

UNITED COLLEGE
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

United College Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Research Excellence Award 2025

I. Introduction

The objectives of the United College Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung 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.

II. Eligibility of Applicants

1. 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.
2. 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 more than 2 times.
3. For second-time applications, research outputs considered for the previous Award shall not be considered again.

III. Application Procedures

1. Applications are invited and considered on a yearly basis. Endorsements from the respective Department Chairperson / School Director and Faculty Dean should be sought by the applicants.
2. An applicant should submit one research output for assessment. The research output should be published during the 36-month period prior to 30 June 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.
3. 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.

IV. Selection Panel

1. The selection panel shall comprise the Chairperson and members of the Committee on Academic Exchange and Research of United College and the donor, Mr Joseph W N Cheung. The selection panel shall consider applications received and recommend the successful candidate for the Award.
2. The selection panel may consider the desirability of alternating awards between different faculties of the College to promote overall fairness without compromising quality.

V. Award

1. An award of HK\$100,000 will be given in the form of research grant and a certificate shall be awarded to the successful candidate by the College annually. Upon the awardee's departure from the University, the unspent balance of the grant amount awarded shall be credited to United College.
2. United College reserves the right not to grant the Award in a particular year if no application is considered appropriate.

VI. Timeline

The working schedule of the Award Scheme is listed as follows:

Mid-April:	Invitation of applications
End of May:	Deadlines for submission of applications
May-July:	Selection of Award recipients by the selection panel
August:	Announcement of results

(April 2025)