

RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL

EARLY CAREER SCHEME SUPPORT FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH RELATED TO PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

Supplementary Notes for Applicants

Objective

To provide funding support for academic research that will have policy implications on public policy developments in Hong Kong.

Justification for Application

2. The research could be partly or wholly related to the public policy developments in Hong Kong. The applicant is required to state in the application form (Part II Section 4(a)(D)) the percentage of the total cost of the proposal related to public policy developments.

Assessment Criteria

3. In considering applications with policy implications on public policy developments in Hong Kong, the RGC will apply the same assessment criteria adopted under the Early Career Scheme (ECS) but an additional criterion ‘relevance to the needs of Hong Kong’ will also be considered.

Eligibility

4. The same eligibility requirements of ECS apply to this funding arrangement.

Funded Project with Public Policy Element

5. One of the initiatives of the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office (PICO) is to set up a linkage between research projects with a public policy element with the appropriate policy bureaux so that they could be considered for possible implementation. This initiative would help formulate innovative policy response that could effectively address societal challenges and is supported.

6. To echo PICO’s initiative, any funded projects with a public policy element would be informed to PICO for perusal after announcement of the funding results. If an applicant does not wish to have his / her project information released to PICO, he / she should inform the RGC separately when submitting research proposal.

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