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Diabetes Hongkong Diabetes Care Research Fund

The Diabetes Care Research Fund, initiated and established by Diabetes Hongkong (a registered charitable organization) in 2007, seeks to foster an environment of creativity and discovery in pursuit of better understandings and practical solutions to all types of diabetes by improving treatments, finding cures and learning how to prevent the disease. Dependent entirely on voluntary donations, the Fund awards grants to support individual researchers / investigators as well as those within hospitals and academic institutions to carry out new and innovative basic and clinical diabetes research projects on the cure, control, treatment and prevention of diabetes in Hong Kong. Moreover, through disseminating research findings supported by the Fund, the mission of promoting social awareness and concern towards diabetes will be achieved.

The Fund supports researches and investigation projects initiated by doctors, nurses, dietitians, physiotherapists and anyone who are interested (particularly undergraduate students) to explore new ways in advancing the standards of care in the management of diabetes.

Application form is obtainable from *Diabetes Hongkong, Unit 1802, 18/F, Tung Hip Commercial Building, 244-252 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong* in person during office hours, by mail with self-addressed and stamped envelope, or by fax (27232207), or from the website of Diabetes Hongkong at: <http://www.diabetes-hk.org>.

Submit a completed application form together with relevant supporting documents to *The Research Committee,, Diabetes Hongkong, Unit 1802, 18/F, Tung Hip Commercial Building, 244-252 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.* Fax: 2723 2207; Email: gladdie.chu@diabetes-hk.org

Deadline for submission of third call for applications is 30 April 2011. Late, incomplete or improperly completed applications will not be considered.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Gladdie Chu by email of gladdie.chu@diabetes-hk.org.

(I) Aims

- To advance the knowledge base in clinical and health science related to diabetes care
- To advance translation of funded research into clinical care so as to reduce the chance of diabetic complications

(II) Objectives

- Supporting and stimulating clinical and health research in diabetes (in terms of both quantity and quality) so as to achieve advancement in management, cure, prevention of all types of diabetes
- Disseminating funded research results
- Encouraging, promoting and assisting the medical and allied professions in the study of and the application of knowledge and information concerning diabetes
- Coordinating and correlating the efforts of organizations, associations, societies, institutions and individuals interested in diabetes

(III) Application Guidelines

- a) The principal investigator should be a Hong Kong resident.
- b) Applications must be directly from the researchers working on the project that is the subject of the application.
- c) The sponsorship amount would normally not exceed HK\$50,000 for each research project, subject to the decision of the Research Committee. A cheque in full payment or by progress payments whichever applicable will be released directly to each successful applicant at initiation of the research project.

- d) For projects involving human subjects, written approval from the Ethics Committee of the respective hospital / institution is necessary for final approval of sponsorship.
- e) In writing up the research proposal, applicants should prepare a budget (showing payment schedule requested) and a time-frame for the research.
- f) The applications will be reviewed by the Research Committee and each applicant will normally be informed within 8 months of the closing date whether or not the application has been successful. The decision of the Research Committee will be considered as final.
- g) When considering the applications, preference will be given to:
 - i) clinical and scientific research that will have an impact on patient management / health care management
 - ii) clinical and scientific research that leads to better understanding of various disease processes
 - iii) applicants who otherwise have limited sources of funding
- h) Funding is to be used solely in respect of the specific piece of research for which the grant is awarded and can only be changed with the Research Committee's specific prior approval.
- i) Diabetes Hongkong will not bear any recurrent cost of the equipment or instrument purchased with the Fund.
- j) The Grant Holders will solely own all intellectual property rights arising from the funded projects. But they are required to grant unconditionally and irrevocably to Diabetes Hongkong the right to publish results, findings and any other information provided in the application form, progress report, completion report and other publications or publicity material.
- k) The Grant Holders should acknowledge the support of the Diabetes Hongkong Diabetes Care Research Fund when preparing their manuscripts and in all publicity material resulting from the project. The Grant Holders are obliged to inform Diabetes Hongkong of any publications that may arise from their research project as well as presentations at any conferences.
- l) A yearly progress report of the approved research projects should be sent to the Research Committee.
- m) If there is undue delay or poor progress as judged from the proposed time-frame of the research, funding can be stopped unless with special justifications.
- n) Unsatisfactory performance will affect the Grant Holder's future chance of getting funding support.
- o) Within 3 months of completion of the project, the Grant Holders have to submit the following documents to the Research Committee:-
 - i) statement of expenditure supported by original of all relevant invoices and receipts
 - ii) a report summarizing results of the funded research project
 - iii) copies of publications or publicity material produced under the project (if any)

If an extension of the submission deadline is required, approval should be obtained from the Research Committee.
- p) Any unspent balance of the grant shall be returned to Diabetes Hongkong within 3 months after the completion of the project.
- q) The Research Committee may suspend / terminate support for a project if the Grant Holder fails to comply with the funding conditions as set out in these Guidelines and no reasonable explanation has been given.
- r) In cases of termination, expenditure for a project must be suspended immediately from the date of the notice of termination. The unspent balance of the grant together with a statement of expenditure (supported by original invoices or receipts) shall be returned to Diabetes Hongkong within 1 month from the suspension or termination of a project. The Research Committee reserves the right to consider possible redeployment of the equipment acquired for the project. Any suspension or termination of a project will affect the Grant Holder's future chance of getting financial support.
- s) Diabetes Hongkong will not be responsible for any financial outlay beyond the ambit of the approved project, nor will it reimburse project expenses incurred before the date of the approval letter.
- t) Applications will not be considered if the information supplied by the applicants is incomplete or inaccurate. Diabetes Hongkong reserves the right to request for additional documents and information when processing the applications.
- u) Diabetes Hongkong may at any time, if it considers fit, amend or add to the above conditions, without prior notice.