

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/AVA (F/S/A) 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/A before forwarding the materials to the RO.

The National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) is now calling for 2024 round of applications. Colleagues are invited to submit applications through HKBU. Details are as follows:

Research Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Young Scientists Fund (青年科學基金項目)2) Excellent Young Scientists Fund(優秀青年科學基金項目)3) Distinguished Young Scientists National Fund (國家傑出青年科學基金項目)
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Full-time HKBU academic staff;- Possessed a PhD degree;- With experience in undertaking basic research projects.- *Young Scientists Fund: under the age of 35 (for male, born on or after 1 January 1989) or 40 (for female, born on or after 1 January 1984).- *Excellent Young Scientists Fund: under the age of 38 (for male, born on or after 1 January 1986) or 40 (for female, born on or after 1 January 1984). Able to work on the project for no less than 9 months per year.- *Distinguished Young Scientists National Fund: under the age of 45 (for male, born on or after 1 January 1979) or 48 (for female, born on or after 1 January 1976). Able to work on the project for no less than 9 months per year.
Funding Period	Young Scientists Fund & Excellent Young Scientists Fund: 3 Years(1 January 2025 - 31 December 2027) Distinguished Young Scientists National Fund: 5 Years(1 January 2025 - 31 December 2029)
Funding Amount	Young Scientists Fund: RMB 0.3million Excellent Young Scientists Fund: RMB 2 million Distinguished Young Scientists National Fund: RMB 4 million (Mathematics and Management Sciences RMB 2.8 million)

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	<p>1) Prepare and submit the application via the GRANTS System by 1 March 2024 (Friday). Late application will not be accepted. <i>(Kindly be reminded of safekeeping your login name and password as it may take at least 1 – 2 days to regenerate a new one.)</i></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) Form of Undertaking for Non-UGC Funded Projects (file attached); and c) 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 19 February 2024 (Monday). Please refer to Guidelines on Online Submission of Ethics/Safety Applications for necessary steps. <i>(Ethics/safety approval usually takes 25 working days to process.)</i></p> <p>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 19 February 2024 (Monday). Please refer to Guidelines on Online Submission of co-operation Applications for necessary steps. <i>(Co-operation approval usually takes 25 working days to process.)</i></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 1 March 2024 (Friday).</p>	Deans/Director
	<p>7) Upon receiving the complete set of application documents, RO/IRACE will online submit the application to NSFC.</p>	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	<p>1) GRANTS Electronic System (user guide) 2) 2024 NSFC Call Announcement 3) 2024 NSFC Project Application Brief</p>	

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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.