

# **Research Matching Grant Scheme**

**1 August 2019 – 31 July 2022**

## **Introduction**

The Government has earmarked \$3 billion as government matching grants under the Scheme starting from August 2019. The operation period of the Scheme is proposed to be a period of three years from 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2022. The Scheme will cover the 13 local self-financing degree-awarding institutions. It has no restriction on any academic discipline, while it only applies to research-related purposes.

## **Eligibility**

Donations/research grants/research contracts received and matching grants provided under the Scheme should be designated solely for research-related expenditure/purpose. Examples of such expenditure/purpose include but are not limited to:

- (i) purchase of major research equipment;
- (ii) purchase of research-related/technology license;
- (iii) expenses for application for patent (research purpose);
- (iv) staff costs of research personnel charged solely for the research initiative/project/activity under the Scheme;
- (v) costs of setting up research facilities (including rental, operation and maintenance expenses);
- (vi) provision of support for researchers'/students' research activities monitored by universities; and
- (vii) provision of research fellowship or research award.

## **Matching Mechanism**

In respect of the non-government/non-public research funding/ donations/research grants/research contracts received, the matching grants will be disbursed on:

- a dollar-for-dollar matching basis (i.e. a \$1 to \$1 matching ratio) up to the "floor" (\$50 million) for matching by each institution;
- a \$1 for \$2 matching basis (i.e. \$1 government grant for every \$2 donations secured) for the level above the "floor" (\$50 million) and not exceeding the "ceiling" (\$500 million);
- any matching request from institutions over and above the "floor" (\$50 million) will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis.

*For further details, please refer to the Research Matching Grant Scheme by the Government.*