



澳門特別行政區
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Macao Funding Scheme for Key R&D Projects

I. Objectives

To cope with the SAR Government's policy guidelines on vigorously promoting scientific and technological innovation and strengthening support for key areas, the Science and Technology Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as the FDCT) has formulated this special funding scheme in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Order of the Chief Executive No. 235/2018 of 3rd October 2018 to further integrate the science and technology resources of Macao, giving full play to the integration and innovation of complementary interdisciplinary advantages, and striving to achieve transformable scientific research results on the basis of the integration.

II. Eligibility

1. Entities of Articles 2 Item 1 and Item 4 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Order of the Chief Executive No. 235/2018.
2. The person in charge of the project and the heads of the subjects under the project must have a doctorate degree or be at the rank of Associate Professor or above.
3. The person in charge of the project must be a full-time member of the applicant entity and work full time in the applicant entity for not less than 9 months per year.
4. At least half of the heads of the subjects under the project work full-time at the applicant entity.
5. The experts involved in the preparation of the relevant application guidelines should not be the person in charge or a member of the project (subject).

III. Way of Funding

Free funding.

IV. Grants and Unfunded Expenses

For the provisions of the relevant expenses, please refer to Article 3 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Order of the Chief Executive No. 235/2018.

V. Amount of Grants and Maximum Duration Limit

1. The maximum amount of funds granted by the FDCT for this scheme



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is MOP 200 million per year.

2. The maximum amount can be applied for by each project is determined by the application guidelines.
3. The funding period for each project is no more than three years.

VI. Application Guidelines

1. The FDCT arranges experts to prepare the application guidelines in the specific areas of science and technology.
2. The application guidelines include the background of the project, its overall objectives, the research direction, the funding period, the maximum amount applied for, the application requirements, and the list of experts preparing the guidelines.
3. The Administrative Committee of FDCT reviews and approves the application guidelines.

VII. Application Period

The Administrative Committee of FDCT sets the starting and ending dates for the applications.

VIII. Application Documents

The required documents should be submitted in accordance with Article 6 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Order of the Chief Executive No. 235/2018.

IX. Application Method

The application entities should submit all the application documents referred to in the above article in the way(s) required by the FDCT before the application deadlines.

X. Preliminary Analysis

1. The FDCT will conduct a preliminary analysis of the application documents to check whether they are correct and complete and whether the application is eligible for funding.
2. The FDCT will request the applicant entity to submit supplementary information within 15 days if needed.

XI. Evaluation

1. The FDCT will evaluate the submissions in accordance with the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Order of the Chief Executive No. 235/2018.



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2. The evaluation will be mainly based on the following criteria:
 - (1) Content of research;
 - (2) Goal setting and technology roadmap;
 - (3) Tasks breakdown and scheduling;
 - (4) R&D team and work basis;
 - (5) Expected outcomes.

XII. Issuance of Grants

1. The grantees are required to sign the *Funding Agreement*.
2. The grants will be issued in installments and the relevant reimbursement approach is stated in the *Funding Agreement*.

XIII. Reports

The grantees should submit annual reports and a final report on the progress of the research project for the FDCT to conduct annual evaluation and a final evaluation.

XIV. Funding by Other Schemes

Expenditures funded by the FDCT cannot be funded by other public funding schemes.

XV. Rights to Interpret

The FDCT reserves the right to interpret this regulation.