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Project No.	Project Title	Principal Applicant	Administering Institution	Approved Amount (HK\$)	Approved Year
COVID1903001	Comprehensive assessment of longitudinal vaccine-induced immune responses, safety and potential effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccine	Prof Benjamin COWLING	The University of Hong Kong	44,990,096	2021-22
COVID1903002	Novel strategies to facilitate early detection, prevention and Intervention for long-Term Health problems related to COVID-19 (NovITor-COVID study)	Prof Francis CHAN Ka-leung	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	45,529,737	2021-22
COVID1903003	Long-term longitudinal comparisons of health status and immune responses in convalescent COVID-19 and vaccinated cohorts in Hong Kong	Prof David HUI Shu-cheong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	24,000,000	2021-22
COVID1903006	A community-based participatory research approach to reduce the COVID-19 risk in Hong Kong: developing and testing social and behavioural interventions	Prof Alex MOLASIOTIS	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	27,605,783	2021-22
COVID1903007	The 3P (Prevention, Protection and Promotion) approach as a novel and effective strategy to prevent infection and enhance recovery in individuals with COVID-19	Prof David MAN Wai-kwong	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	28,279,650	2021-22
COVID1903008	Dynamics of the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission by exposure setting and the implications for public health policy development in Hong Kong	Prof Samuel WONG Yeung-shan	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	30,263,616	2021-22
COVID1903010	Preparing for COVID-19 upcoming challenges by clinical and virological investigations	Prof YUEN Kwok-yung	The University of Hong Kong	33,523,365	2021-22
COVID1903011	HKU Optimizing Protection and Effectiveness (HOPE) of COVID19 Vaccines	Dr Philip LI Hei	The University of Hong Kong	12,511,372	2021-22
COVID1903015	Strengthening sewage surveillance for SARS-CoV-2	Prof ZHANG Tong	The University of Hong Kong	9,092,120	2021-22
PR-CUHK-1	Driving Therapeutic Progress of Childhood Leukemia through Advanced Translational Research with Immediate and Long-term Impact	Prof LEUNG Kam-tong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	10,746,992.00	2021-22
PR-CUHK-3	Novel therapeutic options for common non-communicable diseases in Hong Kong children	Prof LEUNG Ting-fan	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	12,726,730.00	2021-22

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PR-HKU-1	Molecular diagnosis of rare genetic diseases: whole genome sequencing and transcriptomics of biliary atresia, hirschsprung disease and congenital pulmonary airway malformations	Prof Paul TAM Kwong-hang	The University of Hong Kong	8,791,380.00	2020-21
PR-HKU-2	Characterization of a novel heart-liver-gut axis in congenital heart disease: from clinical phenome to gut microbiome	Prof CHEUNG Yiu-fai	The University of Hong Kong	4,681,380.00	2020-21
PR-HKU-4	Diagnostic utility of blood transcriptome and methylome in children with undiagnosed genetic conditions	Dr Brian CHUNG Hon-yin	The University of Hong Kong	6,404,241.00	2020-21
PR-HKU-5	Deep phenotyping of immune cell populations and transcriptional profiling in paediatric immunodysregulatory disorders	Dr Pamela LEE Pui-wah	The University of Hong Kong	4,066,052.00	2020-21
PR-HKU-6	Multi-omic profiling and liquid biopsy as frontline diagnostics for children with central nervous system (CNS) and solid tumors	Dr Anthony LIU Pak-yin	The University of Hong Kong	6,649,392.00	2020-21
PR-HKCH-1	Inherited cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac death in Hong Kong children and adolescent – genomic testing and family screening	Dr KWOK Sit-yee	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,430,912.00	2020-21
PR-HKCH-2	Nasalance and nasal emission in Cantonese-speaking children with cleft palate	Dr Nicholas CHAO Sin-yin	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	700,748.00	2021-22

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PR-HKCH-4	Epidemiology and effect of antibiotic exposure on antimicrobial resistance bacterial carriage and gut microbiota among children and their caregivers in the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	Dr David Christopher LUNG	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,985,033.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-6	Open label pilot study using extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO) as dietary supplements in patients with mitochondrial diseases (MDs)	Dr FUNG Cheuk-wing	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,065,208.00	2020-21
PR-HKCH-8	Establishment of early detection and effective treatment for retinoblastoma	Dr Jason YAM Cheuk-sing	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,680,395.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-9	Fracture prediction in Hong Kong children with bony fragility using quantitative computed tomography and bone turnover markers	Dr Joanna TUNG Yuet-ling	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,796,564.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-10	Paediatric biomonitoring reference values for metals and trace elements in urine: a survey of Hong Kong children	Dr Anne KWOK Mei-kwum	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,379,167.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-11	Knowledge, attitude, and practice towards dried blood spot card storage among parents and healthcare providers in Hong Kong	Dr Belaramani KIRAN	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	536,954.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-12	HKCH neonatal collaborative studies on necrotising enterocolitis (NEC)	Dr Rosanna WONG Ming-sum	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	4,858,332.00	2021-22

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PR-HKCH-13	The impact of a locally tailored evidence-based Chinese smartphone application in management of type 1 diabetes mellitus aged 8-18 years in Hong Kong – a RCT	Dr Samantha LEE Lai-ka	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,180,619.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-14	The effects of propofol based intravenous vs sevoflurane inhalation anaesthesia on inflammation and circulating tumour cells in paediatric tumour surgery – a pilot study	Dr Vivian YUEN Man-ying	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	2,735,766.00	2020-21
PR-HKCH-15	Searching for digenic mutation and modifying genes beyond SCN1A in patients with dravet syndrome using whole genome sequencing (WGS)	Dr YEUNG Wai-lan	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,576,165.00	2021-22
PR-HKCH-17	Surviving PICU Campaign: quality of life and psychological sequelae of patient and their family after discharge from the paediatric intensive care unit	Dr Ellis HON Kam-lun	Hong Kong Children's Hospital	1,792,179.00	2020-21
Breastfeeding (Mothers' Barriers)-HKU	Commissioned Project on Nurturing a Breastfeeding Friendly Community for the Betterment and Sustainability of Children's Well-being: Baby-friendly Community Initiative Program in Hong Kong	Dr Kris LOK Yuet-wan	The University of Hong Kong	3,500,000.00	2020-21
COVID190101	How high is the risk of environmental contamination and airborne infection of the SARS-CoV-2 virus?	Prof HUNG Chi-tim	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,984,895.00	2020-21
COVID190102	Point-of-care testing for improving the detection of SARS-CoV-2 infection in healthcare setting	Prof LEE Shui-shan	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,787,502.00	2020-21

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COVID190103	Characterizing whole genome stability of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2	Prof Maggie WANG	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1,290,743.00	2020-21
COVID190104	Workplace safety towards SARS-CoV-2 among non-healthcare workers in Hong Kong, Nanjing and Wuhan: prevention, response and sustainability	Prof Shelly TSE Lap-ah	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,514,546.00	2020-21
COVID190105	Investigation of Hong Kong's early detection, assessment and response (S-EDAR) system to the new emerging infectious disease outbreak COVID-19	Prof YEOH Eng-kiong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,970,000.00	2020-21
COVID190106	Early detection and surveillance of COVID-19 infection by non-invasive ophthalmic evaluations	Prof Kelvin CHONG Kam-lung	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	4,822,810.00	2020-21
COVID190107	Comprehensive clinical, virological, microbiological, immunological and laboratory monitoring of patients hospitalized with Coronavirus Diseases (COVID-19)	Prof Paul CHAN	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,979,922.00	2020-21
COVID190108	Delineate the prevalence, risk factors, temporal distribution and epidemiological characteristics of hidden novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) infection in the community	Prof Paul CHAN	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,995,750.00	2020-21
COVID190109	To identify asymptomatic carriers through longitudinal follow-up of close contacts of known COVID-19 patients and healthcare workers taking care of these patients	Prof HUNG Chi-tim	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,699,272.00	2020-21

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COVID190110	The safety of high flow nasal cannula and non-invasive ventilation for treatment of patients with COVID-19 complicated by respiratory failure	Prof David HUI Shu-cheong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	767,623.00	2020-21
COVID190111	Role of Gastrointestinal Tract and Gut Microbiota in Pathogenesis of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): A Missing Site for Viral Replication & Transmission	Prof NG Siew-chien	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	4,076,580.00	2020-21
COVID190112	SARS-CoV-2 receptor distribution, replication and immune response induced in the respiratory epithelial cells of paediatric and adult and the existence of alternative receptor	Dr CHAN Wan-yi	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1,810,820.00	2020-21
COVID190113	Understanding transmission risk of SARS-CoV-2 virus in A&E and patient rooms	Prof LI Yuguo	The University of Hong Kong	2,081,796.00	2020-21
COVID190114	Development and test of candidate attenuated vaccines for SARS-CoV-2	Prof JIN Dong-yan	The University of Hong Kong	3,000,000.00	2020-21
COVID190115	Assessing novel coronavirus antibodies for specificity and function during clinical infection and community asymptomatic cases	Dr Sophie VALKENBURG (DOAK)	The University of Hong Kong	1,515,000.00	2020-21
COVID190116	Stability and transmissibility of 2019-nCoV	Prof Leo POON Lit-man	The University of Hong Kong	1,455,384.00	2020-21

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COVID190117	Rapid development of anti-SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) vaccines and exploration of the feasibility of a pancoronavirus vaccine	Prof HUANG Jiandong	The University of Hong Kong	3,202,688.00	2020-21
COVID190118	Nowcasting COVID-19 transmission dynamics, severity, and the effectiveness of control measures	Prof Benjamin COWLING	The University of Hong Kong	1,157,772.00	2020-21
COVID190119	Longitudinal study of COVID-19 seroprevalence in health care workers in comparison to the general community	Prof Benjamin COWLING	The University of Hong Kong	2,749,420.00	2020-21
COVID190120	Development of an Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay detecting a novel secreted antigen of SARS-CoV-2	Dr KOK Kin-hang	The University of Hong Kong	980,000.00	2020-21
COVID190121	Discovery and mechanistic evaluation of antiviral treatment options for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through structure-based drug discovery and drug repurposing approaches	Dr Jasper CHAN Fuk-woo	The University of Hong Kong	4,000,000.00	2020-21
COVID190122	SARS-CoV-2 infection dynamics in bat and human cells: tissue tropism and differential host response for elucidation of evolutionary pathway and exploration of potential treatment targets	Dr LUK Kam-hei	The University of Hong Kong	2,998,583.00	2020-21
COVID190123	Clinical study of flu-based and PD1-based vaccines for the SARS-CoV2	Prof YUEN Kwok-yung	The University of Hong Kong	20,337,934.00	2020-21

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COVID190124	Long term immunological response and longitudinal seroepidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 in Hong Kong	Dr Kelvin TO Kai-wang	The University of Hong Kong	2,098,150.00	2020-21
COVID190125	An open-label randomized controlled trial on interferon β -1b and remdesivir combination versus remdesivir as treatment for COVID-19 infection	Prof Ivan HUNG Fan-ngai	The University of Hong Kong	2,999,040.00	2020-21
COVID190126	Community based sero-epidemiological study of COVID19 to provide data in real time on age-stratified infection attack rates, disease severity and population-immunity, for guiding intervention policy	Prof Joseph Sriyal Malik PEIRIS	The University of Hong Kong	28,029,215.00	2020-21
COVID190201	The role of smoking on the regulation of ACE2-mediated infectability of COVID-19	Dr Judith MAK Choi-wo	The University of Hong Kong	1,997,000.00	2020-21
COVID190202	The effects of pre-exposure with influenza A virus on the susceptibility to and severity of COVID-19	Dr Kenrie HUI Pui-yan	The University of Hong Kong	1,215,000.00	2020-21
COVID190203	Characterization of the distribution of aerosols released from drainage ventilating pipe of public housing buildings	Dr Polly LEUNG Hang-mei	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2,138,800.00	2020-21
COVID190204	Whole-genome sequencing of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong: development of a geo-phylogenetic database and characterisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants circulating in the community	Dr Gilman SIU Kit-hang	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2,998,100.00	2020-21

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COVID190205	Molecular epidemiological study of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong	Prof Leo POON Lit-man	The University of Hong Kong	11,786,764	2020-21
COVID190206	A system-level and multidimensional quantification and prediction of SARS-CoV-2 infection in animals: are there implications for control of human infections?	Dr LI Jun	City University of Hong Kong	3,970,000.00	2020-21
COVID190207	Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in grey waste water from residential areas, toilet waste from airplanes and waste water from Hong Kong International Airport	Dr Ioannis MAGOURAS	City University of Hong Kong	3,576,860.00	2020-21
COVID190208	A low-cost handheld device for decentralised detection of SARS-CoV-2 and host response in COVID-19 patients: development and evaluation	Prof YIP Shea-ping	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2,716,484.00	2020-21
COVID190209	Grid monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 in sewage for an early-warning sign of community outbreak	Prof ZHANG Tong	The University of Hong Kong	4,540,383.00	2020-21
COVID190210	Effectiveness of single and combined anti-COVID-19 drugs among hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Hong Kong	Dr Carlos WONG King-ho	The University of Hong Kong	482,960.00	2020-21
COVID190211	AI-empowered chest X-ray and CT quantitative analysis for COVID-19 patient management	Dr CAI Jing	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2,569,000.00	2020-21

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COVID190212	Incident mental morbidity and web-based psychological treatment in COVID-19 (A WMH-COVID19 study)	Prof Arthur MAK Dun-ping	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,940,490.00	2020-21
COVID190213	Identification of Lingnan Chinese medicines against COVID-19 infection	Prof Karl TSIM Wah-keung	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2,998,000.00	2020-21
COVID190214	Development of resveratrol and its congeners as preventive and therapeutic agents for control of COVID-19	Prof ZHANG Hongjie	Hong Kong Baptist University	2,840,000.00	2020-21
COVID190215	Modelling of Hong Kong COVID-19 control strategies considering different population immunity scenarios	Dr Sean YUAN Hsiang-yu	City University of Hong Kong	749,000.00	2020-21
COVID190216	Public compliance with disease prevention and public health measures to control COVID-19	Dr Elsie YAN Chau-wai	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,127,120.00	2020-21
COVID190217	Psychological trauma and unsafe behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic: a mixed-method study of people's emotion, knowledge, attitude and behaviour	Prof David SHUM Ho-keung	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,408,810.00	2020-21
COVID190218	Blended Gaming COVID-19 Training System (BGCTS) with WHO guidelines for staff in residential care homes: a cluster randomised controlled trial	Dr Angela LEUNG Yee-man	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1,276,732.00	2020-21

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COVID190219	Utilization of CRISPR/cas9-modified Lactobacillus casei as an oral vaccine for treating and preventing COVID-19 infection	Prof KWAN Yiu-wa	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,972,960.00	2020-21
COVID190220	Investigating aerosol generation and transmissibility implications in upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy: a multicentre study	Dr Walter SETO Wai-kay	The University of Hong Kong	2,082,272.00	2020-21
COVID190221	COVID19: a pilot study of adaptive immunity and anti-PD1	Dr Thomas YAU Chung-cheung	The University of Hong Kong	145,791.00	2020-21
COVID190222	3R rehabilitation management of COVID-19 survivors using centre-based and online-based approaches	Prof Amy FU Siu-ngor	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	4,470,546.00	2020-21
COVID190223	Studying SARS-CoV-2 related coronavirus in pangolins	Dr Tommy LAM Tsan-yuk	The University of Hong Kong	680,000.00	2020-21
CIDIV-HKU-1	Research for the control of emerging or important acute microbial infections with public health threat to HKSAR	Prof YUEN Kwok-yung	The University of Hong Kong	28,000,000.00	2020-21
CIDIV-HKU-2	Control of emerging, epidemic and endemic infectious diseases	Prof Benjamin COWLING	The University of Hong Kong	28,000,000.00	2020-21

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CIDIV-CUHK	CUHK Commissioned Research on Control of Infectious Diseases (Phase IV) 2020-2025	Prof YEOH Eng-kiong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	28,000,000.00	2020-21
CFS-CUHK1	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Chemoprevention of Multiple Cancers with Aspirin	Prof Kelvin TSOI	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	9,846,340.00	2019-20
CFS-CUHK2	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Precision Medicine to Redefine Insulin Secretion and Monogenic Diabetes in Chinese Patients with Young Onset Diabetes	Prof Juliana CHAN	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	8,457,718.00	2019-20
CFS-CUHK3	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Health Determinants for Late-Onset Dementia and its Associated Mortality	Prof Linda LAM Chiu-wa	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	7,492,300.00	2019-20
CFS-CUHK4	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: A 9-year Follow-up of the Hong Kong Mental Morbidity Survey (HKMMS)	Prof Linda LAM Chiu-wa	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	7,767,730.00	2019-20
CFS-HKU1	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Children of 1997	Dr Ryan AU YEUNG	The University of Hong Kong	9,800,440.00	2019-20
CFS-HKU2	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: FAMILY Cohort	Dr Michael NI	The University of Hong Kong	9,996,232.00	2019-20

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CFS-HKU3	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Department of Health Elderly Health Service Cohort	Dr KWOK Man-ki	The University of Hong Kong	4,500,000.00	2019-20
CFS-HKU4	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Risk Factor Assessment and Management Programme for Patients with Hypertension and/or Diabetes Mellitus (RAMP-HT/DM)	Prof Cindy LAM	The University of Hong Kong	5,999,020.00	2019-20
CFS-HKU5	Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies: Hong Kong Cardiovascular Risk Factor Prevalence Study (CRISPS)	Prof Karen LAM Siu-ling	The University of Hong Kong	7,499,700.00	2019-20
INF-CUHK-1	Commissioned Programme for Influenza Research - Innovations in surveillance to predict next influenza outbreak and epidemic severity	Prof YEOH Eng-kiong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	3,969,539.00	2019-20
INF-CUHK-2	Commissioned Programme for Influenza Research - Optimisation of clinical treatment of severe influenza to reduce morbidity and mortality	Prof David HUI Shu-cheong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	4,996,960.00	2019-20
INF-HKU-1	Commissioned Programme for Influenza Research - A double-blind, randomised, controlled trial on flufenamic acid, clarithromycin and oseltamivir combination for hospitalised influenza infection	Prof Ivan HUNG Fan-ngai	The University of Hong Kong	4,770,144.00	2019-20
INF-HKU-2	Commissioned Programme for Influenza Research - Acceptability and impact of school-based influenza vaccination with live attenuated and inactivated influenza vaccines	Prof Dennis IP Kai-ming	The University of Hong Kong	23,634,882.00	2019-20

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INF-HKU-3	Commissioned Programme for Influenza Research - Influenza vaccine effectiveness against medically-attended illness and hospitalisation in Hong Kong, 2019-2023	Prof Benjamin COWLING	The University of Hong Kong	9,800,000.00	2019-20
IMQ	Commissioned Study on Influenza Vaccine with Imiquimod in Elderly and Chronic Illness Subjects	Prof Ivan HUNG Fan-ngai	The University of Hong Kong	10,494,340.00	2019-20
Novel Drugs-CUHK	Early Phase Clinical Trials on Novel Pharmaceutical Products	Prof Anthony CHAN Tak-cheung	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	50,000,000.00	2019-20
Novel Drugs-HKU	Early Phase Clinical Trials on Novel Pharmaceutical Products	Prof Karen LAM Siu-ling	The University of Hong Kong	50,000,000.00	2019-20
MPP (2017)-HKU	Healthcare Manpower Planning and Projection (base year 2017)	Dr Janice JOHNSTON	The University of Hong Kong	10,798,278.00	2019-20
Vit D-HKU	Commissioned Study on Vitamin D Status of Infants, Young Children and Pregnant Women in Hong Kong	Dr Patrick IP	The University of Hong Kong	3,991,780.00	2018-19
Breastfeeding-HKU	Commissioned Project on Breastfeeding – Baby-friendly Community Initiative Program in Hong Kong	Dr Kris LOK	The University of Hong Kong	3,500,000.00	2018-19

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Extended RFW-CUHK	Extended Study for Regulatory Framework for Healthcare Professions	Prof YEOH Eng-kiong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2,921,022.00	2018-19
TC-HKU	Commissioned Study on Evaluating the Impact of Tobacco Control Policies in Hong Kong	Dr Daniel HO Sai-yin	The University of Hong Kong	9,000,000.00	2018-19
GC-CUHK	Commissioned Study on Review of Growth Charts for Hong Kong Children - Hong Kong Growth Study	Prof Edmund Anthony Severn NELSON	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	5,000,000.00	2018-19
MHS-P1 (Part 1)	Phase I of the Commissioned Study on Mental Health Survey (Part 1)	Prof HUNG Se-fong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	19,999,767.00	2018-19
MHS-P1 (Part 2)	Phase I of the Commissioned Study on Mental Health Survey (Part 2)	Prof Eric CHEN Yu-hai	The University of Hong Kong	14,999,820.00	2018-19
MHS-P1 (Part 3)	Phase I of the Commissioned Study on Mental Health Survey (Part 3)	Prof Linda LAM Chiu-wa	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	14,996,125.00	2018-19
MPP(Extended Study)-HKU	Commissioned Study on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Projection (Extended Study)	Dr Janice JOHNSTON	The University of Hong Kong	2,999,919.00	2017-18

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CPP-CUHK	Commissioned Community Partnership Programme on Mental Health Promotion in Hong Kong (Elderly)	Prof Timothy KWOK	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	3,499,436.00	2016-17
CPP-HKU	Commissioned Community Partnership Programme on Mental Health Promotion in Hong Kong (Adolescents and Adults)	Prof LAM Tai-hing	The University of Hong Kong	6,500,000.00	2016-17