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 "**Special Project"**. Colleagues are invited to submit applications through the HKBU Institute for Research and Continuing Education (IRACE). Details are as follows:

Research Program	**Marine Mobile Information Network Theory and Key Technologies** 海洋移動信息網絡理論與關鍵技術
Research Areas	1. Acquisition of Radio Wave Propagation Characteristics and Channel Modeling for Ocean Target Information Interaction 面向海洋目標信息交互的電波傳播特性獲取與通道建模 2. Efficient Transmission Theory and Key Technology for Maritime Communication 面向海上通信的高效傳輸理論與關鍵技術 3. Theory and Key Technologies of Reliable Communication and Information Fusion for Ocean Perception 面向海洋感知的可靠通信與信息融合理論及關鍵技術
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 2-3 million

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	1) Prepare and submit the application via the **GRANTS System** by **27 October 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 **20 October 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 cooperation application to the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform, if applicable: The deadline for filing a cooperation application via the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform is **20 October 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 **27 October 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.