

**University Grants Committee**  
**Areas of Excellence Scheme - Fifth Round**

**Implementation Timetable**

<u>Timing</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 2008	• The UGC to invite initial proposals from institutions
1 December 2008	• Deadline for institutions to submit initial proposals
December 2008 – January 2009	• Formation of Short-listing Committee
January – March 2009	• Recruitment of external reviewers and conducting peer-review
March – April 2009	• Review of initial proposals by Short-listing Committee
18 April 2009	• Short-listing Committee meets to draw up an initial short-list
Mid April 2009	• The UGC/AoEG to finalize the short-list, on the advice of the Short-listing Committee
End April 2009	• Institutions to be informed of short-listed proposals and invited to submit full proposals
End April – June 2009	• Formation of Review Panels
Mid June 2009	• Institutions to submit full proposals
Mid June – August 2009	• Review Panels to conduct assessment of full proposals
Tentatively in the period of 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	• Review Panels to conduct interviews and to evaluate the short-listed proposals and funding decisions made by the UGC on the advice of the AoEG and the Review Panels
End August / Early September 2009	• The UGC to announce funding results