

Funding Principles for Overseas / Mainland Experiential Learning (EL) Funding from the Faculty of Science

Starting from the academic year of 2017-18, each student is awarded up to TWO funding support (one for attending EL courses/activities offered by the Science Faculty/School/Department in Mainland China (Area 1*) AND one for attending EL courses/activities offered by the Science Faculty/School/Department in Area 2a*, Area 2b*, Area 2c* or Area 2d*) from the Faculty throughout his/her study, upon satisfactory completion of the respective EL course/activity.

Students must maintain their registered status at HKU throughout the entire duration of the experiential learning activity. Students' HKU registration status will be terminated upon the release of examination results each semester if they fulfill all graduation requirements. Consequently, students should not participate in any experiential learning activities after their graduation status is confirmed.

The duration of each learning activity should be **no less than three weeks of which at least two weeks must be outside Hong Kong**. However, the required "two weeks outside Hong Kong" rule could be reduced for unavoidable circumstances if the planned overseas activities are linked to the credited course – which all will be considered case-by-case.

Subsidy for students:

- Up to **HK\$4,000** per student for overseas experiential activities in Area 1*
- Up to **HK\$5,500** per student for overseas experiential activities in Area 2a*
- Up to **HK\$7,000** per student for overseas experiential activities in Area 2b*
- Up to **HK\$11,000** per student for overseas experiential activities in Area 2c*
- Up to **HK\$12,000** per student for overseas experiential activities in Area 2d*

Only students from the Faculty of Science (incoming exchange/ visiting students excluded) are eligible for the subsidy. Eligible items include travel expenses, accommodation and registration/programme fee (if applicable). Meals and local (Hong Kong) travel cost are not supported, and are excluded from the total cost.

Student participants are required to contribute part of the cost of the EL. Therefore, the level of funding support from one-line budget for EL activity is the lesser of the cap mentioned above or 80% of the total cost of the EL per student.

Below are some examples:

1. If the total cost of EL per student is HK\$8,000 in Area 1, HK\$4,000 can be funded ($\text{HK\$8,000} \times 0.8 = \text{HK\$6,400}$, which is above the HK\$4,000 cap for EL activity in Area 1). The remaining cost has to be borne by the student.
2. If the total cost of EL per student is HK\$8,000 in Area 2a, HK\$5,500 can be funded ($\text{HK\$8,000} \times 0.8 = \text{HK\$6,400}$, which is above the HK\$5,500 cap for EL activity in Area 2a). The remaining cost has to be borne by the student.
3. If the total cost of EL per student is HK\$4,000 in Area 1 or Area 2a, 80% of the cost, i.e. HK\$3,200, can be funded. The remaining cost has to be borne by the student.
4. If the total cost of EL per student is HK\$11,000 in Area 2c, 80% of the cost, i.e. HK\$8,800, can be funded. The remaining cost has to be borne by the student.
5. If the total cost of EL per student is HK\$20,000 in Area 2d, HK\$12,000 can be funded ($\text{HK\$20,000} \times 0.8 = \text{HK\$16,000}$, which is above the HK\$12,000 cap). The remaining cost has to be borne by the student.

*Remarks:

Area 1: Mainland China

Area 2a: Asian countries/ regions excluding Mainland China, South Korea and Japan (such as Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Macau)

Area 2b: South Korea

Area 2c: Australia, New Zealand

Area 2d: Other countries (such as Europe, the Americas, South Africa, Japan, Israel)