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

中华人民共和国科学技术部
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic 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 Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) is now calling for preliminary applications for the following programs of the "**National Key R&D Program of China 2024**". Colleagues are invited to submit applications through the HKBU Institute for Research and Continuing Education (IRACE). Details are as follows:

	"Etiology and Epidemic Prevention Technology System Research" Special Project for 2024 "病原學與防疫技術體系研究"重點專項
Research Program	1. Research on the Mechanisms and Targets of Major Infectious Disease Transmission 重大傳染病傳播機制與靶點發現 2. Discovery, Tracing, and Early Warning Prediction of Major Infectious Disease Pathogens 重大傳染病病原體的發現、溯源和預警預測 3. Research on Novel Vaccine Design and Platform System 新型疫苗設計及平臺體系研究 4. Clinical Prevention and Treatment of Major Infectious Diseases 重大傳染病臨床防治 5. Establishment of an Integrated System for Prevention and Control of Major Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases 重大新發突發傳染病防控一體化體系建立
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: - RAP or possessed PhD degree - Born on or after 1 January 1964 * - Able to work on the project for no less than 6 months per year * For Young Scientist programs, PIs should be under 38 (for male, born on or after 1 January 1986) or 40 (for female, born on or after 1 January 1984).
Funding Period	3 Years
Funding Amount	To fund 25 projects direction from a national budget of RMB 1.69 billion

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	1) Prepare and submit the preliminary application via the **MOST System** by **20 August 2024 (Tuesday)**. 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**. (c) Ethics/safety applications to the Research Ethics Committee via BUniPort by **13 August 2024 (Tuesday)**, if applicable. (d) Collaborative agreements to the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform, by **13 August 2024 (Tuesday)**, if applicable. *(We will not guarantee approvals can be obtained for late submissions.)*	PIs (e)
	3) Give comments/ suggestions to PIs for revision when necessary. 4) Submit the documents (in soft copy) as stated in Item 2 above to RO (soft copy to ro-rgm@hkbu.edu.hk) by **20 August 2024 (Tuesday)**.	Deans/Director
	5) Upon receiving the complete set of application documents, RO/IRACE will submit the application online to MOST.	RO/IRACE
	The MOST will shortlist applications for submission of full proposals. Details will be announced later.	
Register for MOST Electronic Account	For applicants who do not have an application account of the MOST System, please contact the IRACE at hkbuirace@hkbu.edu.hk for registration.	

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IMPORTANT:
➢ If the 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.
➢ This message is addressed to all academic staff. If it is not relevant to you, please disregard this message.

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.