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# **2026 Funding Scheme for Scientific Research and Innovation - Key Research and Development 2026 Application Guidelines for National-Level Scientific Research Projects**

## **I. Overall Objectives**

The Macao Science and Technology Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as “FDCT”) has compiled these application guidelines to provide key support to Macao research institutions in leading and undertaking national-level scientific research tasks, while enhancing Macao’s innovation capabilities and core competitiveness. This is in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the “2026 Funding Scheme for Research and Innovation”. The purpose of this framework is to profoundly promote Macao’s integration into and service to the national scientific and technological innovation system.

## **II. Implementation Period**

The project implementation period shall not exceed 4 years and must align with the implementation cycle of the national-level scientific research task undertaken.

## **III. Funding Amount and Utilisation**

1. The maximum application amount for each project is MOP 20 million.
2. This funding serves as supplementary funding for R&D tasks, to support projects of either of the following types:
  - (1) R&D projects approved by relevant national departments but without national fiscal funding;
  - (2) Complementary supplements to R&D projects that have received



national fiscal funding, with joint investment alongside national funds in R&D.

3. The items under Paragraph (2) above shall not duplicate existing expenses covered by national fiscal funds.

#### **IV. Application Eligibility**

The applying entity has been officially approved to lead a national-level scientific research task<sup>1</sup> less than one year prior to the application.

#### **V. Application Requirements**

1. Copies of the national-level scientific research task approval document and contract must be submitted.
2. The same applying entity for the same national-level scientific research task may apply only once for this special funding.

#### **VI. Research Project Requirements**

1. **Goal Consistency:** The applied project must align with the overall objectives and core R&D content of the national-level scientific research task undertaken, focusing on key technological breakthroughs, achievement transformation, and other aspects of the task, without deviating from the task's core requirements.
2. **Quantifiable Achievements:** The project must establish clear and explicit expected achievements, with quantifiable indicators to ensure that the achievements can be assessed and verified.
3. **Risk Assessment and Responsive Measurements:** A comprehensive assessment of potential technical, financial, schedule, and other risks

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<sup>1</sup> National-level scientific research tasks refer to national-level science and technology plans and national major aerospace projects. National-level science and technology plans include Central Finance Science and Technology Plans (special projects, funds, etc.) with funding in the range of the tens of millions; national major aerospace projects include lunar exploration projects, planetary exploration projects, etc.



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during project implementation must be conducted, along with the formulation of practical response plans to ensure the project proceeds as scheduled.

## **VII. Application Dates**

February 13 to February 27, 2026

## **VIII. Other Requirements**

Matters that are not addressed in these guidelines will be implemented in accordance with the “2026 Funding Scheme for Scientific Research and Innovation”.