

## **Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation Research Grant**

The Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation ('Foundation') is donating the sum of HK\$ 200,000 annually for three years, from 2019-2021, to the Institute of Cardiovascular Science and Medicine (ICSM), University of Hong Kong, to support research projects relevant to cardiovascular diseases. The aim of the grants is to foster research in cardiovascular diseases. The terms of reference for the grant are as follows:

1. The grant shall be known as the Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation Research Grant.
2. The grant shall be a one-off payment to support a research project.
3. Supported projects can be in basic science or in clinical medicine.
4. The maximum funding for each project is HK\$ 100,000, but the amount awarded will depend on the quality of the proposal and the number of fundable applications received.
5. The duration of the project is normally one year; extension to a maximum of two years is permitted subject to a satisfactory interim report.
6. To encourage researchers new to cardiovascular research, track record and preliminary data are not pre-requisites.
7. At least one of the investigators must be affiliated to the University of Hong Kong.
8. Applications will be evaluated in terms of scientific merit, feasibility and value.
9. Applications likely to lead to publications and conference presentations will have an advantage.
10. In any year when applications are judged to be of insufficient merit, no award shall be made.
11. The grant can be held concurrently with other grants supporting the same project.

### **Administrative arrangements**

The grant shall be administered by ICSM.

A Selection Committee shall be formed comprising:

- A Chairperson appointed by the Council of ICSM;
- Honorary Director of ICSM;
- Honorary Secretary of ICSM;
- A representative of the Foundation.

There shall be an annual call for applications. Applications are open to all, with no eligibility criteria for the principal applicant (principal investigator). Application forms should be downloaded from the website of ICSM and submitted by email to ICSM. Each member of the Selection Committee shall receive an electronic copy of all the applications and score them independently. Award decisions are made through consensus either in a meeting of the Selection Committee or by circulation. There is no appeal, but unsuccessful projects may be resubmitted with or without revision in subsequent years.