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National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) through IRACE - 2024

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

Research Program	1. General Project (面上項目) 2. Key Project (重點項目) 3. Innovative Research Group Project (創新研究群體項目) 4. Basic Science Center Project (基礎科學中心項目) 5. Mathematics Tianyuan Foundation Programme (數學天元基金項目) 6. International (Regional) Cooperation Research and Exchange Programme [國際(地區)合作研究與交流項目] 7. Joint Fund Project (聯合基金項目)
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: - Full-time HKBU/IRACE academic staff; - With experience in undertaking basic research project; - Possess PhD degree or equivalent qualification; - For applicants with other qualifications, their applications might be considered on a special ground if it was supported by two other eligible applicants, subject to special approval by Research Committee and NSFC.

Funding Period and Funding Amount	Research Program	Funding Period	Funding Amount
	General Project	4 Years (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2028)	For reference: the average direct cost funding in 2023 is RMB 0.4946 million per project.
	Key Project	5 Years (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2029)	For reference: the average direct cost funding in 2023 is RMB 2.2441 million per project.
	Innovative Research Group Project	5 Years (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2029)	Direct Cost: RMB 8 - 10 million
	Basic Science Center Project	5 Years (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2029)	Direct Cost: RMB 50 - 60 million
	Mathematics Tianyuan	Not more than 1 year	Please refer to the guidelines

Foundation Programme		
International (Regional) Cooperation Research and Exchange Programme	Not specified	Please refer to the [guidelines](#)
Joint Fund Project	4 Years (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2028)	Please refer to the [guidelines](#)

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	1. To prepare and submit the application via the **[NSFC System](#)** by **1 March 2024 (Friday).** Late applications 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. To submit a hard copy of the following documents to your Dean for endorsement: a. The Application Form printed from the system including all the attachments (one-copy, two-sided); b. [Form of Undertaking for Non-UGC Funded Projects](#); and c. [Mainland Grant Application Checklist](#) d. Ethics/safety applications to the Research Ethics Committee via BUniPort by **26 February 2024 (Monday)**, if applicable. e. Collaborative agreements to the Academic Partnership Tracking Platform, by **26 February 2024 (Monday)**, if applicable. *We will not guarantee approvals can be obtained for late submissions.*	PIs

Application Procedures	3. To give comments/suggestions to PIs for revision when necessary. 4. To submit the documents as stated in Item 2 above to RO (soft copy to ro-rgm@hkbu.edu.hk) by **1 March 2024 (Friday).**	Deans' Offices and Research Coordinators (RCs)
	5. 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.

Timeline	<table><tr><td>**Date**</td><td>**Action**</td></tr><tr><td>**26 February 2024**</td><td>Submission of ethics/safety applications and collaborative agreements</td></tr><tr><td>**1 March 2024**</td><td>Submission of applications to the RO</td></tr><tr><td>**Around August – September 2024**</td><td>Announcement of funding results</td></tr></table>
Details of the Programs	2024 NSFC Call Announcement
Other Information	NSFC Electronic System (user guide) Guidelines on Online Submission of Ethics/Safety Applications Guidelines on Online Submission of Research Collaboration

For coordination purposes, individual Faculty/School (F/S) may have their own administrative arrangements and internal deadlines. Academic colleagues are expected to satisfy all application requirements and seek endorsement from their respective F/S before forwarding the application materials to the RO.

Briefing Session
*A Briefing Sessions for the scheme, which will be held on **31 January 2024**, is now open for registration. Colleagues who are interested in submitting an application are encouraged to register. Please register here.*

For enquiries, please contact IRACE or the RO's Research Grants Management Team:

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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.