

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, CHINA LIMITED**  
**中國香港足球總會有限公司**

*SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS*

《*GENERAL INFORMATION*》

1) Introduction

CSTB and HKFA established the "Scholarship for professional players" to attract more young players to engage in professional football without giving up their full-time studies. This will also make better preparations for the players' career after retirement.

Furthermore, we are also seeking players that have retired in the last two seasons to apply for the program. We believe that this project will prepare players' better after retirement.

2) Eligibility for application

**a. Active players**

Applicants need to meet the following conditions:

- I. Currently a member of the Hong Kong Representative Team or the Hong Kong Youth Representative Team; and
- II. Current Hong Kong Premier League player and recommended by the Hong Kong Premier League's club; and
- III. Have lived in Hong Kong for at least three years and hold a Hong Kong identity card at the time of application.

**b. Retired players**

Applicants need to meet the following conditions:

- I. Participated in the Hong Kong Premier League for more than 5 seasons; and
- II. Hold a Hong Kong permanent identity card at the time of application.
- III. Players apply within two years of retirement.

3) Scholarship

Each selected player will be provided up to \$42,100 per year for up to four years. Scholarship applies only in tuition (Only suitable for the 2023-2024 academic year).

4) Application procedure

Applicants need to send the following documents:

**(1) the application form,**

**(2) player resume,**

**(3) a copy of tuition fee receipt(s) for the whole academic year,**

**(4) the club recommendation letter,**

**(5) proof of student status (e.g. valid Student ID)**

to HKFA (Coach Education, 55 Fat Kwong Street, Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong.) on or before **June 10, 2024**.

The result of the application will be notified in letter to all applicants in July. Scholarship will be issued in mid-August. **Applications with insufficient or incomplete documents will not be accepted.**

5) Course qualification

Scholarship only accepts programmes / courses offered by the following institutions:

- a. University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded tertiary Education Institutions
- b. Post-secondary Institutions
- c. Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE)
- d. Continuing education departments of UGC-funded tertiary institutions
- e. FIFA / Football Confederation (AFC, UEFA etc) / Regional Football Confederation (EAFF etc) / HKFA

\*The programmes / courses from items a-d must be QF LV.4 or above in the Qualifications Register.

\* The programmes / courses from item e must be A Certificate Course or above.

6) Evaluation criteria

8 players with the highest scores according to the Scoring Table will be selected.

7) Declaration

HKFA reserves the right to change the terms or withdraw the above scholarship. In case of any dispute/disagreement, HKFA's decision is final.

*HKFA Scholarship for professional players  
Scoring Table*

Points	Achievement of the Hong Kong Team	✓
15	Play for Hong Kong Senior Team for at least 15 games	
13	Play for Hong Kong Senior Team for at least 5 games	
10	Play for Hong Kong Senior Team for at least 1 game	
8	Play for Hong Kong U23 Team for at least 5 games	
6	Play for Hong Kong U19/U16 Team for at least 6 games	
4	Play for Hong Kong U19/U16 Team for at least 3 games	
2	Play for Hong Kong U15/U14 Team for at least 5 games	

Points	Achievement of the HKPL	✓
15	Play at least 3 games in AFC Champions League	
13	Play at least 10 games in AFC Cup	
10	Play at least 5 games in AFC Cup	
8	Play at least 40 games in in the Hong Kong Premier League	
6	Play at least 20 games in in the Hong Kong Premier League	
4	Play at least 5 games in in the Hong Kong Premier League	
2	Play at least 8 games in in the Hong Kong Sapling Cup	

Points	Award of the HKPL	✓
15	Team award in at least one Senior international official tournaments*	
13	Obtain HKPL Footballer of the Year	
10	Obtain Hong Kong Top Footballers	
8	Obtain HKPL Best Young Player	
6	Team Award in any of the youth international official tournaments*	
4	Champion in HKPL	
2	Participate in the U23/ U19/ U16 international official tournaments final stage*	

\* International tournaments must be organised by FIFA, AFC, EAFF, General Administration of Sports of China or HKFA, or otherwise assessed by the HKFA case by case.

Calculation method: For each item, only the achievement with the highest score is calculated, a total of 45 points.