



Joint Funding Scheme for FDCT-MOST Projects

I. Objectives

In order to promote the complementary advantages in scientific and technological resources between the mainland and Macao, enhance the driving force of science and technology in social and economic development, and facilitate S&T exchanges and cooperation among R&D researchers in the mainland and Macao, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "MOST") and the Science and Technology Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as "FDCT") signed the *Agreement between MOST and FDCT on Jointly Funding Cooperative R&D Projects* on 9 November 2015. FDCT formulated this Joint Funding Scheme according to the aforementioned Agreement and *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* as approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021 on 4 May 2021.

II. Applying Entities

Entities that meet the requirements prescribed in paragraphs (1) to (4) of Article 2 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021 are eligible to submit application for project funding.

III. Application Requirements

1. At least one party in the jointly-led application must be an enterprise, and provide the corresponding funds.
2. The applicants and their partners shall assume their respective responsibilities and have specific R&D cooperation among them.
3. The mainland partners must declare to MOST.
4. The name of the project and the names of the applicants on both sides must be consistent. The contents of the research plan shall



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reflect the complementary advantages of both sides.

5. The expected project results shall include patents or technical standards, etc., with the illustration of the potential economic and social benefits due to the implementation of the projects.

IV. Funding Type

No repayment required.

V. Eligible and Ineligible Spending

Please refer to Article 3 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* as approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.

VI. Funded Amount and Project Duration

1. The amount funded for this Scheme by FDCT per year shall not exceed MOP36,000,000 (thirty-six million patacas).
2. The maximum amount for each project is MOP2,500,000 (two million five hundred thousand patacas).
3. Each project has a maximum duration of three years.

VII. Declaration Guideline

The FDCT's Administrative Committee will negotiate with GDST each year on the requirements and details of key support areas, mutual cooperation, research findings and application plans, and prepare the corresponding declaration guideline.

VIII. Application Period

The period designated by the FDCT's Administrative Committee.

IX. Application Documents

Supporting documents shall be submitted in accordance with Article



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6 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.

X. Applying Method

The applying entities shall submit all the application documents mentioned in the preceding article in the manner designated by FDCT prior to the deadline of application.

XI. Form Review

1. FDCT and MOST (Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs) will respectively conduct a form review after the deadline for application to verify that the application documents are correct and complete, and to review whether the subject project meets the requirements to be funded.
2. FDCT will require the applying entity to submit additional documents within 15 days as needed.
3. FDCT and MOST (Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs) will jointly check the list of projects from their respective reviews. The projects will be considered as “FDCT-MOST Projects” when such projects are included in both FDCT and MOST lists.

XII. Assessment Method

1. FDCT and MOST (Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs) conduct their respective assessments on the projects accepted.
2. The assessment is performed according to the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.
3. Key considerations will be given to the followings:
 - (1) The value of the project;



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- (2) Qualifications of the applying entity;
- (3) Project feasibility and work plan;
- (4) Foundation for cooperation.

XIII. Funding Allocation

1. The funded applying entities shall sign the Funding Agreement with FDCT.
2. The fund will be allocated in installments, and shall be reimbursed for the actual amount in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Funding Agreement.

XIV. Reports

The funded applying entities shall submit an annual report of their execution of the funded projects and the final work report for annual and final assessments by FDCT.

XV. Other Funding

Projects funded by FDCT shall not accept funding from other public funding schemes or programmes.

XVI. Right to Interpretation

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