Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office - Strategic Public Policy Research Funding Scheme and Public Policy Research Funding Scheme

FAQs

What are the objectives of this scheme?

▶ Both PPR and SPPR Schemes aim to promote public policy research and evidence-based research to facilitate public policy discussion. Specifically, the SPPR Funding Scheme aims to support longer-term public policy research on strategic themes, build up research capacity and facilitate collaboration among institutions/think tanks on the strategic themes.

Which discipline(s) is(are) covered in this scheme?

- Any disciplines.

Who is eligible to apply (as a PC/PI)?

▶ Academics, teaching/research staff who are teaching or eligible to teach a course in undergraduate programmes or above in degree awarding institutions (e.g. CUHK); or

▶ Visiting scholars/adjunct professors/honorary professors/emeritus professors who are teaching or eligible to teach a course in undergraduate programmes or above in degree awarding institutions (e.g. CUHK).

How to apply for this scheme?

▶ By email.

Can PI submit more than one application to the same application round?

- Yes, PI can submit more than one application to the same application round.

What document(s) should be prepared before and/or during application stage?

- Declaration Form for Research Grants;
- Completed application form (in word and pdf).

Is there an institutional quota for this scheme?

- There is no institutional quota for this scheme.

Any eligibility requirement on Co-applicant(s)?

- There is no eligibility requirement on Co-applicant(s).

What is the range of funding support?

- Grant Ceiling: HK$1M (PPR); HK$3-5M (SPPR)

- Grant Duration: 1 year (PPR); 3-5 years (SPPR)

Is administrative overhead fees/indirect costs allowed?

▶ PPR/SPPR grants could be used for covering the overhead expenses relating to a project at a rate up to 15% of the grant.

What is the operational timeframe after internal deadline?

▶ PPR - No internal deadline. Applications accept all year round. The processing time is around 1 month.

▶ SPPR - Around 15 working days.

What is the estimated time for PIs' revision and re-submission?

- ▶ PPR - No specific timeframe.

- ▶ SPPR - Around 5 working days.

If PIs opt to submit without vetting by ORKTS, what will the minimum processing time be?

▶ N/A (Internal review must be conducted).

What are the assessment criteria?

o PPR:

o policy relevance on public policy development in Hong Kong, or the extent to which it will foster informed discussion on the relevant policy issues by the local community;

o feasibility and practicality of the proposal;

o the capability of the applicant, including academic qualifications, research records, past research performance, and outcomes of past projects;

o whether the research proposal's schedule of implementation is wellplanned and practicable, and the duration is reasonable;

o whether the proposed budget is prudent, realistic and cost-effective, with full justifications provided;

o whether the research proposal has alternative sources of funding support; and

o whether there is or likely to be a duplication of the work already or currently carried out by other groups.

What are the assessment criteria?

▶ Additional criteria for SPPR:

o Research quality and the strategic relevance to the public policy development of Hong Kong;

o the deliverables of the research, the research team's capability, feasibility and practicality of the proposal, the implementation schedule, and the proposed budget; and

o institutional support towards capacity building in public policy research

Will grantor shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend presentation/meeting/interview?

▶ Grantor will shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend the following:

o Selection interview

When will grantor announce the funding result?

- Around 3 months after the submission of application.

How many PPR/ SPPR applications can be submitted by a PI?

▶ PI can apply as many applications as he/ she likes but the maximum number of PPR/SPPR projects that a PI can hold concurrently is two normally.

If approval of research ethics and/or safety issues is required, what kind of document should be provided?

- The approval document or application proof should be provided during application stage.