

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
and
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (SHENZHEN)

1+1+1 CUHK-CUHK(SZ)-GDST Joint Collaboration Fund

Guidelines
Platform Development

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (CUHK(SZ)) are partnering to address the strategic needs of China and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Building upon the comprehensive strengths of both institutions, they have established a funding scheme called "1+1+1" (the Scheme) with matching funds from the Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong Province (GDST). The Scheme supports three categories of collaborative projects between the campuses:

- General R&D Projects
- Platform Development Projects
- Young Scholar Projects

The Scheme's initial phase spans three years. Under its implementation plan, the Platform Development Projects funding will establish Joint Laboratories/Centers between the two campuses in research areas crucial to national and regional strategic development priorities. Additionally, the Scheme will support joint CUHK and CUHK(SZ) conferences and workshops.

1. Joint Laboratory/Center

1.1 Support Directions

Priority research areas include, but are not limited to:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Big Data
- Economics, Finance, and Logistics
- Life and Health Sciences

1.2 Funding Method and Amount

The "1+1+1" Fund will support up to two joint laboratories/centers, providing a maximum funding of RMB 6 million per lab/center. Funds will be disbursed annually based on performance evaluation results, such as joint publications, patents, external funding, and commercialization. The funding support period is up to 3 years, after which the joint laboratory/center is expected to be self-sustainable through external funding.

1.3 Application Requirements

1.3.1 Cooperation Basis

Joint teams must demonstrate complementary strengths in their proposed research areas, established cooperation mechanisms, and documented research achievements and academic exchanges.

1.3.2 Research Team

Each campus must appoint an academic leader as a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) and maintain a team of at least ten researchers, including a minimum of five core researchers.

1.3.3 Scientific Research Facilities

Each laboratory/center must maintain dedicated space, equipment, and necessary experimental facilities for research activities.

1.3.4 Construction Tasks

The platform shall:

- Strengthen Guangdong-Hong Kong cooperation
- Execute joint research projects
- Publish in leading journals and secure patents
- Organize major academic events and exchanges
- Train graduate students
- Develop internationally-minded research talent

1.4 Application Materials

Applications must include:

- Platform Development Application Form (Annex 1)
- Supporting documentation of joint research projects, publications, patents, and graduate student training
- Maximum three representative achievements per category (see Tables 1-5, Annex 1)

1.5 Application Procedure

1.5.1 Each team for a joint laboratory/center shall determine one campus as the main site and submit one application through this campus.

1.5.2 Applicants shall submit the application materials (PDF version) to the Secretaries of the Platform Development Subcommittee, Kennis Wong (kenniswong@cuhk.edu.hk) and Luo Yan (luoyan@cuhk.edu.cn), by 5:00 PM, 12 December, 2024.

2. Conferences and Workshops

2.1 Support Directions

The "1+1+1" Fund will support a series of conferences and workshops jointly organized by the two campuses.

2.2 Funding Method and Amount

The Fund plans to support up to two conferences and eight workshops each year. The funding amount will not exceed RMB 300,000 for a conference and RMB 50,000 for a workshop.

2.3 Application Requirements

2.3.1 Conferences

Conferences must promote international academic exchange and feature influential domestic and international scholars.

2.3.2. Workshops

Workshops must be organized by "1+1+1" Fund-supported joint laboratories/centers and projects.

2.4 Application Materials

Applicants shall submit the *Application Form for Conferences and Workshops* (Annex 2).

2.5 Application Procedure

2.5.1 Each conference or workshop shall submit only one application through the primary organizing campus.

2.5.2 Applications (PDF version) can be submitted to the Secretaries of the Platform Development Subcommittee, Kennis Wong (kenniswong@cuhk.edu.hk) and Luo Yan (luoyan@cuhk.edu.cn), throughout the year.

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Annex 1 Application Form for Joint Laboratory/Center

Annex 2 Application Form for Conferences and Workshops