

# Third round of Midstream Research Programme for Universities opens for applications

The Innovation and Technology Commission today (December 18) launched the third round of the Midstream Research Programme for Universities. Funding applications from universities for research projects under the theme "Health Technologies for Diagnosis" are welcome. The deadline is March 13, 2020.

Health technologies for diagnosis cover a wide range of technology areas, for example biotechnology, biomedical imaging, diagnosis using artificial intelligence, microfluidic chips, health information technology systems and automation.

Launched in 2016 under the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF), the Programme aims at encouraging universities funded by the University Grants Committee to conduct more theme-based midstream research in focused technology areas, so that more research outcomes could be made available for downstream research or product development.

The funding ceiling for each project is \$5 million. Projects involving collaboration across multiple disciplines, universities or research institutes will be accorded priority and a higher funding ceiling of \$10 million per project.

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