

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



国家自然科学基金委员会 National Natural Science Foundation of China

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

Research Program	Precision Spectroscopy of ^{229}Th Nuclear Clock Leaps and Key Technology Studies ^{229}Th 核鐘躍遷精密光譜及關鍵技術研究
Research Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preparation of Isokaryon $^{229\text{m}}\text{Th}^{3+}$ ion and Accurate Measurement of Nuclear Clock Transition Frequency 同核異能態 $^{229\text{m}}\text{Th}^{3+}$ 離子的製備及核鐘躍遷頻率精確測量2. Preparation and Properties of Doped ^{229}Th Crystals 摻 ^{229}Th 晶體製備和性能研究3. Vacuum Ultraviolet Laser Generation Based on Nonlinear Optical Crystals 基於非線性光學晶體的真空紫外激光產生4. Narrow Line Width Base Frequency Light and Optical Frequency Precision Scanning System for Generating 149 nm Laser 用於產生 149 nm 激光的窄線寬基頻光與光頻精密掃描系統
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- RAP or above- With experience in undertaking basic research projects.
Funding Period	4 Years (1 January 2024 – 31 December 2027)
Funding Amount	RMB 2.5 million

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	<p>1) Prepare and submit the application via the GRANTS System by 3 November 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.)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3) Submit <u>ethics/safety applications</u> to the Research Ethics Committee, if applicable: The deadline for filing an ethics/safety application via BUniPort is 27 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.)</p> <p>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 27 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.)</p>	PIs
	<p>5) Give comments/suggestions to PIs for revision when necessary.</p> <p>6) Submit the documents (in soft copy) as stated in Item 2 above to RO by 3 November 2023 (Friday).</p>	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.