

2019 Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme opens for applications

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) is inviting applications for the 2019 Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme (the Scheme) from today (July 29) until September 13.

Launched in 2004, the Scheme provides funding to applied research and development projects in Guangdong and Hong Kong to enhance collaboration between the universities, research institutes and technology enterprises of the two places, and to upgrade the technological level of the industry in the Greater Pearl River Delta region. The Shenzhen Municipal Government joined the Scheme in the following year.

There are three categories of projects under the Scheme. The first category is funded by the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) of Hong Kong and is open to Hong Kong institutions. The second category is funded by Mainland authorities and is open to Mainland institutions. The third category is jointly funded by Guangdong and Hong Kong authorities or Shenzhen and Hong Kong authorities. Hong Kong and Mainland institutions can submit applications to the ITC and Mainland authorities respectively.

"There are 33 and 32 technology areas under the first and third categories respectively this year. The areas are relevant to the needs of the industry and will enhance economic development in the Greater Pearl River Delta region," a spokesman for the ITC said.

Further information on the Scheme is available on the ITF website (www.itf.gov.hk). For enquiries, please contact the ITF Secretariat (Tel: 3655 5678; email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk).