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Research Grants for Research Students

Applications are invited for the March round of allocations from the *Research Student Support Fund*. All research students within their minimum period of study, whether full-time or part-time, are eligible to apply for a grant to help them cover part of the costs incurred in their research. These grants will not, however, exceed \$4,400 in total for each student during 1999-2000. Students who applied in November 1999 are not eligible to apply again, since no student may receive a grant more than once in any 12 month period.

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Every applicant is required to provide an itemized budget, with justification, for the expenditure proposed and the application must be endorsed by the supervisor and head of department.

There are restrictions on the use of grants. For example, the grants may not be used to meet expenses incurred in attending international conferences, and all requests for expenditure must be made on departmental draft purchase orders.

The total sum which may be held by a student in the budget at any time must not exceed \$4,400, and students who have money left in their accounts from previous years (as at March 24) will only carry a balance not exceeding \$4,400. Please note that the Finance Office will need a minimum of 14 working days to process any expenditure request. All unspent balances belonging to a research student will be automatically cancelled on the expiry of the student's minimum period of study, the completion of



candidature or the withdrawal from study - whichever occurs the earliest.

Application forms and the accompanying explanatory notes (which include an example of how to present a budget and the justification for it) have been distributed to departmental and faculty offices and are also available from the Graduate School Office. Please read the explanatory notes carefully. The application forms are also available on the School's home page at




<http://www.hku.hk/research>

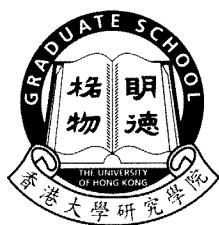
The closing date for applications is: **Friday, March 31**. Late applications will not be accepted.

The continuation of the Research Student Support Fund is currently under reviewed by the central University Management.

The Graduate School welcomes your opinions/suggestions. Please send your views to the Graduate School office, Graduate House, Main Campus or email to: <research@hkucc.hku.hk>; fax: 2857-3543

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Publications by Research Students

The following is a supplement to the list of journal articles authored/co-authored by our MPhil and PhD students which was published in the November/December 1999 issue of the School Newsletter.

The list is based on the central database of *Research and Scholarship*, data of which was input by all departmental staff between September to December of each academic year, and should cover journal articles published during April to December 1999.

Owing to limited space, all conference proceedings/poster abstract are excluded.

Faculty of Dentistry

Peng L, Jul 1999, Fifteen-year reproducibility of natural head posture: A longitudinal study, *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*

Faculty of Engineering

Department of Civil Engineering

Wong CK, Dec 1999, The development and calibration of a Lowry model with multiple market segments, *Environment and Planning*

Department of Computer Science and Information Systems

Chan WT, Jan 2000, Efficient Algorithms for Finding the Maximum Number of Disjoint Paths in Grids, *Journal of Algorithms*

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Li B, May 1999, A new thin-film humidity and thermal micro-sensor with Al/SrNb_xTi_{1-x}O₃/SiO₂/Si structure, *Sensors and Actuators*

Faculty of Medicine

Department of Community Medicine

Chung SF, Sep 1999, Intergenerational patterns of values and autonomy expectations in cultures of relatedness and separateness, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*

Zhu C, Jul 1999, Lymphocyte DNA damage in cigarette factory workers measured by the Comet assay, *Mutation Research*

Chung SF, Sep 1999, Suicide ideation and its relationship to depressed mood in a community sample of adolescents in Hong Kong, *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*

Department of Medicine

Yau CFF, Dec 1999, Genetic linkage study of family members of a patient with adult polycystic kidney disease, *Hong Kong Medical Journal*

Department of Paediatrics

Cheung YB, May 1999, An update on the update of growth charts, *Acta Paediatrica*

Luo Z, May 1999, An update on the update of growth charts, *Acta Paediatrica*

Department of Pathology

Yau CFF, Dec 1999, Genetic linkage study of family members of a patient with adult polycystic kidney disease, *Hong Kong Medical Journal*

Faculty of Science

Department of Chemistry

Lee SC, Jul 1999, Maculalactone L and three halogenated carbazole alkaloids from *Kyrtuthrix maculans*, *Phytochemistry*



Department of Ecology & Biodiversity

Tong X, Jul 1999, Two new species of *Platybaetis* (Ephemeroptera, Baetidae) from Sulawesi, Indonesia, *Entomological News*

Tong X, Jan 2000, *Baetiella* (Ephemeroptera, Baetidae) in Hong Kong, with descriptions of a new species, *Entomological News*

Department of Zoology

Ngan SWE, Jul 1999, Functional studies of a glucagon receptor isolated from frog *Rana tigrina rugulosa*: implications on the molecular evolution of glucagon receptors, *Federation of European Biochemical Societies Letters*

Pang TKR, Jul 1999, Role of N-Linked Glycosylation on the Function and Expression of the Human Secretin Receptor, *Endocrinology*

Ng SM, Jul 1999, Role of N-Linked Glycosylation on the Function and Expression of the Human Secretin Receptor, *Endocrinology*

Li CHJ, Jan 2000, Sertoli Cell Prostaglandin D₂ Synthetase Is a Multifunctional Molecule: Its Expression and Regulation, *Endocrinology*

Ngan SWE, Jul 1999, The human secretin receptor gene: genomic organization and promoter characterization, *Federation of European Biochemical Societies Letters*

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science

Leung YK, Jan 2000, The application of Lyapunov-like index on the initial value sensitivity of meteorological time series, *Research Report*

Graduate School Courses

GRSC6002 Writing Workshops I

Content:

This course will cover those language points which have been observed to cause the greatest problems in students' writing as incorrect use leads to misunderstandings or ambiguities and makes the writing difficult to read.

The course will concentrate on how to create cohesive text by correct use of paragraph development, given-new information structure, vocabulary and pronoun reference. It will also look at the importance of certain grammatical choices, such as verb tense and voice, subordination and co-ordination and relative clauses. There will be provision for students to suggest other points to cover.

Date and Time

Class IG Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm
May 9 - 30, 2000

GRSC6003 Writing Workshops II

Content:

This course will cover those language points which are of particular relevance to thesis writing. It will concentrate on citation techniques and reporting verbs; tentative language needed for criticising others and making claims about research findings; paraphrasing techniques; and summarising techniques.

NOTE

This course should preferably be taken after Core Course I (Introduction to Thesis Writing) has been completed as it will be largely based on concepts that have been introduced in that course and will allow for more practice of the language previously introduced.

Date and Time

Class IID Friday 3 - 5 pm
March 24 - April 14, 2000

Class IIE# Tuesday 6-8 pm
April 11 - May 2, 2000

Class IIF Friday 3 - 5 pm
April 28 - May 19, 2000



Announcements

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in France 2000 Call for Applications

The French Ministry of Education, Research and Technology launched on 15 December 1999 a Post-Doctoral Fellowship programme. Young foreign researchers who are Ph.D. holders are invited to apply to go to France and to seek experience among a French research team for a twelve-month stay, eventually renewable by a six-month period, with the aim to invite to France 250 foreign post-doctoral fellows in 2000.

Some countries have been designated as a priority by the French Ministry and Hong Kong S.A.R. is among the list. Young researchers, under the age of 35 (by 31st December 2000) and currently posted in Hong Kong universities (with any nationality), are eligible, except those who have passed their Ph.D. in France.

The fellow will receive a monthly stipend of FF12,000 (approximately HK\$15,000), through the hosting institution. No assistance towards airfare will be given. They will benefit from social welfare (their spouse and children excluded).

The fellow's arrival in France must occur between 1st September and 1st December 2000.

Every application must comprise:

- Two completed copies of the application form
- Two copies of the statement of the research the candidate wishes to pursue
- Two copies of certificates of the candidate's university record
- Two copies of the candidate's list of publications
- Two copies of a letter of invitation by the French hosting institution
- Two copies of a letter from a referee

Duly completed application forms

should be submitted by 31 March 2000 to the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong.

The award is concurrent to an applicant's admission to his/her proposed French Hosting institution. The French hosting institution should also apply directly to the French Ministry of Education, Research and Technology by downloading an application form at: <http://dr.education.fr/APOF/APPEL.HTM>

Further information and application forms can be gained from: Mrs. Connie Yu / Ms. Nadine Ho, Desk EduFrance Hong Kong, Consulate General of France, 25/F, Tower II, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, Tel: 2529 4358, Fax: 2865 2055, E-mail: etu@france.com.hk
url:<<http://www.france.com.hk>>

Li Po Chun Postgraduate Scholarships 1999-2000

Applications are invited for the above from students reading for the degree of M.Phil. or Ph.D. who are still within their minimum period of study.

The Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merits, but financial need will also be taken into account. Candidates will be expected to have a well-developed sense of social awareness.

The scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University Postgraduate Studentship or any other scholarships administered by The University of Hong Kong. The value of each of the Scholarships is HK\$26,500 for one year.

Application forms are available from the Academic Services Enquiry Office, Room UG-05, Upper Ground Floor, Knowles Building. Completed forms should be submitted through the relevant Head of Department by no later than **March 31, 2000** to Miss Cordelia Chan, Academic Services, Registry.



The Yale-China Association's Summer Institute in American Studies for East Asian Scholars

Yale-China's sixth annual Summer Institute in American Studies will take place this summer at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. The Institute is designed to enhance the knowledge and research skills of participants and challenge preconceptions they may have about the United States through the seminars, guest lectures, research and writing workshops, and field trips.

This year, the Institute will center around the theme of "Americans and the rule of Law," through two multi-disciplinary, graduate-level seminars led by faculty of Yale University.

Participants in the program should be: young university faculty members and graduate students specializing in fields related to the study of the USA, and other young professionals whose work requires them to understand and interpret aspects of American society and culture (e.g., journalists, education officers, etc.).

Participants will be required to speak, read, and write only English throughout the entire Institute period. Therefore, only candidates with an advanced command of the English language should apply.

The Institute is free of charge for those participants selected, and a small stipend may be provided as needed.

For Further information, Please contact Yale-China's Director of Summer Programmes, Daniel Gold:

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or by visiting the Yale-China's web page: <www.yale.edu/yalechina>

Completed application forms along with supporting material should arrive the New Haven office of the Yale-China Association by **April 7, 2000**.

Conference Grants for Research Students

With the injection of additional funding into the conference grant budget for research students on a one-off basis, applications for conference support in this financial year will continue to be processed on a **first-come-first-served** basis subject to the availability of funds.

Students registered for the MPhil or the PhD degree at the University may apply to the Committee on Research and Conference Grants (CRCG) for a conference grant to attend one academic conference (or other academic meeting of similar standing and status) in the course of his/her registration for the degree.

The maximum amount of the award which a research student may claim is HK\$15,000, out of which not more than HK\$4,000 can be claimed for the conference registration fee and accommodation (room cost only).

Applications must be completed on the requisite form, endorsed by the research student's supervisor and Head of Department, and must reach the Research Services Section of the Registry not later than 14 days before the first day of the conference.

Awardees must submit a report on the conference, using the standard form, within 30 days of the end of the conference.

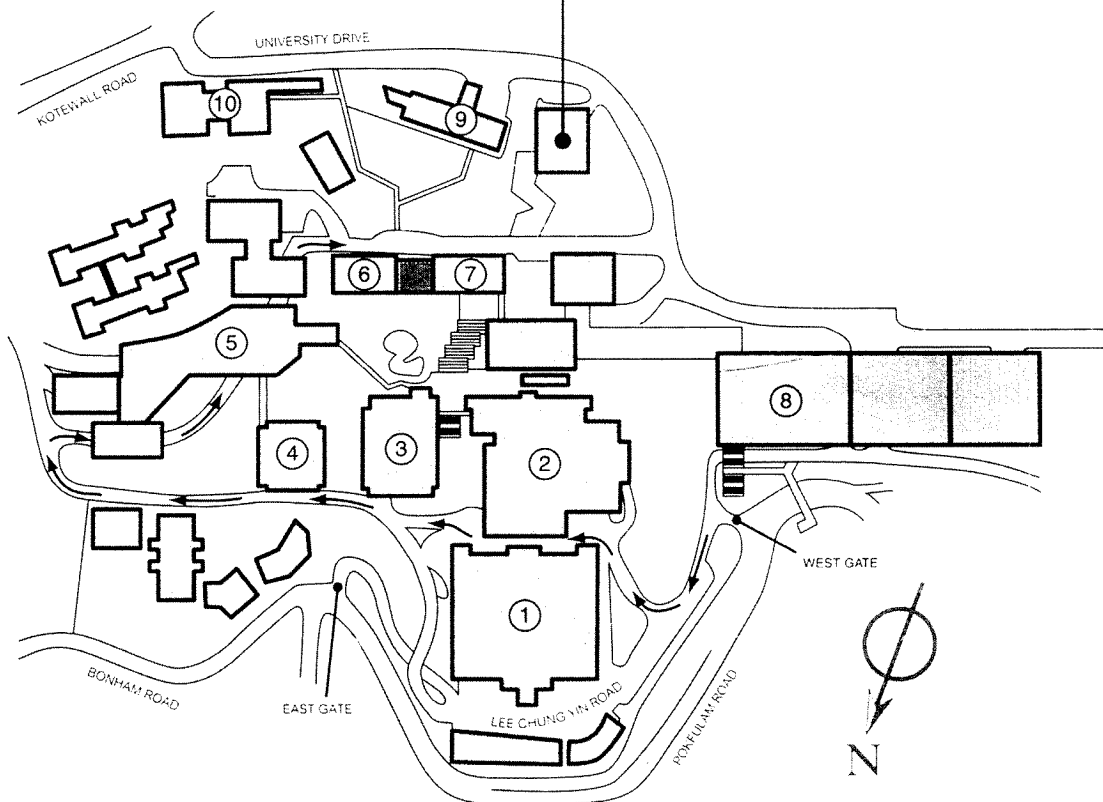
The regulations governing the conference grants, the application and report forms can be downloaded from the CRCG homepage: <<http://www.hku.hk/rss/crcg/main.htm>>

Any enquiries should be directed to: Mr. Edward Shen, Research Services Section of the Registry, 9/F, Knowles Building, the University of Hong Kong, Tel: 2859-1911.



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