

UNITED COLLEGE
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Guidelines of the United College Early Career Research Excellence Award

Introduction

1. The objectives of the *United College Early Career Research Excellence Award* (“the Award”) are to promote research excellence and to recognize and honour outstanding academic staff members of United College at the outset of their independent research careers. The Award will be given out annually to a promising early career scholar of United College recommended by the selection panel.

Eligibility of Applicants

2. Applicants for the Award must be, as at the date of application:
 - (i) within the first six years of his/her full-time appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong; and
 - (ii) be affiliated with United College.
3. An Award recipient may apply for the Award again three years after his/her has received the Award for the first time, provided that he/she fulfils the criteria as set out in paragraph 2 above. No Award recipient shall receive the Award for the third time.
4. For second-time applications, research outputs considered for the previous Award shall not be considered again.

Application Procedures

5. Applications are invited and considered on a yearly basis. Endorsements from the respective Department Chairpersons / School Directors and Faculty Deans will be sought upon receipt of the applications.
6. An applicant should submit one research output for assessment. The research output should be published during the 36-month period prior to the 1 April of the year of application. For papers accepted for publication, evidence of acceptance (for instance, an acceptance letter) must be provided. The research outputs should show the affiliation of the applicant to The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
7. In addition to the publication(s), the applicant should submit his/her full curriculum vitae, and a research profile and a 1-page research statement highlighting his/her research achievements.
8. The completed application form, together with the supporting documents, should be submitted to United College by 3 April 2020 (Friday). Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview to give a short presentation and answer questions by a selection panel. Results will be announced in August. The Award will be presented at the College’s Anniversary Ceremony to be held in October 2020.

Selection Panel

9. The Committee on Cultural Interchange and Research of United College will serve as the selection panel for the Award. The selection panel shall consider applications received, and recommend the successful candidate for the Award.

Award

10. An award of HK\$50,000 in the form of research grant and a certificate shall be awarded to the successful candidate by the College Head at a presentation ceremony. Upon the awardee's departure from the University, the unspent balance of the grant amount awarded shall be credited to United College.
11. United College reserves the right not to grant the Award in a particular year if no application is considered appropriate.

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