

## Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research Funding 2024

(Complete List of Projects)

Awardee (Dept)	Allocation Date	Project Title (Funding Scheme)
Dr Xinyan HUANG (BEEE)	1 Jul 2023	A Fundamental Study on the Critical Oxygen Supply of the Persistent Deep-Layer Smouldering Peat Fires <i>(RGC General Research Fund)</i>
	24 Aug 2023	阴燃林火 <i>(NSFC Excellent Young Scientist Fund (HK &amp; Macau))</i>
Prof. Heng LI (BRE)	11 Feb 2020	Solving Public Housing Problem in Hong Kong by Adopting Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) to Build the Transitional House <i>(CEPU Public Policy Research Fund)</i>
	21 Mar 2022	Trial: Vision-based Badminton Match Analysis <i>(Innovation Technology Fund – LSCM)</i>
	21 Feb 2023	Construction Progress Monitoring and Contract Performance by Integrating Computer Vision and Blockchain <i>(Innovation Technology Fund – TCFS)</i>
	7 Mar 2023	Using Carbon Regulation to Promote the Adoption of Modular Integrated Construction in Hong Kong: An Evolutionary Game-based Study <i>(CEPU Public Policy Research Fund)</i>
	1 Jul 2023	Non-invasive non-contact mental workload and stress monitoring of construction equipment operators <i>(RGC General Research Fund)</i>
Prof. Geoffrey SHEN (BRE)	1 Jul 2022	Stakeholder Analysis in the Dynamic and Complex Environment of Megaprojects <i>(RGC General Research Fund)</i>
	10 Nov 2023	The Mechanism and Policy Optimisation of Multi-stakeholder Cross-regional Collaboration in the Construction Industry of the GBA <i>(NSFC/RGC Collaborative Research Scheme)</i>

Prof. Meng NI (BRE)	5 Jan 2021	Durable and high-performance zinc-air flow batteries for energy storage <b>(RGC Collaborative Research Fund)</b>
	1 Jul 2023	Triple conducting cathode materials with in-situ exsolution of nanoparticles and anion doping for protonic ceramic fuel cells <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
Prof. Zhen LENG (CEE)	1 Jul 2023	Strength Formation Mechanism Characterization and Performance Optimization of Waterborne Epoxy Modified Asphalt Emulsion as A High-performance Low-carbon Paving Binder <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	22 Dec 2023	Durable Low-carbon Asphalt Pavement Built with Recycled Waste Polyolefin Plastics through Reactive Extrusion <b>(RGC Research Impact Fund)</b>
Prof. Yong XIA (CEE)	1 Jul 2021	Temperature Behavior of Long-span Cable-stayed Bridges through the Integration of Field Monitoring and Advanced Computational Techniques <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	22 Nov 2023	Digital Twin-based Long-span Bridge Health Monitoring <b>(Smart Traffic Fund)</b>
	22 Dec 2023	Enhancing energy harvesting and typhoon resilience of offshore wind turbines in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area under climate change <b>(RGC Research Impact Fund – sub-project)</b>
Prof. Songye ZHU (CEE)	1 Jul 2023	Self-centering Seismic-resistant Eccentrically Braced Frames with Superelastic Shape Memory Alloy Angles <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	10 Nov 2023	Develop Next-generation Typhoon-resistant Deep-sea Offshore Floating Hybrid Wind-wave Energy Converters: From Coupling Load Mechanism to Vibration Mitigation Technology <b>(NSFC/RGC Collaborative Research Scheme)</b>
Dr You DONG (CEE)	1 Jul 2022	Dynamic Response and Vulnerability of Coastal Bridges Subjected to Wave Impacts using Coupled Simulation, Experiment, and Deep Learning <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	13 Jul 2023	INTACT: Intelligent tropical-storm-resilient system for coastal cities (CEE-3) <b>(RGC Theme-based Research Scheme – sub-project)</b>
	13 Oct 2023	Smart and Flexible Climate Change Adaptation of Coastal Infrastructure (SMACHA) <b>(ANR/RGC Joint Research Scheme)</b>

Dr Huan-Feng DUAN (CEE)	1 Jul 2019	Development of a holistic transient-based method for characterizing and diagnosing different pipe anomalies in urban water supply pipeline systems <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	5 Jan 2023	Coastal Urban Flooding under Climate Change: Evolution Mechanisms and Intelligent Analysis <b>(RGC Young Collaborative Research Grant)</b>
Dr Shao-Yuan LEU (CEE)	1 Jul 2019	Metabolites induced thermochemical lignin modification to facilitate cellulolysis of lignocellulosic substrate in anaerobic process <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	20 Sept 2021	Reducing transmission of novel coronavirus and other infectious diseases using food waste-derived medical textiles via electrospinning for healthcare apparel and personal protective equipment (CEE) <b>(RGC Collaborative Research Fund – sub-project)</b>
	4 Jan 2022	Study of Carbon Sequestration in Hong Kong’s Vegetation: from Present to Future Prediction under Climate Change (CEE) <b>(RGC Collaborative Research Fund – sub-project)</b>
	1 Dec 2023	Study of Ammonia Pretreatment-Power Generation System toward Complete Valorization of Food Waste Digestate <b>(Green Tech Fund)</b>
Dr Alessandro STOCCHINO (CEE)	1 Jul 2022	Marine litter transport in the Pearl River Estuary and its impact on Hong Kong waters: formulation and application of a novel Lagrangian numerical model <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	5 Jan 2023	Hong Kong Coastal HF-Radar Network <b>(RGC Collaborative Research Fund)</b>
Dr Qi ZHAO (CEE)	1 Jul 2021	Direct Observation of the Evolution of Joint Surface Roughness and Associated Seismic Signatures <b>(RGC Early Career Scheme)</b>
	1 Jul 2022	Hydromechanical fatigue of rock joints under fluctuating pore pressure: microscopic observation under micro-CT and constitutive modelling <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	1 Jul 2023	Quantifying shear induced joint surface damage using acoustic emission and machine learning <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>

Prof. Xiao-li DING (LSGI)	1 Jul 2022	New Multi-Temporal InSAR Technique for Monitoring Stability of Civil Infrastructures <b>(RGC General Research Fund)</b>
	24 Aug 2023 (Date of Approval)	基于时序 PolInSAR 技术的地下水管道探漏研究 <b>(NSFC Key Program (重點項目))</b>
Dr Xintao LIU (LSGI)	1 Jul 2019	User Satisfaction-based Urban Freight Sharing Optimization Using Crowdsourced Big Data and Machine Learning <b>(RGC Early Career Scheme)</b>
	22 Dec 2023	An AI-enabled Geospatial Platform for Smart Facility Management and Smart Mobility of People with Disabilities (PwDs) <b>(RGC Research Impact Fund)</b>