**Financial Support to Recipients of Prestigious Funding, Awards and**

**Form RIO/FinSupp**

(Sept 2025)

**External Research Grants with HK$5M or Above**

**Application Form**

1. **Applicant Details**

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| Name: |  | (Surname) | |  | (Other Name) |
| Department: |  | | Post: |  | |
| Ext.: |  | | Email: |  | |

1. **Funding / Award / External Grant Obtained and Choice of Reward**

The Scheme is to award staff who obtain the achievements when they are with PolyU. The financial support will only be provided to the PC / PI as the lead applicant. Lead applicants of child projects of funding schemes under Categories 1 and 2 are not eligible.

[Please check the appropriate box(es) below. For Categories 1, 2, 3(a) and 3(b), please also provide project details in Section (c).]

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| **Category 1** (Level of Support: Level 1 or Matching Fund) | | | |
| **THREE** PhD students / **THREE** Postdoctoral Fellows (PDFs) /  **10 %** of the awarded amount to the whole research project (matching fund capped at HK$5M) | | | |
| **Scheme** | | **Choice of Award** | |
|  | RGC Areas of Excellence (AoE) Scheme |  | Three 3-year PhD students |
|  | RGC Theme-based Research Scheme (TRS) |  | Three 2-year PDFs |
|  | RGC Strategic Topics Grants (STG) |  | Matching Fund |

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| **Category 2** (Level of Support: Level 2 or Matching Fund) | | | | |
| **ONE** PhD student / **ONE** PDF /  **15 %** of the awarded amount to the whole research project (matching fund capped at HK$5M) | | | | |
| **Scheme** | | | **Choice of Award** | |
|  | RGC Prestigious Fellowship Scheme | |  | One 3-year PhD student |
|  | RGC Collaborative Research Fund (CRF) | |  | One 2-year PDF |
|  | RGC Collaborative Research Equipment Grant (CREG) | |  | Matching Fund |
|  | RGC CRF Young Collaborative Research Grant (YCRG) | |  |  |
|  | RGC Research Impact Fund (RIF) | |  |  |
|  | NSFC / RGC Collaborative Research Scheme | |  |  |
|  | MOST重點研發計劃 / 科技創新2030 | |  |  |
|  | NSFC 重點項目 / 重大項目 / 重大科研儀器研制項目 /  重大研究計劃 / 國家傑出青年科學基金項目 /  優秀青年科學基金項目 | |  |  |
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|  | Croucher Tak Wah Mak Innovation Awards | |  |  |
|  | Croucher Senior Research Fellowships | |  |  |
|  | Strategic Public Policy Research Funding Scheme (SPPRFS) | |  |  |
| **Category 3(a)** | | | **Award** | |
|  | | Collaborative Research Projects / Industrial Projects with HK$5M or above | 10% of the cash received by PolyU, excluding funding that already secured 50% donation matching from the University (matching fund capped at HK$5M) | |
|  | | Equivalent (e.g., Research Projects supported by donation) |

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| **Category 3(b)** | | **Award** |
|  | Other projects with funding of HK$5M or above, such as Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) projects (including those with R&D Centres as the lead applicants), Smart Traffic Fund projects, projects under the Sports Science & Research Funding Scheme | 10% of the awarded amount to the whole research project  (matching fund capped at HK$5M) |

**Note:** In calculating the funding level of support, the awarded amount of the whole project excludes overheads / on-costs / funding for Research Talent Hub / in-kind contributions. The total amount of matching funding is capped at HK$5 million.

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| **Category 4** (Level of Support: Level 1) | | | |
| **THREE** PhD students / **THREE** PDFs | | | |
| **Membership / Fellowship / Award** | | **Choice of Award** | |
|  | 國家最高科學技術獎 |  | Three 3-year PhD students |
|  | 國家自然科學獎 (一等奬或二等奬) |  | Three 2-year PDFs |
|  | 國家技術發明獎 (一等奬或二等奬) |  |  |
|  | 國家科學技術進步獎 (一等奬或二等奬) |  |  |
|  | 光華工程科技獎 |  |  |
|  | Fellowship of the Chinese Academy of Sciences  (Academicians 院士 / Emeritus Academicians 榮譽院士 / Foreign Academicians 外籍院士) |  |  |
|  | Membership of Chinese Academy of Engineering |  |  |
|  | Membership of National Academy of Science, USA  (Voting members / Nonvoting international members / Emeritus members) |  |  |
|  | Membership of National Academy of Engineering, USA |  |  |
|  | Membership of Royal Society, UK |  |  |
|  | Academician, Academia Sinica  *[Staff members who are elected Academician, Academia Sinica after joining PolyU will be eligible.]* |  |  |

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| **Category 5** (Level of Support: Level 2) | | | |
| ONE PhD student / ONEPDF | | | |
| **Membership / Fellowship / Award** | | **Choice of Award** | |
|  | 高等學校科學研究優秀成果獎（科學技術） |  | One 3-year PhD student |
|  | 高等學校科學研究優秀成果獎（人文社會科學） |  | One 2-year PDF |
|  | Xplorer Prize / Future Science Prize |  |  |
|  | Membership of Royal Academy of Engineering / Canadian Academy of Engineering / Australian  Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering /  Royal Society of Canada |  |  |
|  | Member of the Academia Europaea (MAE) |  |  |
|  | Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS), UK |  |  |
|  | Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) for the advancement of science in developing countries  (世界科學院, 也稱「發展中國家科學院」院士) |  |  |
|  | Elected Fellow of HK Academy of Engineering Sciences |  |  |
|  | Elected Fellow of HK Academy of Sciences |  |  |
|  | BOCHK Science and Technology Innovation Prize |  |  |
|  | Elected Fellow of the HK Academy of the Humanities |  |  |
|  | The Ho Leung Ho Lee (HLHL) Foundation (Science and Technology Achievement Award (成就獎)) |  |  |
|  | The HLHL Foundation (Science and Technology Progress Award (進步獎)) |  |  |
|  | The HLHL Foundation (Science and Technology Innovation Award (創新獎)) |  |  |

1. **Project Details** *(Not applicable to Categories 4 & 5)*

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| Project Title: |  |
| Grant Approval Date /  Agreement Signing Date: |  |
| Funding Body *(For Category 3 only)*: |  |
| Funding Scheme *(For Category 3(b) only)*: |  |
| Awarded Amount (*excluding overheads / Research Talent Hub / on-cost and in-kind):* | HK$ |
| Work Programme *(if any)*: |  |
| Work Programme for injecting the matching fund or budget for recruiting PDF *(if different from the above)*: |  |

*For Category 3(a) only*

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| Cash received: | | HK$ | | Date of receipt: |  |
| Total no. of instalments of the awarded amount for the project: | | | | |  |
| This is the | 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th | | instalment. *(Please circle the appropriate number.)* | | |

Reminder: Please attach supporting document(s) to the completed application form for Categores 4 & 5.

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| Signature: |  |  | Date: |  |