

Grant Calendar for FEHD

Month	Funding Scheme	Applications Open	Internal Timeline ¹		External Timeline
			Submission of Project Titles to RDO/KTO	Submission of Applications to RDO/KTO /FO/GS	
Jan	Collaborative Research Fund https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/crf/index.html	Mid-Jan	Mid-Jan (to RDO)	Late Jan (to RDO)	Late Feb
	Funding Support from Central Reserve (3 rd round) (a quota of 2 projects from each Faculty) https://www.eduhk.hk/fo_corner/view.php?sso=y&secid=4868&u=u	Mid-Jan	N.A.	Mid-Feb (to FO)	N.A.
	Seed Funding Grant (2 nd round) https://www.eduhk.hk/rdo/irg.html	Mid-Jan	N.A.	Early Mar (to RDO)	To develop a submission for competitive external research funding within 2 years after completion
Feb	Research Impact Fund https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rif/index.html	Early Feb	Mid-Feb (to RDO)	Mid-Feb (to RDO)	Early Mar
	Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF) https://rfs1.fhb.gov.hk/english/funds/funds_hmrf/funds_hmrf_abt/funds_hmrf_abt.html	Mid-Feb	Mid-Jan of the following year (to KTO)	Late Jan (to KTO)	Late Mar
Mar	Research Matching Grant Scheme (RMGS) (7 th processing cycle) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rmgs/index.html	Throughout 2019/20 – 2021/22	N.A.	Early Mar (to RDO)	Early Apr
	General Research Fund (GRF)/ Early Career Scheme (ECS) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/	Early March for new submissions and resubmissions in or before the 2020/21 exercise	To be arranged by the Research & Impact Team	Early Sep (to RDO)	Early Nov
	Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) (call for applications every 3 years) https://scolarhk.edb.hkedcity.net/en/research-development-introduction	Mid-Mar	Late Apr (to RDO)	Early May (to RDO)	Mid-Jun
Apr	Knowledge Transfer Funds (reference website not available)	Early Apr	N.A.	Late May (to KTO)	N.A.
	Funding Support from Central Reserve (4 th round) (a quota of 2 projects from each Faculty) https://www.eduhk.hk/fo_corner/view.php?sso=y&secid=4868&u=u	Mid-Apr	N.A.	Mid-May (to FO)	N.A.

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Apr	Internal Research Fund (IRF) for Developing Competitive Proposals for RGC's Theme-based Research Scheme and Collaborative Research Fund – Group Research Grant (reference website not available)	Mid-Apr	Early May (to RDO)	Late May (to RDO)	To submit a TRS/CRF application in one of the next 3 rounds to the RGC
	Funding Programme of Research Projects on Equal Opportunities https://www.eoc.org.hk/eoc/graphicsfolder/showcontent.aspx?content=invitation%20to%20submit%20research%20proposals	Late Apr	N.A.	Mid-Jun (to KTO)	Early Jul
Jun	Research Matching Grant Scheme (RMGS) (8 th processing cycle) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rmgs/index.html	Throughout 2019/20 – 2021/22	N.A.	Early Jun (to RDO)	Early Jul
	Funding Support from Central Reserve (1 st round) (a quota of 2 projects from each Faculty) https://www.eduhk.hk/fo_corner/view.php?sso=y&secid=4868&u=u	Late Jun	N.A.	Mid-Jul (to FO)	N.A.
Jul	General Research Fund/Early Career Scheme https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/	Early Jul for resubmissions from the 2021/22 exercise	To be arranged by the Research & Impact Team	Early Sep (to RDO)	Early Nov
Aug	Theme-based Research Scheme (TRS) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/trs/index.html	Early Aug	Mid-Aug (to RDO)	Late Aug (to RDO)	Late Sep
	Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/pdfs/index.html	Early Aug	N.A.	Mid-Oct (to GS)	Late Oct
Sep	Research Matching Grant Scheme (RMGS) (9 th processing cycle) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rmgs/index.html	Throughout 2019/20 – 2021/22	N.A.	Early Sep (to RDO)	Early Oct
	Seed Funding Grant (1 st round) https://www.eduhk.hk/rdo/irg.html	Early Sep	N.A.	Mid-Oct (to RDO)	To develop a submission for competitive external research funding within 2 years after completion

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Sep	Research Fellow Scheme (RFS)/ Senior Research Fellow Scheme (SRFS) (an institutional quota of 6 nominations for each scheme) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rfps/	Early Sep	Mid-Oct (to RDO)	Late Oct (to RDO)	Late Nov
Oct	The French National Research Agency (ANR)/Research Grants Council (RGC) Joint Research Scheme https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/anr/index.html	Early Oct	Early Feb (to RDO)	Late Feb (to RDO)	Late Mar
	Croucher Foundation for Conferences and Seminars (an institutional quota of 2 proposals) https://croucher.org.hk/funding/enabling-the-exchange-of-ideas-between-hong-kong-scientists-and-their-counterparts-in-mainland-china-and-overseas/sponsorship-of-conferences-workshops-and-symposia	Mid/Late Oct	N.A.	Late Nov (to RDO)	Early Jan
	European Union (EU) – Hong Kong Research and Innovation Cooperation Co-Funding Mechanism https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/eu_hk/	Mid-Oct	Early Nov (to RDO)	Early Dec (to RDO)	Early Jan
	Funding Support from Central Reserve (2 nd round) (a quota of 2 projects from each Faculty) https://www.eduhk.hk/fo_corner/view.php?sso=y&secid=4868&u=u	Late Oct	N.A.	Mid-Nov (to FO)	N.A.
Nov	Hong Kong Scholars Program – Mainland - Hong Kong Joint Postdoctoral Fellows Program https://www.hkscholars.org/a-list/10677-eng	Late Nov	N.A.	Mid-Dec (to RDO)	Late Dec
Dec	Research Matching Grant Scheme (RMGS) (10 th processing cycle) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/rmgs/index.html	Throughout 2019/20 – 2021/22	N.A.	Early Dec (to RDO)	Early Jan
	Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme (HSSPFS) (an institutional quota of 5 nominations) https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/hsspfs/	Early Dec	Late Dec (to RDO)	Mid-Jan (to RDO)	Early Feb

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Dec	Research Cluster Fund (reference website not available)	Late Dec	Late Feb (to RDO)	Early Apr (to RDO)	To develop a submission for competitive external research funding within 2 years after completion
All Year Round	Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living (ITF- FBL) https://fbl.itb.gov.hk/	Throughout the year	N.A, but should send KTO a draft proposal for review in advance	Throughout the year (to KTO)	Throughout the year
	Innovation and Technology Fund for Partnership Research Programme (ITF – PRP) https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/PRP.asp	Throughout the year	N.A., but should send KTO a draft proposal for review in advance	Throughout the year (to KTO)	Throughout the year
	Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme https://www.pico.gov.hk/en/PRFS/	Throughout the year	N.A., but should send RDO a draft proposal for review in advance	Throughout the year (to RDO)	Throughout the year
	Quality Education Fund (QEF) https://www.qef.org.hk/en/application_guide/index.html	Throughout the year	N.A.	Throughout the year (to KTO)	Throughout the year

NOTES:

1. The Faculty internal timelines are 7 – 10 working days, where appropriate, in advance of the administrative offices' internal timelines.
2. The above timelines are listed for reference only. Subject to the working schedules and funding availability of the funding agencies and the University, the application timelines may be adjusted. Please refer to the current calls for applications issued by respective funding agencies and administrative units for the most updated information.

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