

Department of Construction Management and Intelligence
Research Incentive Scheme for 2025-26 and 2026-27 (2nd Round)

Objective

The Research Incentive Scheme (2nd Round) aims to support initiatives in promoting major research grant applications (i.e., RGC CRF YCRG/CRF/RIF/TRS etc.) and enhancing the success rate. The scheme focuses on supporting young colleagues to nurture ‘rising stars’ in CMI and incentivizing CMI colleagues’ major grant applications.

Research Incentive Scheme (2nd Round)

The Research Incentive Scheme (2nd Round) comprises the following funding initiatives:

- A. Seed funding for major grant application by young colleagues
- B. Incentive funding for major grant application being shortlisted for a full proposal

- List of ‘Major Research Grants’ to be supported

Funding body	Funding Schemes
Research Grants Council (RGC)	Areas of Excellence (AoE) Scheme
	Theme-based Research Scheme (TRS)
	Research Impact Fund (RIF)
	Strategic Topics Grant (STG)
	Collaborative Research Project Grant (CRPG)
	Young Collaborative Research Grant (YCRG)
	NSFC/RGC Collaborative Research Scheme (CRS)

A. Seed funding for major grant application by young colleagues

The fund aims to providing seed funding to young colleagues (refer to the definition below) who apply for major research grants upon successful submission of preliminary proposals as a PC or a PI.

Funding period	2025/26 and 2026/27 (2 years)
Eligible Staff	Any academic staff not exceeding three years of his/her full-time academic job as an Associate Professor or career equivalent (including those at a lower rank (i.e., Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor))
Total no. of quota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One per staff each year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum two during the funding period
Funding support	HK\$ 100,000
Requirement	Successful submission of preliminary proposals for major research grants
Application procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PI submits a draft of a preliminary proposal to the DRC secretary (Ms. Chloe SHING) at least one month before the submission due date. • The internal review panel assigned by the DRC Chair reviews the submitted proposal and gives comments on it. • The PI revises and submits the preliminary proposal by the submission due date. • The DRC chair confirms the successful submission of the preliminary proposal, and the Head approves the funding support (HK\$100,000).

B. Incentive funding for major grant application being shortlisted for a full proposal

The fund aims to providing funding support to incentivize academic staff whose preliminary proposals are shortlisted to submit full proposals for major research grants.

Funding period	2025/26 and 2026/27 (2 years)
Eligible Staff	All academic staff
Total no. of quota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One per staff each year • Maximum two during the funding period
Funding support	HK\$ 100,000
Requirement	Preliminary proposals being shortlisted for full proposal submission of major research grants
Application procedures	The DRC chair confirms the shortlisted preliminary proposal, and the Head approves the funding support (HK\$100,000).