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## **Funding Scheme for Overseas Training of Young Scientific Researchers of Higher Education Institutions**

### **I. Objectives**

Serving the MSAR government’s five-year development plan and policies on promoting talent training, the Science and Technology Development Fund (hereafter referred to as “FDCT”) devised this Scheme according to Articles 15 and 16 of the Chief Executive’s Dispatch No. 235/2018, “Regulations of Fund Granting”, published on 3 October 2018, to support Macao’s young scientific researchers in conducting cooperative research in overseas top universities. In this way, these young researchers can accumulate cutting-edge scientific experience, broaden academic horizons, enhance comprehensive research capabilities and establish an international cooperative network.

### **II. Applying Entities**

Local higher education institutions.

### **III. Recommendation Requirements**

1. Local higher education institutions can recommend individuals who meet the following requirements to apply for the funding:



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- a) A full-time staff at the rank of Assistant Professor or above, or a student currently pursuing a doctoral degree who has a Macao SAR Resident Identity Card;
  - b) aged less than or equal to 45 years;
  - c) A research field in science and technology;
  - d) Participated in the research programs funded by FDCT in the recent three years;
  - e) Invited by a qualified overseas university to conduct the research within the academic field of specialization concerned.
2. Local higher education institutions should give priority to those who are unpaid during their academic visit.

#### **IV. Qualification of Overseas Host Universities & Duration of Academic Visit**

1. The host university must meet any of the following requirements:
  - a) Top 100 universities in the latest world university rankings according to Times, QS, US News or ARWU;
  - b) Top 50 universities in the latest world university rankings by subject, according to Times, QS, US News or ARWU.
2. The duration of the academic visit is within 1–6 months.



## **V. Funding Amount and Purpose**

1. FDCT grants a monthly subsidy of MOP 30,000 (proportionally calculated if less than a full month).
2. The granted subsidy is used to compensate for the round trip airfare and cost of living of local scientific researchers during their academic visit.

## **VI. Funding Quota**

The Scheme offers at most 40 funding quotas annually.

## **VII. Application Documents**

1. The applying entity's identification information and relevant certificate(s), and the identification document of the responsible person of the entity;
2. Completed application form;
3. A copy of the Macao SAR Resident Identity Card of the recommended candidate;
4. A copy of the invitation letter from the host university;
5. Research plan for the academic visit.

## **VIII. Application Method**

The applying entity shall submit all the application documents as referred to in the preceding article in the way designated by FDCT



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before the deadline.

## **IX. Assessment Procedures and Criteria**

1. The assessment is performed according to the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 235/2018, "Regulations of Fund Granting".
2. The assessment criteria are as follows:
  - a) The prioritized list of candidates recommended by the applying entities;
  - b) The amount of scientific research funding that the recommended candidates received from FDCT and their project implementation results (if any);
  - c) The qualified host university's research quality and capability.

## **X. Funding Allocation**

1. A Funding Agreement will be requested to be signed by the funded entity.
2. FDCT will release the funding to the funded entity, and the funded entity will then transfer the funds to the funded scientific researchers.
3. The funded researchers shall not change their choice of host university.
4. The funded researchers' quotas are non-transferable to other



eligible individuals.

## **XI. Reports**

Upon completion of the academic visit, the funded researcher should submit a final report to FDCT through the funded entity within 1 month.

## **XII. Termination of the Funding**

1. The funding to the researchers will be terminated when they stop their academic visit.
2. The funded entity shall notify FDCT of the termination of the scientific researchers' academic visit in a timely manner and return to FDCT the remaining funded amount of the terminated researcher(s).

## **XIII. Right of Interpretation**

FDCT reserves the right of final interpretation of the regulations of this Scheme.