

RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
PROVISION OF RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Supplementary Notes for Applicants

Background

With a view to providing research experience for undergraduate students, the Research Grants Council (RGC) has put in place the following arrangements:

- (a) to set aside a total of \$2 million annually within the Faculty Development Scheme (FDS) budget for the provision of monthly allowances to undergraduate students to support their participation in FDS research projects; and
- (b) to allow a Principal Investigator (PI) to include the provision of a monthly allowance of up to \$2,500 to **ONE** undergraduate student helper for a maximum period of ten months for a FDS application.

Application Requirements

2. To apply for the monthly allowance for an undergraduate student, the PI is required to provide information such as:

- the project's objectives and activities;
- the appropriateness of the research project for the undergraduate student's involvement;
- the form and nature of the prospective student's involvement in the research project;
- the process and criteria for selecting the student; and
- the intended impact.

3. Monitoring of the undergraduate student's participation in the research project is the joint responsibility of the PI and the related institution. The results of the undergraduate student's participation into the research project must also be included in the progress report and completion report of the project.

Assessment Criteria

4. If the demand exceeds the funding allowances available, the evaluation criteria for the requests will be subject to the same criteria as FDS applications, with academic merit being the primary consideration.

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