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Competitive Research Funding Schemes for the Local Self-financing Degree Sector

Research Grants Council

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How an Application is Assessed

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Assessment Process

Assignment of Readers	Subject Convenor
Nomination of External Reviewers *(Not applicable for IDS Research Infrastructure Grant)*	First Reader
Consideration of External Reviewers' Assessments and Rating of Proposals	First / Second / Third Readers
Discussion of Proposal and Finalisation of Rating	Assessment Panel
Endorsement of Panel's Recommendation	Steering Committee
Funding Approval	RGC

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Major Assessment Criteria
Faculty Development Scheme (FDS)

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

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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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