

Fundo para o Desenvolvimento das Ciências e da Tecnologia

## **Funding Scheme for the Scientific Research Devices and Equipment of Higher Education Institutions**

#### I. Objectives

The Science and Technology Development Fund (hereafter referred to as "FDCT") devised this Scheme according to Articles 15 and 16 of the Financial Aid Grant Regulation, approved as per the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 235/2018 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, to serve the MSAR government's policies regarding the vigorous promotion of science and technology innovations and to provide vital supports for the new State Key Laboratories and research disciplines so as to further the research and innovation capabilities of local higher education institutions.

## **II. Applying Entities**

Local higher education institutions

## III. Funding Type

Non-compensated

## **IV. Scope of Funding**

- 1. The Scheme offers funding of MOP 100 million for application by local higher education institutions to purchase research devices and equipment.
- 2. Funding priority will be given to newly constructed State Key Laboratories and new research disciplines that needs to purchase



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new equipment.

### V. Devices and Equipment Covered in the Funding

- 1. The funded devices and equipment must be used for scientific research and technological development.
- 2. The funding does not cover the consumables used with the said devices or/and equipment, the decorations and furnishings of the laboratories, the maintenance and user training expenses, the annual software licensing fees or the devises and equipment for teaching.
- 3. The funded devices and equipment will belong to the institutions that have filed this application.

#### VI. Application Period

The period designated by FDCT's Administrative Committee.

## VII. Application Requirements

- 1. The applying entity must have sufficient space for the funded devices or/and equipment.
- 2. The applying entity must agree to have operators for the said devices or/and equipment and make necessary modifications to the water, electricity, gas and ventilation equipment, etc. of the laboratories in which the devices or/and equipment are placed to ensure their smooth operation.

## **VIII. Application Documents**

1. The applying entity's identification information and relevant certificate(s), and the identification document of the legal representative of the entity;



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2. Completed application form in which the order of priority of devices or/and equipment to be purchased is listed down.

#### IX. Application Method

The applying entity shall submit all the aforementioned application documents in the way designated by FDCT before the deadline.

#### X. Assessment Procedures and Criteria

- 1. The assessment is performed according to the *Regulations for Fund Granting* of Dispatch No. 235/2018, approved by the Macau SAR Chief Executive.
- 2. The assessment criteria are as follows:
  - (1) The benefits of the devices or/and equipment to the new State Key Laboratories and research disciplines;
  - (2) The necessity and rationale of using the devices and equipment.

#### XI. Funding Allocation

- 1. The eligible higher education institutions shall sign the *Funding Agreement*.
- 2. FDCT will allocate the funding to the eligible higher education institutions.

## XII. Purchasing

- 1. The eligible higher education institutions that have signed the *Funding Agreement* can begin their purchase in accordance with related rules.
- 2. The funded higher education institutions need to finish their



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purchase within two years from the date of fund approval.

## XIII. Reports

The funded higher education institutions should respectively submit an interim and annual report detailing their execution of the Funding Scheme for related organizations' assessment.

## **XIV.** Other Funding

The devices and equipment funded by this Scheme shall not be funded by other public funding schemes or programmes.

#### **XV.Right to Interpretation**

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