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AMA Associate Professor Zhonghua Qiao awarded RGC Research Fellowship 2020/21

On 10 July 2020, the Research Grants Council (RGC) announced the application results of the RGC Research Fellow Scheme (RFS) 2020/21. This year, RGC received a total of 33 nominations for RFS from the 8 UGC-funded universities. Dr. Zhonghua Qiao, Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Mathematics, is selected as one of the 10 RFS awardees after a rigorous assessment process. In addition to the title “RGC Research Fellow (研資局研究學者)”, RFS will provide sustained support to Dr. Qiao for a period of 60 months in the manner of relief from teaching and administrative duties, and research funding support, with a view to facilitating his full dedication to research and development.



Dr. Zhonghua Qiao joined PolyU in 2011. Before joining PolyU, he was a postdoctoral research associate in North Carolina State University in 2006-2008 and an Assistant Professor in Hong Kong Baptist University in 2008-2011. He received his PhD degree in the Department of Mathematics at Hong Kong Baptist University in 2006. As an applied mathematician, his research interests are numerical analysis and scientific computing. Dr. Qiao won the Early Career Award 2013/14 presented by the Research Grants Council, and The Hong Kong Mathematical Society Award for Young Scholars in 2018.

RGC Research Fellow Scheme

To build up a pool of local research talent to sustain Hong Kong’s competitiveness and propel the development of our higher education sector, the Research Grants Council (RGC) introduced three new regular fellowship schemes in 2019/20 academic year, namely RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS), RGC Research Fellow Scheme (RFS) and RGC Senior Research Fellow Scheme (SRFS), which will benefit post-doctoral fellows as well as researchers at associate professor and professor ranks respectively. It aims to support exceptionally outstanding academics at their mid-career at UGC-funded universities in Hong Kong

In each round of this yearly exercise, RFS will support 10 awardees at Associate Professor rank at a UGC-funded university, encompassing all academic disciplines grouped into two broad academic streams: (i) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and (ii) Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies (HSSB).

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