

澳門特別行政區 Região Administrativa Especial de Macau 科學技術發展基金

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Notice

Funding Scheme for Joint Research of the Macao Science and Technology Development Fund and Ministry of Science and Technology Now Open for Applications

In accordance with the "Agreement between the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China and the Macao Science and Technology Development Fund on Joint Funding for Collaborative Research and Development Projects between the Two Regions," the Macao Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) jointly announce the launch of the 2024 Joint Research Funding Scheme.

1. Objective

This scheme aims to address the social and economic development needs of Macao by fully utilizing the strengths and unique features of scientific research resources in mainland China, promoting the complementarity of technological resources between mainland China and Macao, enhancing the role of technology in driving socioeconomic development, and fostering scientific and technological exchanges and cooperation between researchers from both regions.

2. Areas of Support and Types of Projects Not Supported

- 1. Areas of Support: Information and Communication Technology (projects primarily classified under academic discipline codes 413, 510, 520) and Engineering and Materials Technology (projects primarily classified under codes 410, 416, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 490, 530, 535, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 620). Priority will be given to projects focusing on the following:
 - o 1)Projects that leverage scientific resources from mainland China to resolve critical technological challenges impeding Macao's social and economic development.
 - 2)Projects closely aligned with industrial and application needs that contribute to forming intellectual property or relevant technical standards.
 - 3)Collaborative projects with novel perspectives, innovative content, interdisciplinary scope, and potential for practical application and commercialization.
- 2. Types of Projects Not Supported: Basic infrastructure projects, projects focused solely on equipment procurement, policy and management research in soft sciences, and projects solely aimed at market promotion are not eligible for funding.



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3. Funding Recipients, Eligibility, and Related Conditions

1. Funding Recipients:

- o 1)Public higher education institutions or public medical institutions in the Macao SAR.
- 2)Private higher education institutions established by law in the Macao SAR.
- o 3)Non-profit private entities established by law in the Macao SAR.
- o 4)Commercial entrepreneurs or commercial enterprises registered in the Macao SAR.

2. Eligibility:

- o 1)Applications may be submitted by commercial entrepreneurs or legally established entities as mentioned above.
- 2)If an entity lacks legal personality, the application must be submitted through its affiliated legally recognized entity.
- 3. Each research project must appoint a project leader responsible for project leadership and coordination.
- 4. At least one participant from either mainland China or Macao must be an enterprise.
- 5. Applicants must sign a cooperation agreement, memorandum of understanding, or letter of intent with the mainland China partner of the project under application.

4. Application Period

From November 15, 2024, to December 26, 2024.

5. Application Method

Applicants should submit their project proposals through the FDCT's online funding application system.

6. Additional Information

For specific application requirements and the review process, please refer to the application guidelines available on the FDCT website.

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