> on or before 15th January 2018 (if you want to apply for ROA, application should be submitted before 29th Dec, 2017)
 - (b) Selected candidates will be invited for interview in mid January 2018.
 - (c) A \$1,000 deposit or parental consent letter is required for the successful candidates.
 - (d) Cat A candidates should confirm the summer programme by end of Mar 2018.
 - (e) Cat B candidates have to pay a deposit of HK\$6,000 by March and settle the balance by April 2018. (details to be announced)
 - (f) Fees paid are NON-REFUNDABLE. Awardees are required to pay back the full financial subsidy to CCCU if they fail to complete the Associate Degree programme in CCCU.
4. All participants are required to:
 - (a) make sure the VISA documents are ready and valid before the departure date;
 - (b) complete the Student Agreement before the departure of the trip;
 - (c) join the pre-departure meetings; and
 - (d) submit an individual reflection report, individual/group photos with high quality, compose a promotion poster/ppt in group and join post-trip sharing after the trip.