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**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Research Institute for the Humanities**

**Call for Proposals – Interdisciplinary Reading Groups**

The Research Institute for the Humanities (RIH) invites proposals from the research postgraduate (RPg) student community to form **interdisciplinary reading groups** in the academic year 2025/26. The purpose of this initiative is to promote more interaction among RPg students from different disciplines and programmes.

Interdisciplinary Reading Groups

1. Reading groups are expected to be initiated and organized by RPg students from the Faculty of Arts.
2. Such groups should be open to anyone interested, including RPg students, research staff and faculty members from across departments.
3. Each group should have five or more members from at least two disciplines or programmes and meet at least three times per academic year. The group is expected to read and discuss scholarship from different disciplines and/or to read and workshop participants’ papers or work-in-progress.
4. Each group may invite a guest participant (such as an author whose work is on the reading list), either from CUHK or from outside CUHK, to lead a particular meeting and discussion during the school year.
5. Supported reading groups will be publicized on the RIH website.

Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Reading Groups

1. Each group should have a Coordinator responsible for managing group activities.
2. The Coordinator will submit an application on behalf the group and present a report on group activities at the conclusion of the school year.
3. The Coordinator will also help manage the expenses of the group.

Support to Interdisciplinary Reading Groups

1. The RIH will provide logistical assistance (such as scheduling a meeting place and making arrangements for a visitor) to the group.
2. Each group will receive up to HK$15,000 to cover the general costs of the reading group (e.g. books for members if e-copies are unavailable and post-meeting meals) and expenses for inviting a guest participant. A group may submit a special request for other expenses.

Interested RPg students should submit a proposal using the attached template.

Completed proposals should be sent to [rihs@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:rihs@cuhk.edu.hk) by 9 June 2025. Please send inquiries to the same email address as well.

Applications will be reviewed by the Director of RIH and endorsed by the Faculty Dean. Results will be announced in July 2025.

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Preliminary Proposal for Interdisciplinary Reading Groups

**Part I – Basic Information**

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| Name of the Interdisciplinary Reading Group: | |
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| Purpose of the group: *(a brief, one-paragraph description)* | |
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| **Coordinator’s Particulars** | |
| Name: |  |
| Year of Study: |  |
| Programme: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| **Group Members’ Particulars** | |
| * At least four members, excluding the Coordinator, from two or more different disciplines or programmes * List each member’s name, year of study and programme | |
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**Part II – Reading List**

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| A briefly annotated list of proposed reading materials: |

**Part III – Plan and Proposed Schedule**

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| Plan for the year from September 2025 to June 2026: *(in point form)* |
| * Indicate how often the group will meet * Describe what activities (such as presentations, discussions, comments on work-in-progress) will be organized * Estimate the expected of members at each meeting * Indicate whether a guest participant will be invited |
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**Part IV – Itemized Budget (up to HK$15,000 per group)**

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| Points to note   * Physical books can only be purchased if e-books are unavailable * A subsidy of up to $100 per person can be budgeted for each post-meeting meal | | |
| Items | | Amount (HK$) |
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