



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

**HKFA SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**

**《 GENERAL INFORMATION 》**

**1) Introduction**

CSTB and HKFA have 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.

The scheme also welcomes former professional footballers who have retired within the last two seasons to apply. HKFA believes that this project will prepare players better after retirement.

**2) Eligibility for application**

*a. Active players*

Applicant needs 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. Has lived in Hong Kong for at least three years and holds a Hong Kong identity card at the time of application.

*b. Retired players*

Applicant needs to meet the following conditions:

- I. Participated in the Hong Kong Premier League for more than 5 seasons; and
- II. Holds a Hong Kong permanent identity card at the time of application.
- III. Have retired from professional football within the last two seasons.

**3) Scholarship**

Each selected player will be provided for up to \$42,100 per year for up to four years. Scholarship applies only for tuition (Only suitable for the 2024-2025 academic year).



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## 4) Application procedure

Applicants need to send the following documents:

- (1) Application form
- (2) Player resume
- (3) A copy of tuition fee receipt(s) for the whole academic year
- (4) Club recommendation letter
- (5) Proof of student status (e.g. valid Student ID)

Please send all required documents to HKFA Coach Education (Address: 55 Fat Kwong Street, Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong) or email to us (email: coach@hkfa.com) on or before March 17, 2025. Applicants will be notified of the result in May 2025. The scholarship will be issued between late June and July. Applications with insufficient or incomplete documents will not be accepted.

## 5) Course qualification

Scholarship 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.



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**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.

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***Scoring Table***

<b><i>Points</i></b>	<b><i>Achievement of the Hong Kong Representative Team</i></b>	<b><i>✓</i></b>
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	

<b><i>Points</i></b>	<b><i>Achievement of the Hong Kong Premier League</i></b>	<b><i>✓</i></b>
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	

<b><i>Points</i></b>	<b><i>Award of the Hong Kong Premier League</i></b>	<b><i>✓</i></b>
15	Team award in at least one Senior international official tournament*	
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*	



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\* International tournaments must be organized 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.