

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Start-up Grant in Private Law
Research at CUHK LAW**

GUIDELINES

Introduction

1. The objectives of the *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W N Cheung Start-up Grant in Private Law Research at CUHK LAW* (the Private Law Start-up Grant) are to re-enforce research excellence in the area of the Private Law (with a focus on contract law, torts law, unjust enrichment law and property law) at the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK LAW), to add to the CUHK LAW faculty expertise in the area of Private Law and to support the development of Private Law knowledge and skills for the benefit of the legal professions in Hong Kong and the society as a whole.

Procedure

2. CUHK LAW will initiate a global recruitment initiative with the goal to appoint up to two outstanding scholars in the area of Private Law (the Private Law Recruitment Initiative). The invitations/advertisements of the position will make special reference to the Private Law Start-up Grant.
3. The Private Law Start-up Grant may be awarded to newly hired staff member(s) of CUHK LAW at the rank of Assistant, Associate or full Professor with a proven track record of outstanding research/great prospect of conducting outstanding research in the area of Private Law .
4. Subject to the confirmation by the donor, Mr. Joseph W N Cheung, the Private Law Start-up Grant may be awarded to CUHK LAW appointees who have successfully applied to CUHK LAW in response to the Private Law Recruitment Initiative. No separate application is required for the Private Law Start-up Grant.
5. The donor may invite the successful appointee(s) to join an online interview before confirming the Private Law Start-up Grant. The donor's confirmation of the recipient(s) of the Private Law Start-up Grant will be communicated to the appointee(s) by CUHK LAW.

6. CUHK LAW and/or the donor reserve the right not to award a Private Law Start-up Grant to any successful appointee(s). In particular, the Private Law Start-up Grant is subject to the availability of funding.

Private Law Start-up Grant

7. The Private Law Start-up Grant may be offered to one full Professor or up to two Assistant or Associate Professors.
8. The Private Law Start-up Grant carries the award of HK\$500,000 (for full Professors) or HK\$250,000 (for Assistant and Associate Professors). The Private Law Start-up Grant recipient(s) will also be awarded a Private Law Start-up Grant certificate issued by CUHK LAW.
9. The Private Law Start-up Grant must be used by the recipient to support research activities in the area of Private Law. Upon a recipient's departure from CUHK LAW, any unspent balance of the award shall be credited to CUHK LAW.

Timeline

10. The working schedule for the Private Law Start-up Grant is as follows:

November 2022:

Invitations/advertisements to apply for positions with CUHK LAW as Assistant, Associate or full Professor in the area of Private Law to be issued/placed.

31 December 2022:

Deadline for submission of applications.

January 2023:

Shortlisting and interviewing of applicants and Private Law Start-up Grant confirmation by donor.

February 2023 or later:

Announcement of the recipient(s) of Private Law Start-up Grant, issuance of appointment offer and award of Private Law Start-up Grant.

March 2023 or later:

Subject to discussion with the donor re-launch the recruitment initiative in case no suitable candidate has been recruited.

October 2022