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Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 6:05 PM
To: headsec
Subject: FW: [Research - Call for Applications] RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) 2020/21

Dear Heads/Acting Heads,

I refer to the below self-explanatory email from GS about RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) 2020/21.

Much appreciated if you could disseminate this message to colleagues concerned and inform them to submit the application documents to me by **October 9, 2019 (Wednesday)** if interested.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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From: HKBU Research Committee
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 3:52 PM
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To: Deans of Faculties/Schools and Director of AVA
Cc: Faculty/School/AVA (Faculties)
From: Graduate School (GS)

[Research - Call for Applications] RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) 2020/21



The [Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme \(PDFS\)](#) is open for application. Here are the details:

Aim	This Scheme aims at supporting promising local and non-local postdoctoral researchers at a pivotal time of their very early careers in building up research and development (R&D) careers in Hong Kong.
Funding Amount	36 months of full-time appointment as postdoctoral fellow (PdF) at HKBU including the below will be granted: Basic salary: an annual stipend of \$396,600 per year, to be adjusted after every 12 months during the fellowship period with reference to the annual rate of Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI) and related factors Conference and research-related travel allowance: \$12,600 per year inclusively
Eligibility	<u>Nominator</u> All academic staffs are eligible to nominate suitable candidate for the scheme.

	<p><u>Nominees</u></p> <p>Having a legal right to work and reside in Hong Kong during the fellowship period;</p> <p>Having obtained/been conferred a PhD degree or an equivalent qualification not more than three calendar years before 2019; or complete the requirement of a PhD degree or an equivalent qualification within six months from the closing date of nomination (i.e. 31 October 2019)</p>	
Coverage	<p>All academic disciplines, grouped into two streams:</p> <p>Science, Medicine, Engineering and Technology;</p> <p>Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies.</p>	
Other Points to Note	<p><u>Internal assessment</u></p> <p>Internal assessment, preferably including interviews, of the nominees is required.</p> <p><u>Research projects/ activities to be assigned to the candidate</u></p> <p>Please specify in the nomination the research projects/ activities to be assigned to the PdF during the fellowship period. The candidate should be a graduate in the relevant field of such research project(s)/activities.</p> <p><u>Quota for local candidates</u></p> <p>Half of the awardees will be reserved for local candidates in each exercise (i.e. Hong Kong permanent residents). Should the quota for local candidates not being fully utilised in a particular exercise after exhausting every effort in selecting local candidates, consideration will be given to release the quota for suitable non-local candidates in the exercise concerned.</p> <p><u>Submission Quota for University</u></p> <p>Each institution can submit up to 12 applications. If the total number of applications received exceeds the quota, the Chairman of Research Committee will coordinate the final submission.</p> <p><u>Fellowship Award</u></p> <p>For awardees applying for/currently receiving other employment subsidy via the same research project(s) supported by other local public funding under the UGC, RGC, ITF, etc, they shall decide to receive either the fellowship for full-time employment under the PDFS or other employment subsidy to avoid “double funding”</p>	
Application Procedures	<p>Action</p> <p>To submit the following documents to your department head and Dean/Director for endorsement:</p> <p>Completed Nomination Form (except section B and section J) with required documents stated in the nomination form;</p> <p>Academic Referee’s Report Form; and</p> <p>GS Project Checklist</p> <p>(a) To conduct interview of the nominees</p> <p><i>Note: Selection should be based on the candidate’s:</i></p> <p><i>Academic strength;</i></p> <p><i>Research ability and potential;</i></p> <p><i>Degree of fitness;</i></p> <p><i>Leadership, etc.</i></p>	<p>Action Parties</p> <p>Nominator (Academic staffs)</p> <p>Nominator/ Department head/ Deans/Director</p>

	(b) Complete the nomination form (section B)		
	To prioritize the nominees and endorse the applications by signing the GS project checklist		Department head and Deans/Director
	Prioritize finalized application and forward the following documents to Graduate School by 14 October 2019 (Monday) :		Deans/Director
	Completed Nomination Form (except section J) with required documents stated in the nomination form;		
	Academic Referee's Report Form; and		
	Endorsed GS Project Checklist		
Key Dates	Dates	Action	
	14 October 2019	Submission Deadline to Graduate School	
	31 October 2019	Submission Deadline to RGC	
	March 2020	Announcement of funding result	
Details	Invitation for Applications		
	Operation Guide for the PDFS		
	Nomination Form		
	Explanatory Notes for Nomination Form		
	Academic Referee's Report Form		
	Frequently Asked Questions		

The above information will also be disseminated via the e-Announcement, and a separate email will be sent directly to all academic staff. Faculties are invited to bring this circular to the colleagues concerned and encourage eligible staff to apply for the grant.

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IMPORTANT:

If an applicant departs from the University during the application period, the affiliated Department is required to inform the GS about his/her departure. The GS 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 Graduate School 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://gs.hkbu.edu.hk/funding-opportunities> regularly.