# For Local Full-time Students Pursuing Accredited Self-financing Degree Programmes

Institution Code : BR

## Introduction

If you are a full-time student pursuing above mentioned accredited self-financing degree programme, aged 30 or below and have the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided / had your home in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of your programme, you are eligible to apply for financial assistance through this Scheme which is administered by the Hong Kong Government. For guidelines of application, please visit the following website of the **Student Finance Office (SFO)**[學生資助 處], which is under the **Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) of the Hong Kong SAR Government**.

http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/tc/postsecondary/fasp/overview.htm (Chinese version) http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/fasp/overview.htm (English version)

The Scheme offers assistance in the form of grants to cover students' tuition fees and academic expenses. As this is the main source of financial assistance, you are strongly advised not to miss the application periods. The earlier the application is submitted, the earlier the application is processed.

## Enquiries

Student Finance Office (SFO) Enquiry Hotline	:	2150 9000
24-hour Automated Enquiry Hotline provided by SFO	:	2802 2345

## 2024/25 Application

#### **Online Application Form (E-submission)**

All FASP applicants are required to submit their applications through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>). No more hard copy of application form can be submitted / processed.

For Course Coding Sheet, please visit the Student Finance Office website: http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/fasp/general/coding.htm

(Please note that your Institution Course Code means "Programme" + "Major" codes as enlisted in AIMS. For details, please click here).

Online demonstration on E-submission of FASP applications: <u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/tc/</u> (Chinese version) <u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/en/</u> (English version)

#### Importance of Complete and Accurate Information

To ensure you have filled in each and every item of information in the appropriate parts accurately and attached all documentary proofs when submitting the online application form, you are highly recommended to read through the information, such as "<u>Guidance Notes</u>", "<u>Illustration of Reporting Income & Assets</u>", "<u>Provision of Complete Information and Supporting Documents</u>" and "<u>Common Mistakes in</u> <u>Completing Application Form</u>", enlisted in SFO's website: <u>https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/fasp/application/forms.htm</u>.

All unavailable information / supporting documents at the time of submitting the application form should be stated in Step 12 "Additional Information" of the online application form and applicants should take the initiative to submit to the SFO once available. Otherwise, any information / supporting documents reported / provided only upon the SFO's enquiry will be treated as misrepresentations and/or omissions and the application may be rejected.

#### Submission of Declaration (paper signing selected) & Supporting Documents

Applicants should submit the signed declaration (paper signing selected) and the required supporting documents to the SFO within 7 days from the date of submitting the online application form through the following means:

- A. Online upload
  - Through SFO E-link My Applications platform (https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk)
  - File formats PDF or JPEG
  - File capacity 40 MB (about 100 black and white pages)
  - If you have a large volume of supporting documents, please use other means to submit the documents in one go.
- B. By mail to the SFO / through the SFO's drop-in boxes (together with the Reply Slip)

Address: Student Finance Office Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency 12/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon (Applications Team (FASP))

#### **Application Period**

## For Full-time Current Students: (Application deadline: 21 June 2024)

In 2024/25 academic year, FASP applicants should submit their applications through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>) from 6 May 2024 to 21 June 2024.

Please note that the earlier you hand in your application, the earlier your application will be processed and you may obtain your Government Grant and Loan / Non-means-tested Loan in time to cover your tuition fee for 2024/25.

Late application should be submitted through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>).

## Maximum Grant & Loan Offered to CityUHK Students

#### A. Maximum Grant 2024/25

The maximum level of financial assistance is capped at the annual tuition fee payable for the accredited programme and academic expenses grant subject to a ceiling which will be reviewed annually. In the 2024/25 academic year, the ceiling for tuition fee grant is HK\$93,130. The maximum amount of academic expenses grant is HK\$9,010.

# B. Maximum Loan 2024/25

HK\$58,890

## Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STS)

## <u>Eligibility</u>

- Study in self-financing full-time accredited degree programme
- Succeed in FASP application
- Reside beyond 10 minute's walking distance from normal place of study
- Require to travel to school by public transport

Students who wish to apply for the student travel subsidy must submit their applications through the FASP online application form. The applicants who have been approved to receive any kind of travel allowance are NOT entitled to apply for STS from the SFO.