

Applications invited for Research Fellowship Scheme

The Food and Health Bureau today (August 27) invited interested parties to apply for the Research Fellowship Scheme under the Health and Medical Research Fund.

The scheme aims to support researchers or professionals in their early to mid-career, particularly healthcare professionals, to enhance their skills in public health research, in particular public health policy.

To tie in with the Government's "Towards 2025: Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Control Non-communicable Diseases (NCD) in Hong Kong", higher priority will be accorded to applications which address the preventable or modifiable risk factors for NCDs: smoking, alcohol drinking, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity. Subject to the quality of the applications, at least four of the eight awards in this round of application will be granted to applications which can address the aforementioned four factors for NCDs, with one award in each area.

The grant ceiling per award is \$1.2 million inclusive of \$200,000 for training. Tertiary institutions funded by the University Grants Committee can each nominate up to five fellowship applicants. Each applicant can only submit one application.

The application should cover:

- * a local or overseas training programme (regular programmes for higher academic qualifications, e.g. Master or PhD degree will not be considered); and
- * a research project relating to the proposed training programme.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview. Applications will be subject to peer review. The vetting will take into account the capability of the applicant and his or her performance at the interview, the support by the mentor and administering institution, the importance of the training proposal and its relevance to the proposed research project. The proposed research project will be evaluated on its scientific merit, local relevance, translational potential or value, value for money of the proposals, research ethics and track record of the applicant.

The closing date for application is 6pm on November 16, 2018. Application guidelines can be downloaded from the [website of the Research Fund Secretariat](#). Enquiries can be made by fax at 2102 2444 or by email to rfs@fhb.gov.hk.

Missing man in Hung Hom located

A man who went missing in Hung Hom was located.

Leung Siu-kai, aged 85, went missing after he was last seen at the junction of Cheung Ning Street and Lok Shan Road on August 16 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on August 17.

The man was located on Reclamation Street in Yau Ma Tei on August 25 evening. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Commencement of Hong Kong/Hungary Working Holiday Scheme

Applications under the Hong Kong/Hungary bilateral Working Holiday Scheme will be accepted from September 1 (Saturday) to enable young people from the two places to broaden their horizons and gain living and working experience in a foreign culture.

Welcoming the commencement of the scheme, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong said, "Working Holiday Schemes have been well received by the youth and we are delighted about the new opportunities offered to them under the new scheme. I believe that the youth exchange will further reinforce the bilateral ties between Hong Kong and Hungary."

Consul-General of Hungary in Hong Kong, Dr Pál Kertész, said, "It is a great pleasure to welcome the start of the Working Holiday Scheme. We hope the opportunity it provides will help foster an even stronger tie between our people and that our youths will greatly benefit from the cultural exchanges."

The working holiday visa will allow young people from Hong Kong and Hungary to stay in the host economy for up to 12 months. During the period, they may work to finance their stay and/or take up short-term study course.

Details of visa application procedures for applicants from Hong Kong can be found on the website of the Consulate General of Hungary in Hong Kong at hongkong.mfa.gov.hu/eng. Applicants from Hungary may contact the Hong Kong Immigration Department by telephone on 2824 6111 or obtain the necessary information from the Department's website at www.immd.gov.hk.

Working holidaymakers are reminded to research thoroughly the employment, accommodation and living conditions as well as relevant statutory requirements of the host economy before departure.

Since 2001, Hong Kong has established Working Holiday Schemes with New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Canada, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden and the Netherlands. So far, some 88 000 Hong Kong youths have participated in these schemes.

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