

## Appendix F

### Major non-UGC/RGC funding streams for Research

<b>Funding body/scheme</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Funding criteria (in broad terms)</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Industry Department - Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) [replacing the Industrial Support Fund]	To promote innovation and technology in industry under one of four categories of activities, with an aim to increase the added value, productivity and competitiveness of industries	Benefits to industrial sector, relevance and capabilities of project team	Capital investment: HK\$5 billion
<i>ITF Innovation and Technology Support Programme</i>	<i>To support midstream and downstream R&amp;D projects</i>		
<i>ITF University-Industry Collaboration Programme</i>	<i>To provide matching funding for joint R&amp;D projects between HEIs and private enterprises under one of 3 schemes: matching grant for joint research, teaching company scheme, and industrial research chair scheme</i>		
<i>ITF General Support Programme</i>	<i>To support conferences, exhibitions, promotions, training and applications for patent registration</i>		
<i>ITF Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme</i>	<i>To support small technology-based enterprises to carry out pre-venture-capital stage R&amp;D activities on a commercial basis</i>		
Government – Applied Research Fund (ARF)	To invest in R&D technology ventures, and managed by three firms from the private sector	Strong local applied research and/or development content, product being commercially viable, and capabilities of project team	Capital investment: HK\$750 million
Government - Health Services Research Fund	To finance research on health care issues and the cost effectiveness of new technologies and treatment modalities	Originality, relevance to health services research, feasibility, and scientific content	Capital investment: HK\$50 million
Government – Health Care and Promotion Fund	To finance research on health care and health promotion issues	Originality, relevance to health care and promotion research, feasibility, and scientific content	Accrued interest income from a capital of HK\$80 million

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S K Yee Medical Foundation	To provide medical education and medical services for the poor and sick	Feasibility, uniqueness, track record, potential achievements, relevance, timeliness, cost effectiveness, and contribution to academic development and knowledge	Between HK\$40 and 60 million per annum, depending on investment returns
Government - Quality Education Fund	To promote quality basic school education in Hong Kong	Innovation, teacher/school development and cost effectiveness and potential for wider application and implementation	Capital investment: HK\$5 billion
Government - Environment and Conservation Fund	To promote individual behavioural and lifestyle changes for protection of the environment, through community involvement campaigns and research projects (but academic and pure research projects are routinely rejected)	Contribution to overall environment of Hong Kong, benefits to local community, and non profit making	Capital investment: HK\$100 million
Croucher Foundation	To promote science, technology and medicine in Hong Kong through education and research-related activities (research grants programme to fund projects has discontinued)	Scientific excellence and cost effectiveness of the grant (e.g. possibility of seed money, syndicated funding)	At least HK\$40 million per annum

(The information is correct as supplied by the individual funding agents to the Research Grants Council in 1999-2000.)