



12 September 2023

Prof. Hongfeng YANG  
Earth System Science Programme

**PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award for 2023–24  
Letter of Offer**

Dear Prof. YANG,

I am delighted to inform that your application to the PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award (PhD IMPAC Award) to collaborate with the University of Bologna on the project 'Development of Seismic Attenuation model for the Weiyuan Shale Gas Field' has been successful. The award is valued at HK\$50,000 and is meant to assist your PhD student, Mr. Aqeel ABBAS (SID: 1155152224) of the Earth System Science Programme, to undertake a research attachment at the University of Bologna, Italy for six months during 15 October 2023–15 April 2024 under the supervision of Prof. Luca DE SEINA, Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Your awarded PhD student is reminded to seek advice from the host institution on the registration and visa application procedures, and to apply for a 'Leave of Absence' with the Graduate School Office as soon as the visit dates are finalised. The award will be made as a lump sum grant on a non-accountable basis via bank transfer approximately two weeks prior to the awarded PhD students' intended departure date. Should there be any change to the visit plan, please let us know.

Your student will be required to submit a post-visit report outlining the activities conducted, outcomes, project impact and opportunities for future collaboration within one month upon completion of the visit. The report should be endorsed by your good self and the head of the relevant department at CUHK.

Should you have any question, please contact Ms. Olivia Kwok of OAL on 3943-1315 or [oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk). I wish your project a great success.

Yours sincerely

Shally Fan  
Director of Academic Links

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c.c. Prof. TAI Pui Kuen Amos, Director, Earth System Science Programme  
Graduate School Office