

2021 Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme opens for applications

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) is inviting applications for the 2021 Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme from today (September 20) until November 19.

Launched in 2004, the Scheme provides funding for applied research and development (R&D) projects in Guangdong and Hong Kong to enhance collaboration between universities, research institutes and technology enterprises of the two places, and to upgrade the technological level of the industries 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 open to Hong Kong institutions. The second category is funded by the relevant Mainland authorities and open to Mainland institutions. The third category is jointly funded by the Guangdong and Hong Kong governments or the Shenzhen and Hong Kong governments. Hong Kong and Mainland institutions can submit applications to the ITC and the relevant Mainland authorities respectively.

An ITC spokesman said, "There are 35 specific themes or topics in different technology areas under the third category this year. The areas, such as smart robotics, blockchain and financial technologies, medical biotechnology and modernised Chinese medicines, align with the latest technology trends and industry needs of the two places and will encourage more diversified and quality R&D projects for promoting economic development in the Greater Pearl River Delta region."

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