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Faculty/ Institutes	Ref No.	Project Title in English	Project Title in Chinese	Project Description	Application Requirement	Contact Points		
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FSS	MYRG2014-00138-Others	An Empirical Research on the Regional Integration Development between Macau and the Greater Pearl River Delta(GPRD)	澳門與大珠三角區域融合發展實證研究	Regional integration is a hot academic topic lately as it promotes the positive economic and social development, creating win-win situation for regions involved. 15 years has passed since the return of Macau to the motherland, and the integration between Macau and Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) has been undergoing quietly, but not without problems. Unlike Hong Kong, Macau seems less active in its efforts in incorporating into the region. So far, less academic attention has been paid to what exactly has happened between Macao and GPRD. What steps have Macau taken in the GPRD regional integration, and why? What factors have shaped Macau's integration with GPRD, either actively or passively? What can be learned from Macau's experience in this recent round of regional integration, and with what impact? What can Macau's experience contribute to our general understanding of global integration? The purpose of this study is to answer the questions above thoroughly by examining Macau's experiences both on governmental level and or grass-root people-to people level in the regional integration, finding out the crucial factors that affect the integration and relationship between Macau and GPRD regions. We plan to use sociological methodology to approach it hoping to provide a theoretical basis for a better understanding of this important subject.	Majors in Social Sciences with good writing skill and proficiency in English; strong research capability will be an advantage.	Ms. Jenny Mok	Email: janmok@umac.mo Tel: 8822 8350	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2014-00085-Others	Repositioning Macao in the Historical Context of Maritime Asia, 1550–1887	澳門在亞洲航海史的重新定位(1550-1887年)	This study tends to treat Macau as an important bridge not just connecting China but also connecting Europe with other Asian trade ports such as Goa, Manila, Nagasaki, Osaka, Ningbo, Foochow, Taiwan, etc. "The Age of Macau" is the highlight of Asia's maritime history under the Great Powers expansion. How was the "Age of Macau" initiated and how was it shaping the Asia's maritime structure? To what extent was Macau used by the Western Powers to spread their political, military, economic and cultural influence in Asia? And how significant was this Macau-based maritime trade hub to the Asian modernization development? This project will study the questions above, using a wider scope of maritime archives in Asia to re-investigate and restructure the relations between Macau and other Asian regions, as well as their relationship with Europe. It is to contribute to our understanding of function and role of Macau in Asian modernization during the 16th-19th centuries.	Majors in Social Sciences with good writing skill and proficiency in English; strong research capability will be an advantage.	Ms. Jenny Mok	Email: janmok@umac.mo Tel: 8822 8350	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2015-00033-FSS	The role of intellectuals in China's ethnic studies and ethnic policymaking	知識分子在中國族群研究和族群政策製訂中的作用	This project explores how elites (intellectuals, religious and community leaders) in ethnic minority understand ethnic conflicts and issues and to what extent they can influence government policymaking as well as their role in governance. We will explore especially the role of organic and critical intellectuals. These are issues that have not only academic significance but policy implications as well.	Those who have taken the course "qualitative social reseach methods" and who want to have hand-on research experiences are encouraged to apply. There are two tasks for students who want to be involved in this project. 1. Discourse analysis of writings and public speech. 2) Conducting interviews and observation together with the PI. For the latter task, Cantonese command is an advantage.	Prof. Melody Lu	melodylu@umac.mo	Monday 15:00 - 16:00 Thursday 15:00 - 16:00 or by appointment
FSS	MYRG2016-00229-FSS	Culture and Criminal Justice – Exploring an Asian Paradigm Theory of Criminal Law and Justice	文化與刑事司法 –刑事司法的亞洲範式理論	The project will review relevant literature and collect data on measurements of cultural values, thinking mode, measures of crime control and criminal justice. The aim of the project is to test the Asian paradigm of criminal law and justice designed by Prof. Liu, which are quite different with those in the West. Students will gain experience by conducting research tasks under supervision of PI and experienced researchers, include reviewing literature, designing questionnaire, interview skills, conducting survey, inputing data and analysising data.	The applicants should have basic knowledge of collecting literature using library facilities, translate between Chinese and English. It is preferable to have basic knowledge about data entry into SPSS, making code book, or enter data into Excel, but we will provide trainings if you have no experience.	Ms. Shan Cui	Tel: 63878692	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2016-00225-FSS	Images and Locations: contextualization of Buddhist images	圖像與位置：在原境中研究佛教圖像	This is a study of Buddhist images with the contextualization approach--to understand the images in their original physical, ideological, and social context. The student may be asked to do library research or translate academic papers in Japanese.	-- Interest in Buddhist art -- Basic training of Japanese -- Good GPA	Prof. Zhu Tianshu	Email: tszhu@umac.mo	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2016-00185-FSS	Government Capacity of Macao Special Administrative Region	澳門特別行政區政府能耐	This project aims at addressing the various dimensions of MSAR government capacity in governing the territory. First, it will evaluate Macao government's capability of policy making and implementation. Second, it will investigate the executive-legislative dynamics and the rising tide of political opposition to Macao government capacity. Third, it will understand public participation in the policy process.	Applicant must be interested to Macao affairs and have a strong sense to public affairs, have a background in social sciences (major in public administration and social sciences program are preferable)	Prof. Eilo Yu	Email: eiloyu@umac.mo	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2016-00162-FSS	Internet gaming disorder: Illness representation, screening tool, and diagnostic Interview among young Chinese adults	網絡遊戲成癮：中國青年之疾病詮釋、篩查工具及診斷性訪談	Investigating university students' mental wellbeing (e.g., depression, anxiety, gaming/gambling disorder, and problem drinking); Development and validation of relevant assessment tools and identification of psychosocial predictors	High proficiency in English (particularly reading and writing) and strong interest in psychology	Prof. Anise M.S. Wu	Email: anisewu@umac.mo	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2017-00173-FSS	Parental HIV/AIDS and Resilience: A 12-Year Follow-Up Study	父母HIV/AIDS與兒童心理彈性：一項12年的追蹤研究	Our study aimed to investigate how socioeconomic status would influence youths' well-being, including psychological and physiological wellbeing. We will contact the participating schools and invite some of the students and their parents to take part in the study. The study involved both qualitative interviews and quantitative assessment. The students recruited as research assistants are responsible for the following duties: attending research training; conducting interviews, transcribing transcripts; and involving questionnaire design. Research assistants are able to gain both qualitative and quantitative research skills, as well as general research experiences in this project.	Cantonese speaking Good communication skills Being motivated in research Being responsible and considerate in work Being comfortable in teamwork	Ms. Zhao Shan	Email: yb77308@connect.umac.mo Tel: 68255132	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2017-00093-FSS	Explaining Cross-Destination Variations in Taxing Tourism: A Sustainability Perspective	解釋旅遊目的地不同的稅率：一個可持續發展角度	The existing literature includes a vast array of studies on the influence of tourism taxes on destinations' welfare, however often with controversial findings and most of them are predominately of an empirical nature. The a few theoretical papers available are highly technical, thus difficult to be communicated to a broader readership including policy makers. Also all of them are from a purely economic approach, while disregarding the society's overall wellbeing. This research is a theoretical study in nature. It will contribute to the existing body of literature by introducing a simple yet effective method to evaluate the effects of tourism taxes on local welfare. The theoretical framework will be illustrated using figures and in narratives without mathematical complexity or with minimal technicality. This way, the finding of the study can be readily used by non-economist professionals or policy makers to benefit private or public decision making. In addition, the research will take account social, environmental and political factors into the analysis. Therefore, the study and model have holistic significance. The research is especially relevant to Macao as it pursues world class leisure and tourism center. The first of its kind in the area of Macao studies, the finding will help to optimize Macao's taxation system making it conducive to sustainable development.	Majors in Social Sciences with good writing skill and proficiency in English; strong research capability will be an advantage.	Prof. Li Sheng	Email: edmundsheng@umac.mo	By appointment

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FSS	MYRG2017-00074-FSS	Growth Theory and Growth Empirics: Revision and Reconciliation	增長理論和增長經驗之修整與調和	This project addresses fundamental issues of growth economics by underscoring and attempting to reconcile discrepancies between Solow's two key contributions. His seminal work (1956) emphasizes the endogenous nature of capital in long-term economic growth, while also requiring technical change to be of the (implausible) Harrod labor-augmenting form. However, in Solow's introduction of growth accounting (1957), capital investment is treated as <i>exogenous</i> , while technical change is characterized as Hicks-neutral, i.e., elevating the marginal products of labor <u>and</u> capital equi-proportionately. As a result of these differences, an irreconcilable divide exists between conventional growth theory and growth accounting. Our proposal intends to reconcile these differences, so that we are able to formulate and implement an analysis of the sources of economic growth that bridges growth theory and growth accounting. In carrying out this exercise, we integrate certain tools of growth theory into growth accounting, while	Good at MS Excel and some knowledge of econometrics; Good at international economics statistics; Preferable some understanding of growth theory;	Prof. Kwan Fung	Email: fungkwan@umac.mo	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2017-00049-FSS	Drinking Behaviors among University Students	大學生的飲酒行為	Investigating university students' mental wellbeing (e.g., depression, anxiety, gaming/gambling disorder, and problem drinking); Development and validation of relevant assessment tools and identification of psychosocial predictors	High proficiency in English (particularly reading and writing) and strong interest in psychology	Prof. Anise M.S. Wu	Email: anisewu@umac.mo	By appointment
FSS	MYRG2017-00115-FSS	Legitimization Imperative: the production of crime statistics in Guangzhou, China	政治合法性與犯罪數據的生產：一項基於中國廣州的研究	With the case study of Guangzhou, this proposed research aims to explore how the manufacturing of official crime statics serves to legitimize the authoritarian regime in China.	Major in Sociology or other majors in Social Sciences	Dr. Jianhua Xu	Tel.: 8822 8959	by appointment