

Government extends funding scopes of Researcher Programme and Postdoctoral Hub

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) today (March 3) announced that, with effect from March 9, the funding scopes of the Researcher Programme and the Postdoctoral Hub will be extended to all technology companies conducting or planning to conduct research and development (R&D) activities in Hong Kong. Eligible companies are welcome to apply for the schemes.

At present, the Researcher Programme and the Postdoctoral Hub provide funding support for organisations or companies undertaking R&D projects funded by the Innovation and Technology Fund and incubatees and innovation and technology (I&T) tenants of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, as well as start-ups selected for investment under the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund, to recruit researchers and postdoctoral talents to conduct R&D work. With the enhancements, the programmes will assist more local technology companies in engaging research staff, creating more local R&D jobs and enlarging the pool of I&T talent in Hong Kong.

Under the enhanced schemes, each eligible company can engage two researchers and two postdoctoral talents, each with a maximum engagement period of 36 months. The maximum monthly allowances for researchers with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from a local university are \$18,000 and \$21,000 respectively. The maximum monthly allowance for postdoctoral talents is \$32,000. More information is available on the programme websites. For enquiries, please email the ITC or contact the ITC at 3655 5678.

Researcher Programme:

Website: www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/RP.asp

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Postdoctoral Hub:

Website: www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/TTS-PH.asp

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