**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Research Institute for the Humanities**

**Call for Proposals – Interdisciplinary Initiatives**

The Research Institute for the Humanities (RIH) invites proposals from faculty members to establish **interdisciplinary initiatives** in the Faculty of Arts that explore, incubate, and foster new knowledge, fresh ideas, or innovative methodologies in the humanities. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty members with shared intellectual interests and ready to develop research in new areas with the support of a knowledgeable, diverse group of colleagues.

Research Groups and Research Areas

1. Each group should have three or more faculty members from at least two disciplines or programmes.
2. We welcome proposals centered on interdisciplinary collaborative research in the arts and humanities around a theme, a geographical area, a historical period, a genre, a concept, a paradigm, or any other well-defined topic.
3. Each proposal should include plans for faculty seminars and/or small-scale workshops.
4. We encourage collaborations with scholars and practitioners outside the Faculty of Arts or beyond CUHK.

Coordinator of the Research Groups

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

Support to Research Groups

1. The RIH will provide logistical assistance (such as scheduling a meeting/event space and making arrangements for visiting scholars) to the group.
2. Each group will receive up to HK$75,000 for a one-year project (2025/26) or HK$150,000 for a two-year project (2025/27) to cover the costs of organizing a wide variety of activities—from workshops to academic conferences, exhibitions, performances, movie screenings, and other unique initiatives designed to advance the academic profile of the Faculty of Arts. A group may submit a special request for additional expenses.

Interested faculty members should submit a preliminary proposal according to the template on the following pages.

Completed proposals should be sent to rihs@cuhk.edu.hk by 9 June 2025. 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 Collaborative Projects

**Part I – Basic Information**

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| Topic of the proposed research: |  |
| Purpose of the group: *(a brief, one-paragraph description)* |
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| **Coordinator’s Particulars** |
| Name: |  |
| Rank: |  |
| Department/ Unit: |  |
| **Group Members’ Particulars** *(at least three members, including the project leader, from two or more different disciplines or programmes)* |
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**Part II – Summary of Proposed Research**

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| Project Objectives: *(in point form)* |
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| Brief description of i) Research Context, ii) Research Questions and iii) Research Methods: *(in 500 words)* |
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**Part III – Project Details**

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| Plan and Timeline for the academic year 2025/26 and 2026/2027 (if applicable): *(in point form)* |
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| Expected Outcome: *(in point form)* |
| e.g. * potential projects that the group might undertake in pursuit of your research objectives
* conference presentations, publications, exhibitions and collaborations with individual or institutional partners etc.
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**Part IV – Itemized Budget** (up to HK$150,000 per group for a two-year project)

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