

CCCS Seed Funding Guidelines

The Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies (CCCS) is committed to actively supporting high quality research, teaching and engagement at the University of Melbourne that furthers our understanding of China's ongoing transformation and the impacts of this transformation within and beyond China.

The purpose of our Seed Funding is to encourage and support new research ideas and collaborations and high-quality publications by UniMelb staff and students.

In 2021 we will be offering two types of seed funding:

1) CCCS PhD Publication Grant

Available to final year PhD students at the University of Melbourne (any Faculty/School). A small grant of up to \$3,000 to support students in writing up academic publications (peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters) from their thesis.

In the application, students should briefly describe their proposed publication(s) including target journal/publisher and confirm that they are not already receiving University/Faculty/School support for this particular publication. Students should also indicate whether their intended publication aligns with any of CCCS' research themes (Global China; Civil Society & Social Change; Agriculture, Water & Climate Change).

Successful applicants will be expected to contribute a mini-essay (between 250 and 500 words), which should highlight the significance of their project for understanding contemporary China. The mini-essay will be presented on the updated CCCS website.

A brief final report should be emailed to china-centre@unimelb.edu.au no later than 6 months after receipt of funding stating progress made towards this publication.

2) CCCS New Project Grant

Available to all fixed-term and ongoing Unimelb staff (note: an X account is needed to receive the grant). Late-stage PhD students can also be included as co-investigators. A lead investigator should be nominated who has an appointment of any fraction for at least the term of the grant (12 months).

The purpose of this grant is to support preliminary work on new research projects about contemporary China (broadly defined). Up to \$5,000 is available.

We are particularly interested in supporting new projects that bring together UniMelb staff from different faculties and/or include a collaboration with Asia Institute staff. Projects can deepen existing collaborations or initiate new ones. The proposed activities should not already be receiving University/Faculty/School/external funding. Projects that align with our three research themes will

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be prioritised (Global China; Civil Society & Social Change; Agriculture, Water & Climate Change), but un-related submissions are also welcome.

Please indicate on your application whether your project includes any engagement activities through CCCS. This could include a public seminar, a hot topic forum, or other event.

Funding should be dispersed within 12 months, with a brief final report emailed to china-centre@unimelb.edu.au no later than 15 months after receipt of funding.

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Intellectual property is governed in accordance with University of Melbourne's policies and procedures.

1. Application Process

Please use the form below and submit to china-centre@unimelb.edu.au.

Application deadline: **5pm Monday 19 April 2021**

If you have any further questions or encounter any difficulties in the process of application submission, please contact us at china-centre@unimelb.edu.au.

2. Review Process and Outcomes

All submissions will be evaluated by a Review Panel (CCCS Director, Deputy Director and Research Coordinator).

Projects will be evaluated based on alignment with CCCS' research priorities, clarity of design and methods, collaboration, and feasibility.

Applicants will be advised of outcomes within 2 weeks of the closing date.

3. Use of Funds

Projects should be costed in line with the University's financial policies and procedures, and funding amounts are at the discretion of CCCS.

Eligible project funds include research assistance, translation or transcript services, travel and workshop costs (dependent on Unimelb COVID-related policies), dissemination and communication costs.

4. Conditions of Grant

The nominated lead investigator will be the contact person for all administrative matters for New Project Grants, the candidate for PhD Publication Grants.

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All projects must be conducted in accordance with all relevant University policies, including compliance with the Code of Conduct for Research and Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) requirements.

Successful applicants may be asked to present their work at CCCS events and forums and provide project materials and updates to support CCCS' communication activities.



Appendix 1.

Seed Funding Application Form

Grant Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> CCCS Publication Grant		<input type="checkbox"/> CCCS New Project Grant	
Project Details				
Project title				
Start date	DD/MM/YY	Completion date	DD/MM/YY	
Contact Details Of PhD Candidate or Lead Investigator				
Name/title/affiliations /contact details				
Other Team Members				
Name/title/affiliation/ project role				

Project Aims [Max: 300 words]
<i>Please outline the aims of your project, with a brief rationale explaining the importance and relevance of the publication you are working towards or your proposed research project. Indicate any alignment with CCCS' key research themes.</i>

Expected Outcomes (Max: 300 words)
<i>Please briefly describe the outcomes of your proposed seed funding, including any CCCS engagement activities.</i>

