

## THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

### **Provost's Strategic Allocation of Centrally-funded RPg Places for 2021-22 Admission: 20 RPg places for Strategic Research Areas**

#### **Background**

1. Under the Provost's Strategic Allocation of Centrally-funded RPg places for 2021-22 admission, 20 RPg places have been earmarked to support the development of the four Strategic Research Areas identified in the CUHK Strategic Plan.

#### **Scope and Criteria for Allocation**

2. These 20 RPg places will be made available for bidding by Principal Investigators (PIs) for working on projects falling within the following four Strategic Areas:
  - (a) China: Tradition and Modernity
  - (b) Innovative Biomedicine
  - (c) Information and Automation Technology
  - (d) Environment and Sustainability
3. PIs who are eligible for bidding must be full-time academic staff and are expected to be assigned by the Graduate Panel as Supervisors to provide training to the RPg students and guide them through their studies. All bids must be made on the prescribed form; and each PI shall submit one bid only in each round of exercise.
4. The allocation is made on a competitive basis. Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research will form an assessment panel, with Area Coordinators of the Strategic Areas co-opted, to review the bids holistically, with reference to the assessment criteria below:
  - (a) academic merits, with interdisciplinary collaborative nature;
  - (b) relevancy to the Strategic Areas; and
  - (c) potential contribution to the University's research development.
5. It must be emphasized that the allocation of RPg places under the scheme is specifically to support the University's strategic development targeting to recruit *high-quality* RPg candidates. Thus, it should not be regarded as a supplemental allocation to alleviate shortage of RPg places within Faculties/Divisions.
6. Once allocation is made, the PIs shall initiate the RPg admission process by submitting offer recommendations and necessary documents to the Graduate School Office. Places not filled by 31 May 2021 will lapse.

### **Conditions of Allocation**

7. The RPg places allocated under this scheme are available to full-time PhD students only. No top-up money will be attached to the student places for the Faculties. Postgraduate Studentship (PGS) offered under this scheme will cover the entire normative study period of an eligible student's intended study programme. The PGS is not transferrable and will be withdrawn if the student prematurely leaves the University before completing the programme/during the normative study period. The University will also claw back all vacancies upon the student's departure from the study programme. The other pertinent arrangements for postgraduate student administration will apply.
8. Recommended candidates to fill up the PRg places are required to go through all the standard application, selection and approval procedures, and satisfy all the admission requirements of the University's mechanism as appropriate.
9. Students who are admitted to take up the quota of places shall observe all rules and regulations prescribed by the University authorities with regard to the postgraduate studies monitoring, including and not limited to the submission of online study plan and progress report with the endorsement and approval of the respective Supervisors and Graduate Divisions every year.
10. For enquiries, please contact the following units:
  - (a) About RPg admission, please contact Graduate School Office by Email: [gradschool@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:gradschool@cuhk.edu.hk).
  - (b) About the scheme, please contact Administration Team of the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services by Email: [research-committee@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:research-committee@cuhk.edu.hk).

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