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By Email via The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Dr Abebe Mekuria SHENKUTIE

10 May 2024

Dear Dr SHENKUTIE,

RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL

RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme 2024/25

I am pleased to inform you that the Research Grants Council (RGC) will offer you the RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship to take up a full-time appointment as postdoctoral fellow (PdF) in the Department of Health Technology and Informatics at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, commencing between 1 May and 31 December 2024. The fellowship provides an annual stipend to cover the basic salary of the full-time PdF appointment as well as a conference and research-related travel allowance for a period of 36 months.

The rate for the first annual stipend in this exercise is HK\$420,090 (inclusive of the annual conference and research-related travel allowance at HK\$13,350). Subject to the confirmation by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University on your satisfactory performance during the fellowship period, the rate for the annual stipend (as well as the rate for the inclusive travel allowance) will be adjusted annually with reference to the Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI) announced by the HKSAR Government.

This fellowship is offered to you under the “PDFS Terms and Conditions”[†] as attached at **Annex 1**. Your acceptance of our offer thereof shall be interpreted as your undertaking to accept the “PDFS Terms and Conditions”. This offer is also subject to your fulfilment of the requirements, terms and conditions as laid down by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University for employment with a full-time PdF appointment. You are obliged to fully comply

[†] The terms and conditions may be changed from time to time by the RGC. In the event that changes are made, the updated terms and conditions will always supersede earlier version(s).

with the rules, regulations and requirements, including but not limited to employment, as prescribed by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Failure to meet any of the requirements contained in this letter and the attached "PDFS Terms and Conditions" may result in termination of the fellowship.

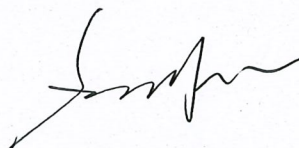
You are requested to inform the RGC of your decision on this fellowship offer. **Please return your completed and signed reply slip (Annex 2) to the Research Office or responsible unit of your supporting university for onward submission to the RGC (via the UGC Secretariat). The reply slip (scanned copy) should reach the UGC Secretariat via email to PDFS@ugc.edu.hk no later than **5:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on 16 May 2024 (Thursday)**. If we do not receive the above reply by the stipulated deadline, the RGC will presume that you decline the fellowship award.**

Kindly note that The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will approach you later regarding the offer of a full-time PdF appointment and the employment terms and conditions as well as related arrangements. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is required to advise the RGC (via the UGC Secretariat) in due course your scheduled fellowship commencement date, and will be acting on behalf of the RGC to disburse the fellowship annual stipend (inclusive of the conference and research-related travel allowance) during your fellowship period in accordance with its prevailing procedural arrangements.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this prestigious achievement. Should you have any further questions regarding the RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme, please feel free to contact us via email at PDFS@ugc.edu.hk. For questions regarding your full-time PdF appointment, please contact your supporting university direct.

Wishing you every success in your research career in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



(Johnny YU)
for Secretary
Research Grants Council

Encl.

c.c. Research Office, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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9 March 2017

Dear Mr SHENKUTIE Abebe Mekuria,

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2017/18

I am pleased to inform you that the Research Grants Council (RGC) will offer you a Hong Kong PhD Fellowship to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Complex Diseases and Microbial Infections at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, commencing from the 2017/18 academic year. The Fellowship provides a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 per year. It is renewable every year up to a period of three years.

This Fellowship is offered to you subject to the attached “Terms and Conditions”[†] at Annex 1. Your acceptance of our offer thereof shall be interpreted as your undertaking to accept the “Terms and Conditions” of the Fellowship. This offer is also subject to your fulfilment of the requirements and conditions as laid down by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University for entering their PhD programme. During the Fellowship period, you are obliged to fully comply with the rules and regulations of the university concerned. The university will be acting on behalf of the RGC to disburse the fellowship monthly stipends and research related travel allowance during your entitlement period in accordance with its prevailing procedural arrangements. If you fail to meet any of the requirements contained in this letter and the attached “Terms and Conditions”, your fellowship will be terminated immediately.

[†] The terms and conditions may be changed from time to time by the RGC. In the event that changes are made, the updated terms and conditions will always supersede earlier versions.

You are requested to inform the RGC of your decision on this Fellowship offer. **Please send a reply by email to hkpf@ugc.edu.hk by 5:00pm Hong Kong time on 20 March 2017 (Monday) to confirm your acceptance or decline of the offer.** You are **also required** to complete, sign and date the Reply Slip at Annex 2. The completed and signed Reply Slip (hard copy showing your signature) should reach the RGC at the following address **by postal mail no later than 20 March 2017**. If we do not receive the above two replies by the deadlines, the RGC will presume that you would decline the fellowship award.

Research Grants Council
7/F Shui On Centre, 6-8 Harbour Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong
[Attn.: Research Administrator (3)]

Kindly note that The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will approach you soon regarding the offer of PhD programme admission. You are suggested to proceed with the student registration with your nominating university in accordance with its admission policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this prestigious achievement. Should you have any further questions regarding the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, please feel free to contact us via email at hkpf@ugc.edu.hk. For questions regarding your application for admission to the PhD programme, please contact the related university direct.

Wishing you every success in your studies and research in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely



(Mrs Lowell Cho)
for Secretary, Research Grants Council

c.c. Research Office
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Terms and Conditions

1. The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (“the fellowship”) Scheme is administered by the Research Grants Council (RGC) for selected candidates admitted as new full-time PhD students in University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities of Hong Kong.
2. An awardee of the fellowship (“awardee”) must be a registered full-time PhD student of the university specified in the offer letter during the fellowship period.
3. In the event that the programme offer made by the university is conditional, the candidate concerned must comply with the conditions before he/she is eligible for the fellowship.
4. An academic year normally runs from July to June of the subsequent year. Subject to the agreement of the university concerned, an awardee’s student candidature may start from 1 July the earliest. Under normal circumstances, an awardee should register in September, but he/she may delay the student registration to 31 January of the subsequent year, the latest, if justifiable reasons are provided and accepted by the RGC as well as the university concerned.
5. The fellowship provides each awardee with a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 and a conference and research related travel allowance¹ of HK\$10,000 per year for a period up to three years.
6. Normally, an awardee is not permitted to concurrently register at another tertiary institution. If concurrent registration takes effect without prior approval from the RGC, the fellowship will be terminated and the awardee is required to refund the fellowship received after the effective date of concurrent registration.
7. An awardee is not permitted to undertake any part-time or full-time paid employment during the fellowship period unless exceptional approval has been given by the RGC with strong justification and support from the affiliated university.

¹ The eligibility and disbursement of the research related travel allowance are subject to the prevailing practice and policy of the university concerned.

8. An awardee must observe all rules, regulations and requirements prescribed by the university concerned. In the event that he/she is expelled from the university in the course of the studies, the RGC may at any time prematurely terminate the fellowship.
9. Provided that the regulation of the university concerned so allows, an awardee is entitled up to 30 days of non-academic leave² each year and the unused non-academic leave may be carried forward to the following years. The university concerned has the discretion to grant approval on non-academic leave applications so long as the limit stated above has not been exceeded and any leave taken does not exceed 30 consecutive days. If the proposed non-academic leave to be taken will exceed the aforementioned limits, prior approval from the RGC is required. Fellowship during non-academic leave taken above the said limits will be suspended.
10. An awardee is required to comply with the residence requirement of the affiliated university. Subject to this, he/she may spend an aggregate period of up to 183 days outside Hong Kong for academic/research activity in the three-year fellowship period. If an awardee stays outside Hong Kong for academic/research activity for an aggregate period exceeding 90 consecutive days, or an aggregate of 183 days, the stipend will be suspended immediately unless prior approval by the RGC has been given upon provision of strong justification by the affiliated university.
11. An awardee's eligibility for the fellowship will be reviewed on an annual basis during the fellowship period. The evaluation is based on the awardee's academic performance, supervisor's evaluation, and the degree of intellectual well roundedness as assessed by the university. Subject to the recommendation and endorsement from the relevant university, an awardee will be eligible to receive the fellowship in the subsequent year.
12. The fellowship shall be discontinued/terminated in either of the following situations:
 - i. change of programme of study without the approval of the RGC;
 - ii. drop out from the university during the fellowship period;
 - iii. early completion of the programme by the awardee;
 - iv. dismissal of the awardee by the university;
 - v. unsatisfactory progress of studies as determined by the university; and
 - vi. termination of study by the university.

² If non-academic leave entitlement of the affiliated university is less than 30 days each year, regulation of university concerned shall prevail.

13. In the event that any misrepresentation, fraudulent, and non-disclosure of information during the application stage is detected, the fellowship shall be terminated immediately and the awardee concerned is liable to refund in full the stipend and travel allowance paid under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme.
14. An awardee is obliged to take part in activities to promote the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme when necessary.
15. The above terms and conditions may be revised from time to time by the RGC. In the event that changes are made, the updated terms and conditions will always supersede earlier versions, and the awardees will be informed of the changes accordingly.

UGC Secretariat
March 2017

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2017/18

Reply Slip

Please complete this reply slip and send it to the following address by postal mail for receipt by the RGC no later than 20 March 2017.

To: Secretary, Research Grants Council
7/F, Shui On Centre, 6-8 Harbour Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong
[Attn.: Research Administrator (3)]

With reference to your letter dated 9 March 2017, I hereby *

- accept the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship 2017/18 subject to the conditions set out in the aforementioned letter.
- decline the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship 2017/18 on the following ground(s):

* Please indicate your decision by putting a tick '✓' in the appropriate box.

Signature : _____

Name : SHENKUTIE Abebe Mekuria

Name in Chinese (if applicable) : _____

Passport No. /
Resident Identity Document No. : _____

Hong Kong Identity Card No. : _____
(if applicable)

Date : _____



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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Hereby awards this
CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

To

Dr. Abebe Mekuria

For having won the 2009 National Research Funding Competition on the Project title "Production of nisin peptides with enhanced bioactivity against drug resistant microbes."

MAY 10, 2017

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

H.E. Dr. Ine. Getahun Mekuria

Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology

