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Travel Support for Research Postgraduate (RPg) Students 2015/16

The University Research Committee (URC) Conference/Travel Grants Sub-group is now inviting applications for travel support for RPg students to participate in international academic training/research activities. This scheme is designed to provide an alternative opportunity for RPg students to develop academic and research expertise or to collect essential data for their theses which is not available locally and is not possible under the conference support scheme. The awarded funding may support international academic training activities under supervision overseas, including but not limited to taking courses, conducting research/thesis preparation work, undertaking empirical fieldwork investigation and laboratory work, or collect essential data in overseas for thesis research such as archival study and fieldwork.

2. Each eligible MPhil student can only apply for one award from the Sub-group, either for conference support or travel support during his/her candidature. Eligible PhD student may apply for (i) conference support once and travel support once; or (ii) conference support twice in the course of his/her registration for the degree, and only one application can be submitted per financial year, i.e. July 1 to June 30.

3. Applications will be considered twice a year, with September 30, 2015 and February 29, 2016 set as the deadlines for receipt of applications. Applicants should submit applications according to the deadline and make sure that the forthcoming deadline at the time of application is at least one month before the proposed departure date. Late application will not be processed due to the limited budget in this financial year. Students are advised to plan well ahead and are cautioned not to make firm travel arrangements until they receive the award.

4. The Regulations governing the travel support are posted on the Research Services website at http://intraweb.hku.hk/local/rss/trsp/travel-students-regulations.pdf. Applications are to be made on-line through the Research and Conference Grants Administration System (RCGAS).

5. I should be grateful if Heads would bring this circular to the attention of RPg students and their supervisors. If colleagues have any queries, please contact Ms. Fanny Wu (tel: 2219-4602; email: sswu@hku.hk) of Research Services.

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