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**Hong Kong-Scotland Partners in Post Doctoral Research 2015/16**

The Research Grants Council (RGC) is inviting applications for the Hong Kong-Scotland Partners in Post Doctoral Research 2015/16 exercise. The RGC’s Call Circular and other relevant information can be viewed from the Research Services (RS) website at http://www.rss.hku.hk/fund/hk-scotland-postdoctoral-research.

2. To foster academic links between Scotland and Hong Kong, the scheme supports post-doctoral fellows to spend 3 to 12 months’ stay in a Scottish university or research institution for conducting research activities in four specific areas, namely Renewable and New Energies, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Sustainable Development and Economics and Finance. Applicants should first make contact with their intended team in Scotland to ensure that they can be received.

3. Eligible Hong Kong applicants should be:
   (a) a PhD graduate of one of the UGC-funded institutions;
   (b) a resident in Hong Kong (including those with visa to work in Hong Kong); and
   (c) holding a paid appointment at the University.

4. A maximum of 5 annual grants of up to HK$125,000 each will be awarded by the RGC to successful Hong Kong applicants to cover travelling expenses (one return flight) and monthly living allowance. Other expenses such as insurance and conference attendance will not be supported. Shorter attachments will attract a pro-rata level of award and all research projects must be started before June 30, 2016.

5. I would be grateful if Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments would bring the information in this circular to the attention of all eligible staff members. To facilitate institutional endorsement and database construction, the following application materials should reach Research Services (RS) by **October 9, 2015 (Friday)**:
   (a) one hard copy and one soft copy of the completed application form with endorsement from the host university or research institution in Scotland;
   (b) a completed Internal Declaration Form endorsed by the Head of Department and the Dean of Faculty; and
   (c) two confidential Referee’s Report Forms to be submitted by the external referees to RS directly.

6. Should you have any queries, please contact my colleague, Ms. Katie Cheung (tel: 2859-1982; e-mail: ppkatie@hku.hk).

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