

## **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Prize for Research Excellence**

### **Guidelines**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (the University) established the Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Prize for Research Excellence (the Prize) in 2021 to promote research excellence and to recognize and honor outstanding early career academic staff at the CUHK LAW. The Prize is a Faculty level award generously sponsored by Mr. Joseph W N Cheung.

#### **Eligibility**

2. Applicants for the Prize must be, as at the date of application, within the first six years of her/his full-time appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor at CUHK LAW. Applicants should not have held full-time academic positions for more than three years before joining CUHK LAW.
3. Applicants for the *United College Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Research Excellence Award* may not apply in the same year for the Prize.
4. A Prize recipient may apply for the Prize again three years after her/his first-time receipt of the Prize, provided that she/he fulfils the criteria set out in paragraph 2. No Prize recipient shall receive the Prize more than two times.

#### **Application Procedures**

5. Applications are invited and considered on an annual basis.
6. An applicant shall submit on or before 31 May of the year of application for consideration by the Selection Panel:
  - (i) one single-authored research output in the form of a research article or a research monograph published during the 36-month period prior to 31 May of the year of application. Manuscripts accepted for publication during such period can also be submitted provided that the applicant provides evidence of unconditional acceptance for publication (e.g. in the form of an acceptance letter or email). Except for monographs based on a doctoral thesis, the research output should have been prepared whilst the applicant was under University employment. The research output should show the applicant's sole

affiliation with CUHK LAW. For monographs based on a doctoral thesis, the work to convert the thesis into the monograph shall have been done whilst the applicant was under University employment. Research outputs previously submitted in relation to any successful award at the University or Faculty level cannot be submitted again and will not be considered by the Selection Panel.

- (ii) the applicant's full curriculum vitae;
- (iii) a research summary highlighting the applicant's research achievements; and
- (iv) a one-page statement setting out why the Prize should be awarded for the submitted research output.

### **Selection Panel**

- 7. The Selection Panel shall comprise the CUHK LAW Dean, the CUHK LAW Associate Dean (Research) and the donor, Mr. Joseph W N Cheung. The Selection Panel shall be chaired by the CUHK LAW Dean.
- 8. The Selection Panel shall consider applications received and select the Prize recipient in each year based on merit considering all application details provided. In the case that the Selection Panel regards two or more applications as being of equal quality the Selection Panel may consider awarding the Prize to an unsubstantiated applicant.

### **Prize**

- 9. The Prize carries the award of HK\$100,000 in the form of a research grant. The Prize recipient will also receive a Prize certificate issued by CUHK LAW. Upon a Prize recipient's departure from CUHK LAW, any unspent balance of the award shall be credited to CUHK LAW.
- 10. The Prize will be offered annually for five years starting from 2022.
- 11. The Selection Panel reserves the right not to award a Prize if no nomination is considered appropriate in a given year. The time period mentioned under paragraph 9. will in that case be extended for one year respectively.

### **Timeline**

- 12. The working schedule for the Prize in each year is as follows:

By 31 March : Invitation of applications  
31 May : Deadline for submission of applications  
June – August : Selection of Prize recipient by the Selection Panel  
August : Announcement of results