





THEME: FINTECH

STUDENT APPLICATION PERIOD **29 SEPTEMBER - 14 OCTOBER 2025**

OPEN TO FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES!





HKSI Institute – Who We Are & What We Offer?



Who we are?

- A professional membership organisation established in 1997 by leaders in the securities and investment industry with the support of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC).
- The HKSI Institute champions professional standards of excellence in Hong Kong's financial services industry and contributes to Hong Kong's role as a leading international financial centre.





What we do?

- We offer a comprehensive programme of high quality professional training, events and internationally recognised examinations, and a vibrant membership community to empower individuals to achieve their professional goals.
- Talent Grooming is one of our focus areas.

Exclusive Benefits for Student Members





Mentoring Programme





Case Competition – Flagship Talent Development Programme



Through action learning with a designated theme each year, the Competition has attracted









Theme for 2026: **Fintech**



Student Application Period: 29 September - 14 October 2025

2026 Sponsors



Cash Sponsors (9)
Platinum:
Grant Thornton
Gold:
AlloyX (Hong Kong)
Standard Chartered Bank
Silver:
BDO
Hong Kong ESG Reporting Awards Limited
Mercer
NGMT Limited
Mr Trini Tsang
VCREDIT

Placement Sponsor (1)					
Project Sponsors (27) [in alphabetical order]					
AlloyX (Hong Kong)	EY	PwC			
Amundi	Franklin Templeton	Roma			
Avenue	Grant Thornton	SF REIT			
AVISTA Group	HKEX	SPD Bank			
BEA Union	HSBC Asset Management	StashAway			
BlackRock	JunHe	Stewart Investors			
CGS International	KPMG	WealthRyse			
Champion REIT	OSL				
CSOP	PAL Advisory				

Premier Technology

Deloitte

2026 Reward





Champion (1 Team)





1st Runner Up (1 Team)

Cash Prize HKD10,000 per team



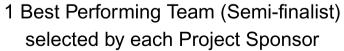
2nd Runner Up (1 Team)

Cash Prize HKD7,000 per team



Merit (2 Teams)

Cash Prize HKD5,000 per team





Cash Prize HKD800 per student



Complimentary One-year Extension of HKSI Institute Membership(valued at HKD300 - HKD600)



*Subject to each student's eligibility, including the requirement for a valid work permit in Hong Kong. The final placement offer is subject to the decisions of the placement sponsor, PwC.

Why Join the Case Competition





What Can I Gain in this Competition?

- 01 Placement Offer* for Champion Team
- 02 Cash Prize and Award
- 03 Complimentary One-Year Extension of HKSI Institute Membership
- Interact with Senior Executives to Gain Valuable Real-world Business Experience, Learn the Latest Trends in Fintech Applications

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Who can Join the Case Competition



 All student participants are HKSI Institute Student Members AND full-time undergraduates from the following Participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) & selected universities in Greater Bay Area (GBA)

HEIs in HK				
1	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	11	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
2	City University of Hong Kong	12	Hong Kong Shue Yan University	
3	The Education University of Hong Kong	13	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	
4	Gratia Christian College	14	Lingnan University	
5	The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	15	Saint Francis University	
6	HKCT Institute of Higher Education	16	Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong, Vocational Training Council	
7	Hong Kong Baptist University	17	Tung Wah College	
8	Hong Kong Chu Hai College	18	The University of Hong Kong	
9	Hong Kong Metropolitan University	19	UOW College Hong Kong	
10	Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education			

HEIs in GBA (*2026 NEW)				
1	* Beijing Normal – Hong Kong Baptist University	6	Macao Polytechnic University	
2	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen	7	Shenzhen University	
3	* HKU Business School Shenzhen Campus	8	Sun Yat-Sen University	
4	Jinan University	9	The University of Macau	
5	The Macau University of Science and Technology			

Participation Criteria



Before you Apply for the Case Competition, you should be:



HKSI Institute
Student Member



Full-time Undergraduates from Eligible HEIs

Student Participants are Required to





Show Commitment throughout the Entire Case Competition from November 2025 to March 2026



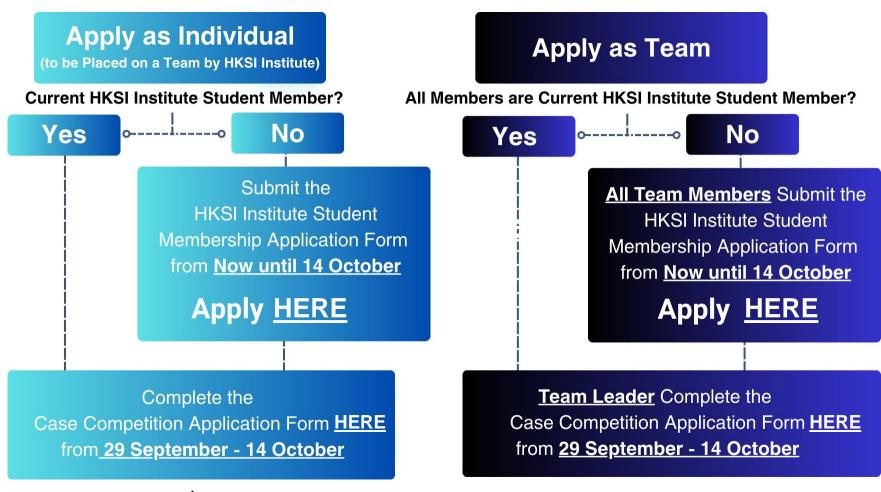
<u>Proactively Seek Guidance</u> from the Project Coach through Mutually agreed-upon Communication Methods



Submit Project Deliverables in English by the Deadline

How to Join the Case Competition







Please go through the detailed Guideline for Membership Application

Programme Structure



Application Stage 29 Sep - 14 Oct

- Current HKSI Institute
 Student Member OR
 Apply HKSI Institute
 Student Membership
 under Case Competition
 Application Source
- Form your Own Team
 (3 4 Members) OR
 Apply as Individual to
 Form Team by HKSI
 Institute
- Complete Case
 Competition Application
 Form (per Team)
 Indicate Project
 - Indicate ProjectSponsor Preference

Coaching Period 17 Nov - 13 Jan

Engage with Project
Sponsor and
Complete 1 Fintech
Project in 1.5 Months

Project
Sponsors to
Select "Best
Performer" to
Advance as
Semi-finalists

Semi-final Round 23 Jan - 24 Feb

Prepare 1 **Fintech Case Study** in 1 Month

Judges to
Select
Top 5 Teams to
Advance
as Finalists

Final Round and Award Presentation Ceremony

25 Mar (TBC)

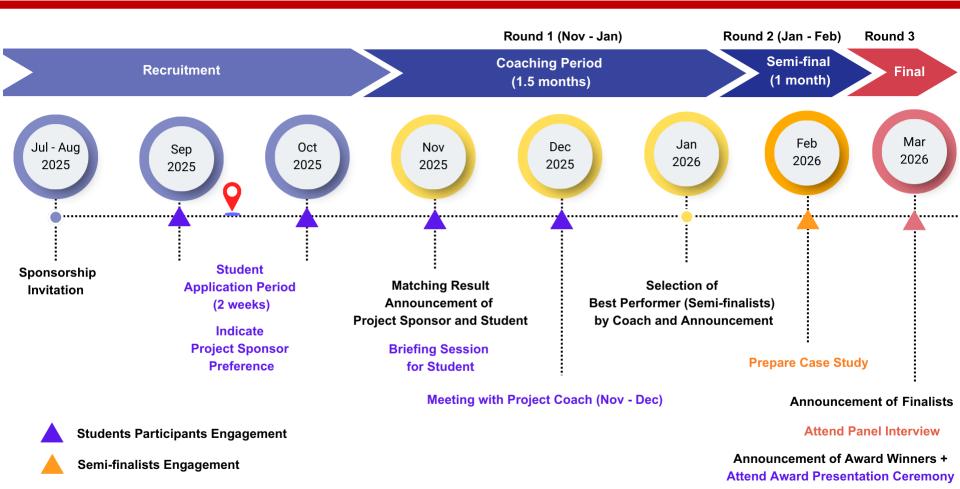
Attend Physical Panel
Interview to Compete
for Final Ranking
Selected by Judges

The Result will be Announced on the Same Date with Award Presentation

Programme Timeline [Tentative]

Finalists Engagement





Important Dates



Date	Events or Actions
29 September - 14 October 2025	Student Application Round
12 November 2025	Matching Result Announcement of Project Sponsor
13 November 2025	Coaching Period - Briefing Session to Students
17 November 2025 - 13 January 2026	Coaching Period
20 January 2026	Result Announcement of Semi-finalists (Best Performers)
23 January 2026	Semi-final Round - Briefing Session to Students
23 January - 24 February 2026	Semi-final Round
20 March 2026	Result Announcement of Finalists
25 March 2026 (TBC)	Final Round and Award Presentation Ceremony

Important Notes





Quota: 120 Teams in total



Teams that have completed ALL required application procedures, will be assigned their preferred Project Sponsors, on a first-come, first-served basis.



Team leader /
Individual Applicant
must select your
Top 10 preferred
Project Sponsors
in the Case
Competition
Application Form



The HKSI Institute will contact you or your team leader, whose Top 10 preferences have been filled, to choose from the remaining available Project Sponsors

Sharing by Case Competition 2025 Champion (Team Billionaires)



Q: Please share your thoughts on winning the Championship

A: Winning the championship was a thrilling achievement, but the deeper reward was seeing our proposals, especially my contributions on ESG talent remodelling and carbon innovation, resonating with judges and professionals. The competition presented the perfect opportunity—not only to deepen our knowledge but also to work directly with project sponsors on real-world challenges.

Q: What advice would you give to future participants?

A: For future participants, focusing on practical implementation proves more impactful than theoretical ideals. Also, willing to face challenges and trust in your teammates as it worked for our team.



Champion **Team Billionaires**



Bevis, Franco, Samantha & Murphy

Sharing by Case Competition 2025 Finalist (Sandy)



Q: Please share your thoughts for the Case Competition 2025

A: The competition experience deepened my passion for working in the ESG field and inspired me to turn our proposal into reality rather than just a concept. As a finalist, I was grateful to have a fast-track opportunity for an internship interview.

My internship at SF REIT equipped me with advanced research skills in market trends and competitive analysis, and more importantly, taught me how a firm can adapt its strategy to support ESG development. It's a warm and welcoming team that I highly recommend joining.

Q: What advice would you give to future participants?

A: To this year's participants, my advice is to first cultivate a **passion for your work**; this is not just a competition but a contribution to a brighter future. Secondly, **thorough market research** is essential, especially on current topics. **Analysing opportunities and challenges** will be beneficial, so be both creative and practical in your approach.

Merit Winner Sandy from Team Three Trees



Act now – Join Us!





HKSI Institute
Student Membership

Official Application Link: <u>HERE</u>

<u>Application Period: Now to 14 October 2025</u>

Please read through the detailed guideline



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Contact Us





For enquiry: Please email <u>casecompetition@hksi.org</u>







We look forward to your active participation!