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Department of Social Work and Social Administration
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系

OVERSEAS FIELDWORK PLACEMENT (2024-2025)

BRIEFING FOR STUDENTS

November 18, 2023 (2:00 - 4:30pm)



Summer Block Overseas Placement Briefing

2:00 – 3:00 pm	S2024 Summer Block Overseas Placement Briefing
3:00 – 3:10pm	Break
3:10 – 3:15 pm	Opening S2023 Summer Block Overseas Placement Report Back Session
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Video Presentation Souvenirs Presentation to 1978 Alumni Travel Award and Project Fund Representatives Group Photo
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Background

- In 1986, the SWSA began collaboration with Zhongshan University in Guangzhou by placing MSW students in the Guangzhou Federation of Women and the Guangzhou Communist Youth
- Since 1998, the SWSA has already sent over 300 social work students in various placement settings in different countries and places, such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Germany, Singapore, UK, USA, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Sichuan, Taiwan, India and Japan.

Objectives of Overseas Placement

Facilitate Students to:

- experience and appreciate **“International Social Work”**
- broaden exposure to different cultures and welfare systems
- **gain new life experiences and take up challenges**
- advance professional development
- **engage in international exchange**
- improve language proficiency
- **widen career opportunities**



2024 Overseas Placement

Summer Block only for BSW & MSW

June 3 to August 10 - 24, 2024, 450 hours (10 – 12 weeks)

*(*Dates are just for reference ; exact placement dates require further confirmation from the partner agency, and usually will last for 11-12 weeks to accumulate enough placement hours in foreign countries. Be prepared to start the placement in late May.)*



Eligibility of Applicants

- **BSWFT3 and MSWFT1 (as at Sep 2023)**
→ Summer Block **2024** and submit application **before 15 December, 2023**
- **BSWFT4 and MSWFT2 (as at Sep 2023)**
→ Summer Block **2024** and submit application **before 15 December, 2023**
- **MSWPT3 (as at Sep 2023)**
→ Summer Block **2024** and submit application **before 15 December, 2023**
- **MSWPT2 (as at Sep 2023)**
→ Apply duration changes of placement (apply for deferment of 2024-2025 concurrent placement to 2024 summer block placement)
→ Summer Block **2025** and submit application **in Dec 2024**



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Choices of Placement Settings



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- *Please refer to the hand-out being distributed*
- *Updated information will be uploaded onto placement web-site <https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk>*



Choices of Placement Settings

Canada

Toronto

Agency: Community Family Services of Ontario

Services: Family Services/Settlement Services (Multicultural Social Work Services)

*Quota: 4 (2 BSW and 2 MSW students) ****For MSW students prefer a 2nd placement or with 1 yr social service experience***

Language: Fluent in English and in Cantonese or Mandarin, Vietnamese an asset



Choices of Placement Settings

Canada

Toronto

Agency: Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care (TBC)

Services: Geriatric Care Services (Elderly Service)

Quota: 2

Accept both BSW or MSW students

Language: Proficient in English and Cantonese and/or Mandarin



Choices of Placement Settings

Canada

Vancouver

Agency: MOSAIC

*Services: Settlement Services
(Multicultural Social Work Services)*

Quota: 2

Accept both BSW or MSW students

Language: Fluent in English



Choices of Placement Settings

USA , **Michigan**

Exchange Program with the University of Michigan

***Agency: Assigned by University of Michigan(UM)
(Exchange Program with UM)***

Quota: 2

Only accepts MSW students

Language: Professional level of English



Choices of Placement Settings

UK, Manchester*

Agency: Wai Yin Society

Services: Welfare and Education Services (Community Development Services)

Quota: 1

Accepts only BSW student **who are UK passport holder

Language: Fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin



Choices of Placement Settings

Australia

Melbourne

Agency: Centre for Holistic Health

Services: Mental health services (Rehabilitation Service)

Quota: 2

Accept BSW and MSW students

Language: Mandarin, Cantonese and English



Choices of Placement Settings

Taiwan, Taipei & New Taipei City

Exchange Program with National Taiwan University (TBC)

- **Agency:** 1. *Taiwan Fund for Children and Families, Centre of Taipei.*
- 2. *Taiwan Fund for Children and Families New Taipei City Child Development Center*

Services: Family and Children Services

Quota: 2 + 1

Accepts only BSW students

Language: Fluent in Mandarin



Choices of Placement Settings

Taiwan

Taipei

Agency: Hospice and Palliative Care Centre, Mackay Memorial Hospital

Services: Palliative Care Service (Medical Social Work Service)

Quota: 1

Accepts BSW or MSW student

Language: Fluent in Mandarin



Choices of Placement Settings

India, Mumbai

Agency: St. Catherine of Siena School and Orphanage

Services: Residential Home for Children (Children and Youth Services)

Quota: 2

*Accepts BSW or MSW student **Preferably holding passport other than China or HKSAR*

Language: Fluent in English

Application Procedures

- Indicate your preference in the PMS (first Preference)
- Complete **Form A** and invite your preferred teacher to make recommendation on **Form B**
- Prepare a personal resume (**CV**)
- Submit Form A and CV to Miss Rose See at General Office or email at rosesee@hku.hk on or before **December 15, 2023, 5:00pm**
- Please request teachers to Form B directly to Rose See
- Please download all the forms from placement website



Form A

Application Form

- <https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk/Handbook%20%20Forms/Application%20Forms/For%20OverseasMainland%20China%20Placement/Form%20A%202024%20Summer%20Block%20Overseas%20Placement%20Application%20Form.doc>

Complete by agency name





Form B

(Teachers' Comment)

- <https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk/Handbook%20%20Forms/Application%20Forms/For%20OverseasMainland%20China%20Placement/Form%20B%202024%20Summer%20Block%20Overseas%20Placement%20Teacher's%20Recommendation%20Form.docx>

Panel Interview

- *Applicants with cGPA 3.0 in 2022-2023. (For MSWFT1 with cGPA 3.0 in 2023 – 2024, we will check through Program Secretary) or above will be invited for interview*
- *Individual Base*
- *Written test + Oral Interview*
- *Date of interview:*

Jan 13, 2024 (Sat) (9:30am – 6pm)

Please reserve your time to join if you have submitted your application, we will announce the interview result by email



Assessment Panel

- DFIs
- Representatives from 1978 Alumni Travel Award and Project Fund
- Program Directors or teachers

Assessment Criteria

- **Good language proficiency** (English and/or Putonghua)
- **Good learning attitudes and interpersonal skills**
- **Maturity and independence**
- Good health condition (both physically and psychologically)
- **Academic performance**
- Sufficient financial support to afford overseas expenses
- **Recommendation from teachers**

The above listed items are not exhaustive

Subsidy from Department

- **SWSA will offer fixed subsidy** for the successful applicants, it covers part of the expenses of the placement (**HK\$12,000** for USA, UK and Canada, **HK\$11,000** for Australia, **HK\$5,500** for Taiwan, Singapore), around 1/3 of the total expenses in the past.



Extra Funding

- **T Y Wong Foundation Loan Fund**
(Loan for needy students)
- **1978 Alumni Travel Award and Project Fund**
(Additional subsidy for needy students)

Administrative Tasks

- Visa application
- Insurance package
- Medical check up
- Applying for criminal record clearance (depends on countries)
- Applying for funding / subsidy

Administrative Tasks

- Completing routine fieldwork requirements on assignments
- Handling of expenses reimbursement (financial report) as to get SWSA subsidy
- Submitting students' summary report (not less than 4 pages)
- Attending students' sharing meeting when returned back
- Preparing report back seminar for next year



Arrangement Schedule

- 18 Nov 2023 – Briefing meetings
- 15 Dec 2023 – Submission of Application Forms**
- 13 Jan 2024 – Panel interview for selected candidates
- End Jan 2023 – Announcement of the application result**
- 3 Feb 2024 – Orientation meeting for successful applicants
- Handling visa applications, funding applications and other administrative duties
- End Apr 2024 – Announcement of 1978 Alumni Fund
- 4 May 2024 – Summer Block Placement Orientation
- Jun 2024 – Commencement of Summer Block Placement**
- 30 Sep 2024 – Submission of Student's Summary Report
- 5 Oct 2024 – Sharing meeting and Division of Labour for poster, newsletter, video, Presentation and MC
- 16 Nov 2024 – Overseas Report Back Seminar**



Central Enquiry

Contact Persons:

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*** Take reference from Students' Overseas placement summary reports at:**
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Q & A



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