

Professor Ida Martinson Project Fund

Background of EAFONS

The East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS) was initiated in 1997 by Professor Ida Martinson and her colleagues from the School of Nursing, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. EAFONS aims to provide a regional forum for doctorally prepared nurse academics and their students. Current executive members include academics from South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Call for applications

The founder of EAFONS, Professor Ida Martinson, has generously donated USD5000 in 2017 to support doctoral students to develop research collaborations with other EAFONS member states. This new funding scheme, namely, “Professor Ida Martinson Project Fund” is now calling for applications. This fund will be matched by the School of Nursing of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, to create a fund for supporting this application.

Criteria:

1. The principal applicant must be currently a doctoral student, supported by an academic staff with the position of assistant professor or above;
2. Project team members must include at least two members from the EAFONS member countries
3. The maximum budget for the proposal should normally not exceed USD5,000.
4. The duration of the project should not exceed 2 years.
5. Priority will be given to proposals in which: (1) the plan of the proposed study is well-written and feasible; (2) the study is collaborative; and (3) the budget is clearly itemized, and the project schedule of the work is well planned.
6. Each application will be reviewed following the procedures outlined below:
 - 7.1. Submission of application form (with FULL proposal) to the Secretary of EAFONS (Ms. Renee Leung) **by 31 May 2017 (5pm, Hong Kong time).**

- 7.2. Each application will be reviewed by a review panel composed of two EAFONS executive members who are not in the project team nominated by the Head of School of Nursing of the grant hosting institution or his delegate. The reviewing period will normally take 4 weeks.
- 7.3. Resubmission of the application (including the “track changes” mode, the clean copy of the applications, and a table containing the changes being made point-by-point) after the review by **21 July 2017**.
- 7.4. The funding decision will be made by the Head of School of Nursing of the grant hosting institution or his delegate with the support of two EAFONS executive members, taking into consideration whether the comments from the reviewers have been satisfactorily addressed. The announcement will be made by **mid-August 2017**.
- 7.5. Funded projects must start within 6 months of the grant approval date.
- 7.6. A schedule for the captioned funding (2017) is attached below.

Schedule for Applications

Event	Action Party	Date
Submission of proposals and CV	PI	31 May 2017
Proposal to be reviewed by panel	Reviewers	1 to 30 June 2017
Submission of revised proposals and a list of responses to reviewers’ comments	PI	21 July 2017
Announcement of funding result	Head of School of Nursing (PolyU)	By mid-August 2017

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