

Bangkok Career Exploration Programme 2023: Pioneering Sustainable Development and Social Impact (15-21 Oct) | Deadline on 21 Sep

To: All HKU students,

CEDARS Global Career Springboard Scheme (CGCSS) aims at enriching students' global exposure by offering International Internships, Career Exploration Programmes and other career learning experience in locations outside Hong Kong.

CEDARS-Careers and Placement is collaborating with **Talentlink** for the **Bangkok Career Exploration Programme** on **15-21 October 2023**.

Bangkok Career Exploration Programme 2023 aims to help students discover their career interests and learn the practical skills essential for future careers, especially focusing on ESG and international organisations.

Participants will learn about the pioneering sustainable development and social impact in Bangkok through visits to a selection of international organisations and leading companies. You can have direct interaction with the professionals and attend workshops on design thinking and social innovation delivered by Chulalongkorn University. There is no Thai language requirement for joining this programme.

Programme Highlights

Through the well-structured training and company visits, students are expected to have a much clearer understanding of themselves and know how the world-leading organisations operate.

- 3 Visits to international organisations such as United Nations and World Bank to understand their missions
- 7 Visits to industry companies to witness industry pioneers' unwavering commitment to ESG standards and contribution to a sustainable future
- 2 Workshops to learn about design thinking and social innovation at Chulalongkorn University (Thailand #1 University)
- 1 Networking party to expand networks with professionals and entrepreneurs to create social impacts

Tentative List of Visits



















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Programme Schedule

	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct
AM		Orientation and Training Workshop	Training Workshop	Company Visit	Company Visit	Company Visit	Bangkok to HK
PM	HK to Bangkok	Company Visit	Company Visits and Group Projects	Company Visit	Company Visit	- Company Visit - Panel Discussion - Presentation on Group Projects - Networking Party	

Please refer to the full programme schedule here.

The above activities will subject to change while adjustments may be made by the trainers, speakers and companies involved.

Requirements and Preparation

- Students from all majors and years are welcome.
- Students who are now having exchange study in Bangkok and are available during the above period are also welcome.
- Participants are required to follow the organiser's itinerary in the whole programme.
- Participants will form groups to prepare for the group project on social innovation, share experience and learning during the programme.

Programme Fee

HKD8,250 per person

Eligible students can apply for the Reaching Out Award (ROA) for a one-off grant to join the programme, details are given in the later part.

*The programme fee covers:

- 6 nights' accommodation (shared room of the same gender)
- In-programme transportation (BTS)
- Chulalongkorn University course fee
- Programme administration & coordination for company visit arrangements
- Networking event

*The following items are excluded:

- Round-trip air ticket, including fuel and tax charge
- Tourist / Entry visa application fee (if necessary)
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Meals
- Personal transportation fee in Bangkok
- SIM Card
- Daily expenses
- Insurance, etc.

Since this is a group programme, if the final number of participants is less than expected, the programme may be cancelled.

After completion of the programme, participants are required to share their experience using 200 - 250 words in English, plus 3-5 photos taken during the programme and complete the online learning log book within two weeks. It will be used for programme evaluation and future publicity.

** Students are honor-bound to commit to the programme once they confirm to join. A penalty on accommodation and programme administration fee will be incurred to students who withdraw from the programme after they have accepted the offer.

Timeline

Application Deadline: 21 September 2023

Selection Interview: on rolling basis

Notification of Offer: on rolling basis

Acceptance of Offer: by 25 September 2023

Programme Fee Payment: by 28 September 2023

Attention

- The programme is open to HKU students who are aged 18 or above when they submit the
 application. Participants should be holding a valid passport with an expiry date of at least
 180 days after completion of the programme.
- This is a self-financed programme and there is no sponsorship from CEDARS. Students are strongly recommended to consider their financial situation and availability.
- Successful participants are responsible for the air tickets, personal domestic transportation, meals, daily expenses, insurance etc. Participants are advised to purchase travel insurance with enough coverage in medical related expenses, personal injury and other possible risk during their tenure in Bangkok.
- Students need to observe the entry requirement of the Thailand Government. Any students
 who fail to comply will be rejected by the programme without any refund on programme
 fee. CEDARS and Talentlink reserve the right to check the related document proof of
 participants as required by the Thailand Government.
- The list of companies, activities and schedule may be subject to adjustment and modification in case of special circumstances such as but no limited to COVID-19, weather, work arrangement in Bangkok organisaitons. The organiser will have the final decision.

Application Method

Please follow the below 2 steps to submit your application:

Step 1:

(*All interested students, including those who had registered for a CGCSS account in 2022-23, are required to register for a new account in 2023-24)

- Register an account for CEDARS Global Career Springboard Scheme (CGCSS)
- Keep a record of your CGCSS Account ID for Step 2

Step 2:

- Apply to CEDARS at the online application form
- Quote your CGCSS Account ID in the online form
- Submit the following in ONE MS Word / PDF file:
 - (1) CV
 - (2) Expectation of joining the programme

Attention:

- Improper submission or incomplete application will NOT be accepted.
- You are reminded to avoid last minute application because the online system would likely be overloaded with large volume of applications on the closing date. This would render you impossible to make timely application.

Application Deadline

21 September 2023 (Thursday)

Reaching Out Award

Eligible students who received an offer to join the programme are welcome to apply for the **Reaching Out Award (ROA)** via CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section. Awardees will be selected on the basis of academic merit, participation in the programme activities and financial needs. Successful awardees will receive a **one-off grant of HK\$10,000**.

Since the updated requirement and eligibility of ROA application for Year 2023-2024 will only be available in late October 2023, students may refer to the ROA Requirement / Eligibility of Year 2022-2023 (for reference only).

** Students being accepted to the programme must confirm acceptance of the offer, complete the programme fee payment and submit the ROA application before the timeline set by CEDARS in order to be considered for the award. Details of ROA application will be provided later.

Find out more scholarship opportunities provided by HKU and external organisations at <u>HKU</u> Academic Advising & Scholarship Office website.

Credit Award Scheme for Out-of-classroom Learning Experiences

CGCSS is one of the pre-approved programmes under the Credit Award Scheme for Out-ofclassroom Learning Experiences. Undergraduate students who have successfully completed one activity under CGCSS may be eligible to earn one credit from the Scheme by submitting an endorsement granted by CEDARS and application to HKU Horizons Office for formal approval before the end of August 2024 (for activity taken in the academic year of 2023-24). The credits are academic credits, but will not contribute to the University's degree requirements. Credits can be accumulated one at a time, but students are only able to claim actual, transcriptable credits in blocks of three, as no course should have a credit value of less than three credits under the University's undergraduate curriculum structure.

For enquiries, please email to <u>careerspringboard@cedars.hku.hk</u>.

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