

香港理工大學「一帶一路」王寬誠訪問學人計劃
The K.C. Wong Belt and Road Visiting Fellowship Scheme

Application Guideline

I. Overview

The K. C. Wong Belt and Road Visiting Fellowship Scheme (「一帶一路」王寬誠訪問學人計劃, the Scheme) supports PolyU's scholars and educators to visit the Belt and Road (B&R) countries for academic exchanges and education collaborations.

II. Objectives

- a. To strengthen the tie between PolyU and the B&R higher education institutions through talent mobility, research exchange and education enhancement.
- b. To encourage PolyU's scholars and educators to carry out B&R related studies, support education development in B&R countries, as well as embark on research collaboration with the B&R scholars.

III. Scope

To provide up to **10** fellowships each year to PolyU researchers/educators for undertaking research and educational activities in B&R countries. The duration of the visit is normally 7 days to 2 weeks.

Interested applicants may refer to the link of Hong Kong Trade Development for the list of B&R countries: <http://beltandroad.hktdc.com/index.php/en/country-profiles>. The visit programme to Chinese Mainland is NOT covered by this Scheme.

IV. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill all of the following qualifications:

- a. A doctorate degree;
- b. Full-time staff of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
- c. Hold an academic position equivalent to assistant professor or above, or an education-related position at head level or above; and
- d. Chinese citizens, or ethnic Chinese.

V. Funding Arrangement

- a. Duration: the Scheme will support a maximum of 14-day visit programme. The awardee will be responsible for own expenses beyond the allowed duration.
- b. Funding: Maximum HK\$70,000 per award, which covers:
 - i. Travelling expenses to and from Hong Kong at economy class;
 - ii. Overseas travelling allowance (counted on daily basis) as per the PolyU's rate of subsistence allowance for duty function during the visiting period;
 - iii. Conference registration fee (if applicable); and
 - iv. On the condition that the total grant amount doesn't exceed HK\$70,000, the awardee can apply for not more than HK\$20,000 to organize research conference in B&R countries or Hong Kong, for supporting research exchanges

and education collaboration.

- c. Expenses on the items such as equipment, software, books, honorarium and souvenirs will not be considered by the scheme.

VI. Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- a. Show solid research /education credential;
- b. Demonstrate track record in collaborating with B&R higher education institutions, carrying out B&R related studies;
- c. The visiting programme is able to strengthen PolyU's tie with selected B&R partner universities in terms of research/education collaboration, and foster bilateral understanding between Hong Kong and B&R countries.
- d. Department and Faculty's support for the application will also be an important criterion in assessing the applications.

VII. Selection Process

Nominations will be considered by a Selection Panel chaired by AVP(GP). The Selection Panel will review the applications and recommend suitable candidates for final approval.

VIII. Report

Within three months after the visiting programme, awardees must provide the following documents to the Global Engagement Office (GEO):

- a. Post-Visit report;
- b. Copies of publicity materials, academic presentations, literature and related news (if applicable) in relations to the visit/post-visit activities. If the visiting program involves co-supervision of B&R postgraduate students, the awardee shall also submit the student background and research topics.
- c. Refund of any unused sponsorship funds

IX. Responsibilities of Awardees

The Foundation should be acknowledged in all publicity materials and literatures for the visiting programme, in the format of "The author gratefully acknowledges the support of the K. C. Wong Education Foundation".

X. Others

- a. GEO is the administrative unit of The K.C. Wong Belt and Road Visiting Fellowship Scheme.
- b. GEO reserves the right to change the guidelines stipulated herein from time to time without notice to applicants prior to the change.