

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Research Institute for Advanced Manufacturing (RIAM)
Seed Fund Scheme (3rd round)

Objectives

The RIAM seed fund aims to

- promote and nurture interdisciplinary research collaboration related to the fields of RIAM;
- support projects that have potential to apply for large external grants such as CRF, TRS, ITF, and/ or to publish the research outputs in high-quality journals;
- facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration among different faculties / departments / disciplines for impactful research to address key societal challenges.

Eligibility

- Full-time academic staff in the University as defined in Section 3.1.1 of the [Handbook for Projects and Grants](#);
- Each Principal Investigator (PI) can only apply for one RIAM Seed Fund.

Duration

The duration of the project is 24 months and project start date should be in April 2024.

Funding

- a maximum of HK\$500,000 per individual project (one PI); or
- a maximum of HK\$750,000 per collaborative project (two or three Co-PIs from different faculties / departments / disciplines, or collaborating with one Co-PI from an external university);

The funding can only be used on items which are directly relevant to the research project concerned, such as:

- salaries and MPF for the recruitment of research personnel;
- general expenses - research/ other expenses;
- general & academic equipment;
- computer equipment;
- article processing charge / public dissemination;
- conference attendance (maximum allowable amount is HK\$20,000 per individual project or HK\$30,000 per collaborative project)

Selection Criteria

- Merits of the proposal, e.g. novelty, potential for application and research outputs;
- Viability of the proposal, e.g. research plan and methodology;
- Feasibility and competitiveness to bid for external grants;
- Involvement of multi-disciplinary members (new collaboration is especially encouraged);

Selection

The selection is upon the decision of the Management Committee of RIAM.

Application

The completed application form should be submitted to the RIAM (chi-ha-cheryl.li@polyu.edu.hk) on or before 31 January 2024.

Note for collaborative project: If the project is successfully funded by RIAM, either or both/ all of the Co-PIs should submit at least one external grant application with a budget over HK\$2 million before project completion.