

GPDST – Guangdong S&T International Cooperation Programme

Introduction to the programme

In its first year of the 12th Five-year Plan (2011-2015), the Guangdong S&T International Cooperation Programme aims to strengthen the independent innovation capacity of Guangdong province, boost international science and technology cooperation in different areas, foster emerging industries and upgrade traditional industries in Guangzhou province. This programme also aims at introducing advance technologies, science and technology talents and innovative research teams to Guangdong province.

National agency managing the programme

Guangdong Provincial Department of Science & Technology (GPDST)

Structure and research topics covered

Guangdong S&T International Cooperation Programme encourages bilateral and multi-lateral programmes among foreign governmental authorities (e.g. Commonwealth of Independent States, Israel, European countries, the USA, Japan and Korea) and GPDST. In addition, it supports collaboration projects under the framework of foreign organisations and GPDST.

In regard to the support of international cooperation with Israel, it focuses on environmental protection technology, modern agriculture, biochemistry, nano technology, electronic chips, and other key areas.

Budget

In recent years, the total fund of the Guangdong S&T International Cooperation Programme was approximately 1 million Euros annually.

Depending on the amount of total budget, the budget for each project can be divided into three types:

- Type A: funded with more than approximately 0.1 million Euros;
- Type B: funded with approximately 0.05-0.1 million Euros;
- Type C: funded with approximately 0.03 million Euros.

Self-financing from the applicant should at least match the allocation from the funding authority. The supporting period is no more than three years.

Rules of participation and funding

1. The application unit should be a Chinese university, research institute, or private company legally set up in Guangdong province, with strong R&D capacity, well operated, no negative credit history, good financial performance and technology development potential.
2. The lead applicant should meet the following requirements: have substantial experience in the corresponding R&D fields, work for more than three years in these fields and with vice-senior professional titles or equivalence.
3. The lead applicant can only apply for one international cooperation project each year; the lead applicant is not eligible to apply if

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she/he is involved in more than (including equal to) two ongoing projects funded by GPDST.

4. Applied research is encouraged; joint application from research institutes, universities and enterprises is welcomed.
5. The application unit should have at least one foreign partner, preferably foreign universities, research institutes, or enterprises established overseas. The foreign partner should have financial/technological investment on the applied project. Joint ventures or wholly foreign-owned enterprises and their branches registered in China are excluded as foreign partners.
6. The application unit should have reasonable project infrastructure and good cooperation basis with foreign partners for more than a year; in addition, the application unit should introduce the collaboration history with the foreign partner and have signed cooperation agreements or letter of intent with the foreign partners.
7. Project should be completed within 2-3 years.

Deadlines

Deadlines are normally in the first quarter of each year. Information on specific deadlines of each year regarding this programme is available at:

<http://www.gdstc.gov.cn>.

How to apply

All the applications should be submitted online at: <http://pro.gdstc.gov.cn>. The general application procedure is as follows:

1. Lead Applicant Registration: Lead applicant should be registered at:
<http://pro.gdstc.gov.cn>.
2. Application Proposal Completion: applicants should choose a suitable research topic, write the application proposal and submit it online.
3. Preparation of Agreement: an original copy of the agreement signed by both parties and stamped by the Chinese partner should be provided along with other application documents. This agreement should include information on collaboration format, budget allocation in RMB, intellectual property right protection issues and collaboration objectives and scopes, among others. Emails cannot be used as formal agreement.
4. Hard Copy Submission: after the initial evaluation of local Project Organization Unit, applicants should print and stamp the proposal and submit it with the signed agreement to the local Project Organization Unit.
5. Evaluation by the local Project Organization Unit: local Project Organization Unit should review and evaluate the application forms, and submit the eligible ones to GPDST.

Interested foreign researchers or organizations should consult their Chinese partners about the possibility of applying for a fund.

Evaluation criteria

Not available.

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Links and contacts for more information on
the programme

Applicants may contact the following officers
about questions on project application or
requirements:

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