

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE

To: Heads/Directors of Departments/Schools in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
Director, Clinical Trials Centre
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry
Dean, Faculty of Engineering
Dean, Faculty of Science
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

**University of Hong Kong/China Medical Board (CMB) Grants
2017/2018 (First Round)**

Applications are invited for the University of Hong Kong/CMB Grants 2017/2018 (First Round). Please bring this circular to the attention of the relevant staff members as set out in paragraph 3 below.

Purpose

2. The scheme was established to enable selected members of staff of this University to receive advanced training overseas beyond their specialty or postgraduate degrees in the areas of clinical medicine, basic medical science, medical education or health care. The Grants are however NOT intended for training towards the attainment of formal postgraduate or specialty qualifications.

Eligibility

3. Eligible applicants include:
 - (a) Academic staff of the Medical Faculty both at the clinical and non-clinical level;
 - (b) Academic staff of other Faculties concerned with medical education or the socio-economic aspects of health care; and
 - (c) Academic staff of the Dental Faculty who are working in cooperation with academic staff of the Medical Faculty and are involved in teaching in the Medical Faculty.

The definition of “academic staff” has been broadened for the purpose of this scheme to include not only Teachers and Research Assistant Professors, but also Post-doctoral Fellows and Research Officers.

4. Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:
 - (i) Applicants must already have completed relevant postgraduate degrees and/or obtained appropriate specialty qualifications.
 - (ii) Applicants should demonstrate potential for bringing new expertise to existing departments or units within the Faculty of Medicine.

Tenure of Grants

5. Grants shall be tenable at approved institutions outside Hong Kong normally for a period from three to twelve months for teachers and three months for RAPs/PDFs/ROs. Preference will be given to applicants who spend a longer period of time in one place.

Coverage of Grants

6. Grants shall normally cover:
- (a) one round-trip airfare at the most economical rate;
 - (b) maintenance allowance equivalent to the amount of personal maintenance allowance currently given to the British Chevening Scholars (i.e. approximately £1,307 per month for residing in London and HK\$10,765 per month for other places);
 - (c) cost of approved research supplies and equipment, if required, up to a maximum of HK\$9,000;
 - (d) a sum to cover attendance at conference whilst overseas during the training period. The coverage will be in line with the University's Conference Support for Teaching Staff scheme (available at: <http://intraweb.hku.hk/local/rss/irsp/conference-staff-regulations.pdf>); and
 - (e) premiums for accident and sickness insurance up to a value of HK\$100,000.

Conditions of Grants

7. If the awardee resigns from the University during the tenure of the Grant or within 3 years for teachers and 1 year for RAPs/PDFs/ROs upon return from the training leave, or has made inadequate use of the training leave in the opinion of the Committee of Management, he/she may be required by the Committee to repay the whole or part of the sum received.

Application Procedures

8. Applications should be made on the prescribed form downloadable from <http://www.med.hku.hk/v1/research/research-fellowships/university-of-hong-kongchina-medical-board-grants/> and returned to the Faculty Office by **November 10, 2017**. Enquiries should be directed to Ms Elaine So (tel: 3917 6853, email: elaineso@hku.hk) of the Faculty Office.
9. In the case of an applicant intending to undertake a long period of training overseas, a written agreement from the institution concerned should be attached to the application form.
10. **Deferment/extension of the training period will not be allowed once the Grants are awarded. The Grants will be lapsed if the overseas training is not undertaken as originally scheduled/approved.** Intending applicants are reminded to discuss with their Heads of Departments concerned about the feasibility of taking long leave, study leave or clinical training leave, as appropriate. Enquires about leave matters should be addressed to Ms Julianna Ko of Personnel Unit, Registry at 2859 2234.



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HKU/CMB Grants

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