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**Subject:** Faculty Seed Funding - notification of application outcome

Dear Wendy

On 14 October 2024, applications for funding under the Faculty Seed Round for 2024/5 were assessed by a panel of senior academics from across UNSW. The panel thanks you for your application, and I am pleased to advise that your application has been **successful**.

Your project below has been allocated **\$43,000** for 2024/5.

CI: **Yawen (Wendy) Chen** (SysCom)

Other Investigators: Haibo Zhang (ANU), Lily Qiao (SET), Sayed Hoseini (SysCom),

Project mentor: Roland Goecke (SysCom)

Project title: AI-Driven Energy-Efficient Photonic Systems for Sustainable Smart Cities

Budget: \$43,000\*

\*The approved budget is based on the removal of the travel costs.

The Canberra Finance team (copied here) will advise you of the account details for your allocation in the coming days.

**Important Points to Note**

- Heads of School must approve all expenditure and are ultimately responsible for ensuring that all allocated funds are used solely for the purpose granted. All grant funds must be spent within the twelve-month period of your project, and any unspent funds will be recovered.
- For any non-salary project expenses, if applicable, please ensure to follow the [UNSW Finance Policy](#) and [Procurement](#) process.
- For recruitment, if applicable, please discuss with your school administration or HR to ensure you have the correct contract type (Research Assistant or Research Associate), and correct level for the duties involved.
- Successful applicants may be required to present their progress to the wider Faculty during the course of their active project.
- Final reports on the prescribed form (to be shared in due course) must be submitted once the project is completed. The report must include information on the research outcomes of the project and a financial statement as to how the funding was used. Please note that failure to submit a final report will deem future applications ineligible.
- There are six successful projects that have been funded this round. The project and team details will be shared on the CRU SharePoint site and via *Research Matters* and the Rector's newsletters.

**Congratulations** on this award and we wish you every success with your team's research.

Kind regards

Canberra Research Unit

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