

University of Macau
Rules of Multi-Year Research Grant
Collaborative Research Grant
(MYRG-CRG)

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Remarks:

1. Add a new type of funding support: international collaborative research. The upper limit for short-term visiting scholar is increased to 15% for international collaborative research projects.
2. FMC endorsed (FMC/003/0006/2024) and subsequently approved by Rector (RSKTO/RTO/0024/2024)

1. Objective

The Multi-Year Research Grant - Collaborative Research Grant (MYRG-CRG) of the University of Macau (UM) aims to provide financial support to full-time academic staff at Assistant Professor level or above to conduct collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

2. Funding Types

There are three types of funding support under the MYRG-CRG: theme-based project, cross-field collaborative project and international collaborative project. The application team should have prior collaboration record (e.g., joint publications). Priority will be given to the projects hosted at the Institute of Collaborative Innovation (ICI) or the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (IAS).

- Theme-based research – Projects initiated by the University for strategic development.
- Cross-field collaborative research – Projects of any areas proposed by the applicants, especially those aligned with the University’s ‘3+3+3+3’ strategic research layout. The team members should come from different academic units in UM, working on different fields.
- International collaborative research – Projects that involve Co-investigator(s) outside the Greater China region and at least one reciprocal visit during the project period.

3. Application

- 3.1 Applications should be submitted to the Research Services and Knowledge Transfer Office (RSKTO) via the UM Research Services Management System (RSMS). The call for application will be announced via the RSKTO website, RSMS, e-bulletin and by email.
- 3.2 Each full-time academic staff can only participate in 1 active MYRG-CRG project as a Principal Investigator (PI) or 2 active MYRG-CRG projects as Co-investigator (co-I). Academic staff of UM must have prior collaboration record with the co-I outside the Greater China region in order to participate in the international collaborative project as a PI or co-I.

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4. Review Process

All MYRG-CRG applications will undergo external assessment. The theme-based MYRG-CRG projects will also be evaluated by an *ad hoc* University-level assessment committee.

5. Funding Period

The MYRG-CRG provides financial support for a maximum of 2 years. In general, funded MYRG-CRG projects start on the 1st of January of the subsequent fiscal year after approval.

6. Supported Items

In general, MYRG-CRG can support the items in the following categories:

Supported Items	MYRG-CRG
Personnel cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UM students ▪ Fixed-term research staff ▪ Short-term visiting scholars 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A maximum of 10% of the total grant can be used to support short-term visiting scholars. 2. The total budget for supporting short-term visiting scholars can be increased to a maximum of 15% of the total grant for international collaborative projects. 3. The grant cannot be used to support new UM PhD students.
Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lab equipment ▪ IT hardware and software 	No maximum limit
Supplies & Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consumables ▪ Outsourcing service ▪ Reference materials ▪ Survey/questionnaire studies ▪ Academic paper submission/book publication ▪ Miscellaneous 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A maximum of MOP10,000 for each PI/ co-I can be used for purchasing reference materials. 2. Miscellaneous expense should not exceed MOP5,000 for each PI/ co-I per year.
Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conference trips ▪ Research trips ▪ Field trips 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A maximum of 15% of total grant or MOP30,000 for each PI/ co-I, whichever is higher, can be used for supporting conference trips, research trips and field trips. 2. If conference trip(s) outside Greater China is involved, the total budget for trips can be increased to a maximum of 20% of the total grant or MOP30,000 for each PI/ co-I, whichever is higher. 3. Field trips can be supported for humanities and other professional disciplines with proper justifications.

Remark: "PI/ co-I" in the above table refers to academic staff of the University of Macau

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7. Project Report

An annual progress report should be submitted in order to secure the budget allocation for the subsequent year. A final report must be submitted within two months after ending the grant. In the case of contract end, a final report will be required to conclude the output and achievement of the project.

8. Other Provisions

- a) The University reserves the right to reject any applications and to terminate support to any approved projects.
- b) All grant recipients should comply with the [Regulation of Management of Intellectual Property for University of Macau](#) and the [Rules of Management of Intellectual Property for University of Macau](#) regarding the intellectual property.
- c) All grant recipients should refer to the [Guidelines on Funding Execution of Research Grants](#) for procedural and execution compliance.
- d) The University reserves the right to interpret the terms and conditions stated hereinabove.