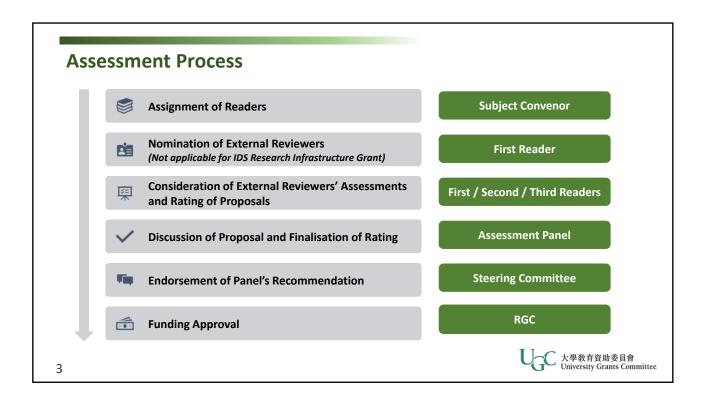


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How an Application is Assessed





Major Assessment Criteria Faculty Development Scheme (FDS)

- 1. Objective and research agenda
- 2. Research design and methodology
- 3. Feasibility
- 4. Innovativeness
- 5. Research impact



Panel's Observation on FDS



Clear objectives, solid theoretical framework and rigorous research design with potential academic impact



Objectives too broad and from very different perspectives



Lacked testable hypotheses and appropriate methodologies to produce specific outcomes and quantifiable results



Budget plan with strong justifications

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Major Assessment Criteria Inter-Institutional Development Scheme (IIDS)

- 1. Objectives
- 2. Proposed research related activities
- 3. Feasibility
- 4. Impacts

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Panel's Observation on IIDS



Well-organized with clear objectives; timely in addressing the research gaps and understudied areas



Interdisciplinary approach to identify areas for research development



Outline of programme too broad and not align with objectives



With contingency plan

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Major Assessment Criteria Institutional Development Scheme (IDS) Research Infrastructure Grant

- 1. Long term impact and sustainability
- 2. Expected deliverables and likelihood of building up research capacity of the institution
- 3. Feasibility and implementation strategy
- 4. Financial arrangement

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Panel's Observation on IDS Research Infrastructure Grant



Lack of focus on development of research directions; not fall in strategic areas of institutions



Justification on large budget items not clearly stated



Distinctiveness of proposed centres and elaboration on synergistic effects



Existing domain knowledge; well-planned programmes; new research elements and sustainability of the proposed infrastructure.

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Major Assessment Criteria Institutional Development Scheme (IDS) Collaborative Research Grant

- 1. Academic merit of the proposal
- 2. Long term goal of the proposal and its potential to develop into an area of strength
- 3. Opportunities for effective synergy among the participating researchers, research groups and institutions
- 4. Viability of the proposal
- 5. Research impact

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Panel's Observation on IDS Collaborative Research Grant



Timely and important research topic with coherent research objectives, questions, hypotheses, methods, outcome and impact



Adequate expertise and track record in relevant research; demonstrate capability for building effective synergy across disciplines



Ambitious with board and diverse objectives; lacked of theoretical foundation in research design; without formulation of concrete hypothesis; unclear sampling strategies



Measures to safeguard privacy and individual data; reasonable budget for manpower, token of appreciation, teaching relief and purchase of equipment

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Q&A

Thank you!

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