To:　　　All Academic Staff
From:　　Research Office (RO)

Reminder for Academic Colleagues: For co-ordination purpose, individual Faculty/School (F/S) may have its own administrative arrangements and internal deadlines on top of those provided by the RO. Academic colleagues are expected to satisfy all requirements when preparing their applications and seeking endorsement from their respective F/S before forwarding the materials to the RO.

The National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) is now calling for applications for the following program of the " **Major Research Plan 2023**". Colleagues are invited to submit applications through the HKBU Institute for Research and Continuing Education (IRACE). Details are as follows:

Research Program	**Panoramic Dynamic Mechanisms of Coronavirus-Host Immune Interaction and Intervention Strategies(冠狀病毒-宿主免疫互作的全景動態機制與干預策略)**
Research Areas	1. The Relationship of Vral Variation to the Establishment of Infection and the Initiation and Modulation of the Immune Response 病毒變異與感染建立、免疫應答啟動和調控的關係 2. Mechanisms by which the Immune System Senses Stimulatory Signals from the Viral Panorama and Initiates the Immune Response 免疫系統感知病毒全景刺激信號、啟動免疫應答的機制 3. Systemic Multidimensional Antiviral Immunoprotection and Memory Mechanisms of the Immune Response 免疫應答的系統性多維度抗病毒免疫保護和記憶機制 4. Immune Damage Induced by Viral Infection and Its Dynamic Pathogenic Mechanism.病毒感染誘導的免疫損傷及其動態致病機制 5. Development of New Srategies and Methods for Disease Surveillance, Diagnosis, Treatment, Prevention and Immunity Assessment 發展疾病監測-診斷-治療-預防-免疫力評估的新策略新方法
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: - RAP above - With experience in undertaking basic research projects
Funding Period	Incubation Projects: 3 Years (1 January 2024 – 31 December 2026) Key Support Projects: 4 Years (1 January 2024 – 31 December 2027)
Funding Amount	Incubation Projects: RMB 0.6 - 0.8 million Key Support Projects: RMB 3 million

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	1) Prepare and submit the application via the **GRANTS System** by **22 September 2023 (Friday).** Late application will not be accepted. *(Kindly be reminded of safekeeping your login name and password as it may take at least 1 – 2 days to regenerate a new one.)* 2) Submit the following documents to your Dean/Director for endorsement: (a) Application Form printed from the System including all the attachments (one-copy, two-sided); (b) **Mainland Grant Application Checklist.** 3) Submit ethics/safety applications to the Research Ethics Committee, if applicable: The deadline for filing an ethics/safety application via BUniPort is **15 September 2023 (Friday).** Please refer to *Guidelines on Online Submission of Ethics/Safety Applications* for necessary steps. (*Ethics/safety approval usually takes 25 working days to process*.) 4) Submit co-operation application to the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform, if applicable: The deadline for filing a co-operation application via Academic Partnership Tracking Platform is **15 September 2023 (Friday).** Please refer to *Guidelines on Online Submission of co-operation Applications* for necessary steps. (*Co-operation approval usually takes 25 working days to process*.)	PIs
	5) Give comments/suggestions to PIs for revision when necessary. 6) Submit the documents (in soft copy) as stated in Item 2 above to RO by **22 September 2023 (Friday).**	Deans/Director
	7) Upon receiving the complete set of application documents, RO/IRACE will online submit the application to NSFC.	RO/IRACE
Register for NSFC Electronic Account	For applicants who do not have an application account of the NSFC System, please contact the IRACE at hkbuirace@hkbu.edu.hk for registration.	
Other Application Details	GRANTS Electronic System (user guide)	

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IMPORTANT:

➢ If an applicant departs from the University during the application period, the affiliated Department is required to inform the RO about his/her departure. The RO will follow it up with the funding body accordingly.

NOTICE – Other Funding Opportunities:

The Research Office maintains a webpage on the various internal and external funding opportunities and the current calls for colleagues' information. You are encouraged to check the information at https://research.hkbu.edu.hk/funding-opportunities regularly.