

# Launch of the Bai Xian Asia Future Leaders Scholarship Application (2024)

The Hong Kong Bai Xian Education Foundation (HKBEF) was established by Mr. Cao Qiyong, Vice Chairman of Yung Sun Enterprises (Hong Kong) Ltd. and a member of the Board of Trustees of Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU). Through the Pak Yin Asia Institute (the Institute), the Foundation has established the "Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program" (the Scholarship Program), which provides financial support to a maximum of 100 outstanding Asian students each year to study at universities in East Asia outside of their country of residence. The Scholarship Program involves 8 partner universities in 5 cities and supports students to pursue undergraduate, master's or exchange programs\*, creating cross-cultural exchange opportunities for young leaders. Shanghai Jiao Tong University is one of the Baixian partner universities.

Believing that intercultural education is the key to building a harmonious world of mutual understanding, respect and equality, the Institute aims to develop intercultural education to inspire and motivate students from different countries and regions in Asia. The Institute hopes to enhance relationships among the people of Asia, support collaborative exchanges between universities, and foster a sense of belonging to their communities and mutual understanding in a rapidly changing global landscape.

\*Programs vary from university to university.

## I. Funding Amount and Method

The Bai Xian Asia Future Leaders Scholarship offers a funding amount of \$25,000 per year, with a maximum support of \$50,000 over two years. Scholarships will be disbursed monthly by semester in RMB to the selected students' bank accounts. Students are responsible for paying tuition and related fees. (For students who cannot register in person for various reasons, the scholarship will be postponed until they complete the registration process and register in person.)

## II. Application Criteria

- 1. Knowledgeable about and friendly to China, physically and mentally healthy, law-abiding, willing to understand and agree with the student development philosophy of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- 2. Proficient in both Chinese and English.



- 3. Understand and agree with the Bai Xian philosophy and vision, honesty and integrity, possess a strong desire for cross-cultural exchange and a spirit of volunteer service.
- 4. Full-time students admitted and enrolled at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- 5. If selected, must participate in the Bai Xian summer optimization course and relevant Bai Xian supplementary courses and activities.
- 6. This scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships.

## III. Eligible Students

- 1. Full-time second-year undergraduate international students from Asian countries/regions, including students from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan.
- 2. Prospective students from Asian countries/regions, including students from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, who have received an admission notice for a full-time master's program at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

#### IV. Selection Process

- 1. Application date: Current undergraduates from March 1, 2024, to April 21, 2024; Prospective master's students from April 21, 2024, to May 31, 2024.
- 2. Application method: Submit electronic personal materials (see attachment) via email to isscoffice@163.com. Based on the application materials, selected applicants will be notified for interviews.

#### V. Related Information

Bai Xian Asia Institute: http://www.bxai.org

Asia Future Leaders Scholarship Program: https://www.bxai.org/aflsp/scholarships/aflsp-overview/

#### VI. Contact Information

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## VII. Attachments: Application Materials

- 1. Undergraduate transcript
- 2. Professor's recommendation letter (in English, scanned copy of the letter on official letterhead of the professor's institution required)
- 3. Personal statement (one copy in both Chinese and English)
- 4. Bai Xian Asia Future Leaders Scholarship Application Form. (Submit the above three materials first and you will receive the Application Form after being reviewed)

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