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1	Faculty Research Incentives Scheme	Round 1: normally between Oct - Dec Round 2: normally between Feb - May	SOSC	No	N/A	1. up to HK\$2,500 for each publication 2. up to HK\$2,500 for each grant reviewer 3. up to HK\$10,000 for each book	1. Support copy-editing fees for journal publication/competitive grant proposals. 2. Support Junior Academic Staff in Grant Application – Honorarium for Overseas Grant Reviewers 3. Support publication of books
2	Researcher-in-Residence Scheme	Deadline for AY2017/18 before 30 January 2018	SOSC	Not necessary, but highly encouraged	N/A	Up to HK\$50,000 for one international researcher per department in AY2016-17	1. to further promote the development of research between our Department and overseas universities 2. to further advance research knowledge and skills within the Faculty 3. to foster or deepen international research collaboration in order to enhance the research profile of the Faculty
3	Collaborative Research Grant	Deadline for AY2017/18 before 1 December 2017	SOSC	No	N/A	Up to 2 awarded projects in each academic year, one each for inter-institutional and inter-disciplinary research. Each awarded project will receive a maximum of HK\$200,000 to support a two-year project	1. to provide seed funding to promote inter-institutional and inter-disciplinary research project 2. to encourage colleagues to leverage on the already exist collaborative effort and the research strengths of two or more institutions to further advance knowledge, and to successfully bid for external major grants
4	SOSC \$10K GRF Incentive Scheme	Deadline for AY2017/18 28 February 2018	SOSC	No	N/A	Up to HK\$10,000 for eligible SOSC GRF applicant who complete a required set submission procedure according to the prescribed timeline	To improve the quality of GRF application and to enhance the research culture in the SOSC Faculty
5	RAE Professional Development Grant	1 January 2017 - 31 December 2018	SOSC (Guidelines)	No	N/A	HK\$50,000 for an independently-verified 4* output HK\$25,000 for an independently-verified 3* output	1. to incentivize staff to submit top quality research output in the next RAE/REF (2019-2020) 2. Each eligible staff can submit a maximum of two research output item, on each in 2017 and 2018 respectively
UNIVERSITY-LEVEL							
6	Faculty Research Grant	<u>Category 1</u> : year round <u>Category 2</u> : 1st round :usually in Sept 2nd round:usually in Jan	Research Committee	No	N/A	HK\$150,000 (up to HK\$180,000 for exceptionally high quality proposal)	
7	RC Conference Grant	Round 1 : usually in Aug Round 2 : usually in Jan	Research Committee	Yes	(a) If the conference is for the benefit of all 7 departments of SOSC the matching ratio: RC: Faculty:Dept (1:0.5: 0.5) (b) Otherwise, the matching will be RC: Dept/Centre (1:1)	HK\$100,000 maximum	support academic staff and students to attend international conference that will benefit their academic development

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8	Interdisciplinary Research Matching Scheme (IRMS)	Usually call-for-proposal in Sept with an application deadline in Dec	Research Committee	Yes	Tier 1: RC: Faculty/Dept (4:1) Tier 2: RC: Faculty/Dept (2:1) <i>*For both tiers, further matching between Faculty and Dept is required. Please discuss with the Faculty on the matching details before submitting the application</i>	Grants will be awarded on a merit and competitive basis and a maximum of two applications from each tier will be awarded each year. A Two-tier funding framework was introduced in AY2016/17: Tier 1 Each awarded application will receive HKD0.25M to HKD0.5M (in cash or in kind) each year for a period of 2 years, based on a 4:1 matching between the Research Committee and the respective Faculty. Tier 2 Each awarded application will receive a maximum of HKD1.5M (in cash or in kind) each year for a period of 2 years, based on a 2:1 matching between the Research Committee and the respective Faculty.	A project team with two or more members from cross-Faculty level
9	RC's Inter-institutional Collaborative Research Scheme	Usually call-for-proposal in Sept with an application deadline in Mar	Research Committee	Yes	RC: Faculty/Dept (3:1) <i>*further matching between Faculty and Dept is required. Please discuss with the Faculty on the matching details before submitting the application.</i>	The total budget of each proposal should normally be no less than HK\$500,000 (for non-SCM/SCI projects) or HK\$1M (for SCM/SCI projects) per year per institution.	to support research project to be conducted through a cross-institutional team
10	Travelling Support Matching Scheme for Junior Academics	Usually call-for-application in Sept	Research Committee	Yes	RC: Faculty/Dept 4:1	\$18,000 per application from RC (SOSC total allocation \$32,000)	To support junior academics to participate in summer/winter attachments in leading/reputable institutions to undertake research work
11	IoC Funding Proposals	year round	IoC	No	N/A	normally limited to HK\$100,000 for each event/activity/research project. (larger requests will be considered if suitably justified)	for funding interdisciplinary research and theme-based research, and supporting creative initiatives for the benefit of our community
12	Equipment Matching Fund	Usually in Jul	Research Committee	Yes	RC: Faculty:Dept 3:0.5:0.5	up to \$1M to each application	to purchase equipment to benefit research activities
13	Matching Scheme for Inviting High Quality Sabbatical Visitors/Distinguished Scholars	normally due in late August	Research Committee	Yes	VPRD: Dept 7:3	\$400,000 maximum for AY2014/15	to further enhance the branding that provides the University with a competitive advantage and offer chances for academic staff to be engaged in long-term research collaborations with scholars of international or national stature
14	Arts & Social Sciences Funding Opportunity: Research Partnership Initiation Grant	Phase 1 deadline: 8 Mar 2017 Phase 2 deadline: 31 Aug 2017	Research Committee	No	N/A	Phase I funding of up to HKD\$50,000 will support the establishment of a research team. Phase II funding of up to HKD\$250,000 will support a field-based pilot investigation leading to a competitive external grant proposal.	to promote comparative, multi-site, and inter-disciplinary research on the health and wellbeing challenges faced — and being addressed — by megacities.
EXTERNAL							
15	General Research Fund	mid Sep - mid Oct	RGC	No	N/A	Thresholds for applications in the fields of Social Sciences is \$100,000. (no upper limits, but justification for individual research projects costing over \$1 million is required)	- RAP or above - Grantees and awardees of the ECS also eligible
16	Early Career Scheme						New appointees within the first three years of full-time academic job as substantiation track/tenure track Assistant Professor or equivalent.

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17	Theme-based Research Scheme	(UGC) Deadline for the 8th round (AY2018/19): 28 Sept 2017	RGC	Yes	10% of total approved budget by RC, the rest by RGC	A Research Endowment Fund with a one-off grant of \$18 billion was set up in 2009. The investment income (presuming an annual return rate at 5%, the budget will be around \$200 million. The funding available for the TRS depends on the actual investment income of the very year.) from up to \$4 billion will be used to finance research projects on specific themes under the TRS.	The objective of this scheme is to focus academic research efforts of the UGC-funded institutions on themes of strategic importance to the long-term development of Hong Kong. 4 Major themes are : - Promoting Good Health; - Developing a Sustainable Environment; - Enhancing Hong Kong's Strategic Position as a Regional & International Business Centre ; - Advancing Emerging Research and Innovations Important to Hong Kong
18	Institutional Grants Proposals & Bamboo Grants Proposals	(a)Institutional grant: 31 Oct 2017 (b)Bamboo grant: year round	United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia	no	N/A	(a) Institutional grant awards typically range from US\$5,000 to US\$25,000. (b) Small Grants Program for proposals seeking less than US\$5,000 in funding	To support proposals one of the four major areas: 1) Leadership Development for Higher Education, 2) Faculty Development for Enhanced Teaching, Learning, and Research, and 3) Campus-Community Partnerships, and 4) Culture and Religion in Asia.
19	United Board Fellows Program 2017-18	Deadline for 2018/19 15 October 2017	United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia	No	N/A	To fund the following program of activities: U.S. Summer Institute: 2-4 months Asia Placement; Leadership Seminar; and online mentoring	A full-time position at HKBU (home institution); the commitment to return to the home institution after completion of the programme; Under 45 years old by the time of application: 15 October 2015; a PhD, or doctorate-level degree preferred; at minimum, a Master's-level degree.
20	Public Policy Research Funding Scheme	year round	Central Policy Unit	No	N/A	No funding cap, but strong justifications required for project costing over HK\$1M	to fund research projects in seven major themes, namely (a) land and housing; (b) poverty and ageing/retirement protection; (c) political development and governance; (d) external economy; (e) social issues; (f) economic development; and (g) environmental protection with 21 indicative research areas
21	(a) Non-research Health Promotion Projects (b) Seed Funding Scheme	Normally due in July	Health Care and Promotion Fund	No	N/A	(a) up to HK\$300,000 (b) up to HK\$500,000	support (a) non-research projects on health promotion and, (b) proposals under the Seed Funding Scheme, to develop innovative, effective and sustainable health promotion programmes in the community.
22	Germany/HK Joint Research Scheme	normally due in early June	RGC & German Academic Exchange Service	No	N/A	The grant size is \$45,000/year for projects involving travel of RPg student(s) and \$30,000/year for project not involving student's travel.	The Scheme aims to support scholarly collaboration between individual Hong Kong and German researchers.
23	PROCORE-France/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme	normally due in May	CGF	No	N/A	(a) Travel Grant: The grant size is \$45,000 per year for projects involving student's travel and \$31,250 per year for projects not involving student's travel. (b) Conference Grant: \$150,000 is earmarked for one conference/workshop to be held in Hong Kong.	To promote research collaboration between Hong Kong and France, researchers in the two places may apply for one-year and two-year travel grants. The Scheme also offers two conference/workshop grants to sponsor a conference/workshop each in Hong Kong and in France. Eligibility:
24	National Natural Science Foundation of China	normally due in March	NSFC	No	N/A	1. General Project (面上項目) [Average grant per project reaching 0.7957M for a 4-year term] 2. Key Project(重點項目) [Average grant per project reaching 3.28M for a 5-year term] 3. Young Scientists Project (青年科學基金項目) [Average grant per project reaching 0.25M for a 3-year term] 4. Major Research Plan Project (重大研究計畫項目) 5. Regional Science Fund Project (地區科學基金項目)	

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25	RGC Prestigious Fellowship Scheme under the Humanities & Social Sciences Panel	application starts in December and due in late January	RGC	No	N/A	A maximum amount of \$1 million per award for a period of up to 12 months may be granted and not more than ten awards will be granted for all institutions per year. (for AY2015/16)	Applicants under the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel eligible for the GRF except visiting scholars are eligible to apply.
26	Fullbright-RGC HK Senior Research Scholar Award	Once a year, usually with a deadline in Oct	RGC	No	N/A	The basic award for a ten-month grant is HK\$350,000. (supplementary award of up to HK\$150,000 for research expenses in justified cases will be available)	full-time academic staff of UGC-funded institutions and residents of Hong Kong at the time of application. They must have served in an academic capacity in Hong Kong for at least the previous three years