

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 the “**International (Regional) Cooperation Research and Exchange Program 2023**”. Colleagues are invited to submit applications through the HKBU Institute for Research and Continuing Education (IRACE). Details are as follows:

Research Program	<u>Cooperation Research and Exchange Program Between NSFC and National Science Foundation (US) on "Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases"</u> <u>與美國國家科學基金會“傳染病的生態學與演進”合作研究與交流項目</u>
Research Areas	Cooperation Research Program 合作研究項目 The EEID programme supports interdisciplinary research into the ecological, evolutionary, organismal and social laws and processes that influence the dynamics of infectious disease transmission. Cooperation and Exchange Program 合作交流項目 The EEID Research Coordination Network (RCN) project aims to facilitate the creation of new collaborative networks among researchers in the participating countries of the project, exploring innovative ideas around the construction and implementation of new collaborative mechanisms, training, broadening participation, and the application of collaborative technologies and data to address interdisciplinary issues related to EEID.
Eligibility	Principal Investigators (PIs) should meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- RAP above- With an on-going or undertaken NSFC project in the capacity of PI. The project duration should be of no less than 3 years- Have a good basis for co-operation with foreign (regional) collaborators
Funding Period	5 Years (1 January 2025 – 31 December 2029)
Funding Amount	Cooperation Research Program: RMB 4.5 million Cooperation and Exchange Program: RMB 1 million

	Items	Action Parties
Application Procedures	<p>1) Prepare and submit the application via the GRANTS System by 6 November 2023 (Monday). 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) A copy of the full text of the application in English submitted to NSF by the U.S. collaborators; (c) Letter of Intent for Collaboration (Template for use); (d) 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 30 October 2023 (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 30 October 2023 (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 6 November 2023 (Monday).</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	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.