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	Spatio-temporal Network Regulation of Glycolipid Metabolism 糖脂代謝的時空網絡調控
Research Areas	1. Glucose Metabolism Signal Sensing Mechanism and Biological Effects 糖代謝信號感知機制與生物學效應 2. Lipid Metabolism Signal Sensing Mechanisms and Biological Effects 脂代謝信號感知機制與生物學效應 3. Organelle Interaction in Glycolipid Metabolism 糖脂代謝中的細胞器互作 4. Novel Hormone Regulation of Glycolipid Metabolism 新型激素對糖脂代謝的調控 5. Neural Regulation of Glycolipid Metabolism 糖脂代謝的神經調控 6. Influence of Microbial-Host Interactions on Glycolipid Homeostasis 微生物與宿主互作對糖脂穩態的影響 7. Glycolipid Metabolism Reprogramming in Tumours 腫瘤的糖脂代謝重編程 8. Transgenerational Regulation of Glycolipid Metabolism 糖脂代謝的跨代調控 9. Glycolipid Metabolism Imbalance and Intervention Strategies 糖脂代謝失衡與干預策略 10. Metabolite Subcellular Fine Localisation Analysis and High Resolution Mapping 代謝物亞細胞精細定位分析與高分辨圖譜
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: - RAP or above - With experience in undertaking basic research projects
Funding Period	3 Years (1 January 2024 – 31 December 2026)

Funding Amount	RMB 8 million	
	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	1) Prepare and submit the application via the GRANTS System by 23 October 2023 (Monday). 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 16 October 2023 (Monday). 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 cooperation application to the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform, if applicable: The deadline for filing a cooperation application via the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform is 16 October 2023 (Monday). Please refer to Guidelines on Online Submission of co-operation Applications for necessary steps. (Co-operation approval usually takes 25 working days to process.)	Pls
	 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 23 October 2023 (Monday). 	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 please contact the IRACE at hkbuirace@hkbu.edu.hk for reg	
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.