

# Application period extended for funding investigator-initiated research projects and health promotion projects

The Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF) administered by the Food and Health Bureau has extended the closing deadline of the 2019 Open Call for Investigator-initiated Projects from March 31, 2020, to 6pm Hong Kong time on September 30, 2020.

The Research Council has decided to extend the closing deadline for six months to provide sufficient time for applicants and their administering institutions to prepare for the submissions which may be affected by the development of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The review process will be expedited as far as practicable, with the aim of announcing the results in March 2021.

The HMRF invited applications for investigator-initiated research projects and health promotion projects on December 19, 2019. Details of the thematic priorities and application-related materials can be downloaded from <https://rfs.fhb.gov.hk>. Enquiries can be made by email to [rfs@fhb.gov.hk](mailto:rfs@fhb.gov.hk).