

MEMORANDUM

To : SCE Colleagues
From : Research Management Office (RMO)
Date : 20 November 2025
Subject : **SCE Renowned Scholar Programme and Research Design Advisory Scheme (AY2025/26)**

To further the SCE strategic direction of “Building up research capability” of the School, the Renowned Scholar Programme and the Research Design Advisory Scheme are developed to provide training, advice, guidance and mentorship to SCE teaching staff on the three strategic research areas, namely "Environment, Health, and Sustainable Futures", "Enhancing Educational Innovation" and "Data Analytics, Technology, and AI for Applications". RMO will facilitate the organization of research seminars and training workshops in the coming months. SCE teaching staff are encouraged to contact RMO to arrange consultation sessions with the Renowned Scholars/ Advisory Consultant.

Programme details, brief biography and relevant expertise of the Renowned Scholars and Advisory Consultant are as follows for your reference. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact Dr. Sam Lau (ext. 3027) or Ms. Sybie Lau (ext. 3180). Thank you for your kind attention.

1. SCE Renowned Scholar Programme

Items	Details
Time commitment	30 – 40 hours in total in around 12 months
Mode	Virtual exchange via online platforms (e.g. zoom)
Duties	<i>To exchange knowledge, provide training, and mentor SCE teaching staff in institutional strategic research areas.</i> Relevant duties/activities shall include (but not limited to) the following: • Speaker for Research Seminar • Keynote Speaker for the SCE Conference/Symposium • Speaker & Facilitator of training workshops • Lead and guide small group consultation/ advising/ discussion meetings with faculty members of the Research Group • Comment and review draft research proposals prepared by research group members • Explore partnership opportunities (e.g. research collaboration)
(1) <u>Prof. Liuna Geng (Strategic Research Area - <i>Environment, Health, and Sustainable Futures in AY2025/26</i>)</u> Professor, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Nanjing University, China Prof. Geng's research focuses on social psychology and environmental issues, investigating how cognitive, affective, and social processes influence environmental behaviors. She is an associate editor for <i>Journal of Environmental Psychology</i> and has published extensively in various reputable journals.	
(2) <u>Prof. Mutlu Cukurova (Strategic Research Area - <i>Enhancing Educational Innovation in AY2025/26</i>)</u> Professor of Learning and Artificial Intelligence, University College London, UK Prof. Cukurova's research investigates human-AI complementarity in education, employing transdisciplinary methodologies e.g. Teacher-AI Complementarity (TAICo). He is involved in policy-making (including UNESCO) related to AI in education and serves on editorial boards for notable journals such as <i>British Journal of Educational Technology</i>.	
(3) <u>Prof. Joe Lau (Strategic Research Area - <i>Data Analytics, Technology, and AI for Applications in AY2025/26</i>)</u> Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong Dr. Lau specializes in the philosophy of mind and language and promotes critical thinking in education through the Critical Thinking Web, a comprehensive resource used globally in various educational contexts.	

2. SCE Research Design Advisory Scheme

Items	Details
Time commitment	6 hours in total in around 12 months
Mode	Virtual exchange via online platforms (e.g. zoom)
Duties	<i>To exchange knowledge and provide advice, guidance and mentorship to SCE teaching staff, via online platforms (e.g. zoom) or face to face sessions, covering research design, data collection and statistical analysis</i> Relevant duties/activities shall include (but not limited to) the followings: • Advise on (i) the research methods (qualitative and quantitative) and data collection, (ii) the identification and refinement of research questions, (iii) the choice of appropriate statistical tools, and (iv) the common pitfalls • Comment on research design and methodology of grant proposals, assist to design a research study and consider possible risks and/or inconsistencies in the design of research proposals • Be speaker/ facilitator for research seminar, training workshop • Lead and guide one-on-one or small group consultation/meetings with teaching staff members
(1) Prof. Gina Lai Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University Prof. Lai's research focuses on social networks, gender, health, and inequality. She has ongoing projects examining family and school roles in urban China and the impacts of digital technology on relationships.	
(2) Prof. Hwajin Shin Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University Dr. Shin's research interests include social networks, migration, and gender. She explores network disadvantages faced by immigrants and has published in various academic journals.	