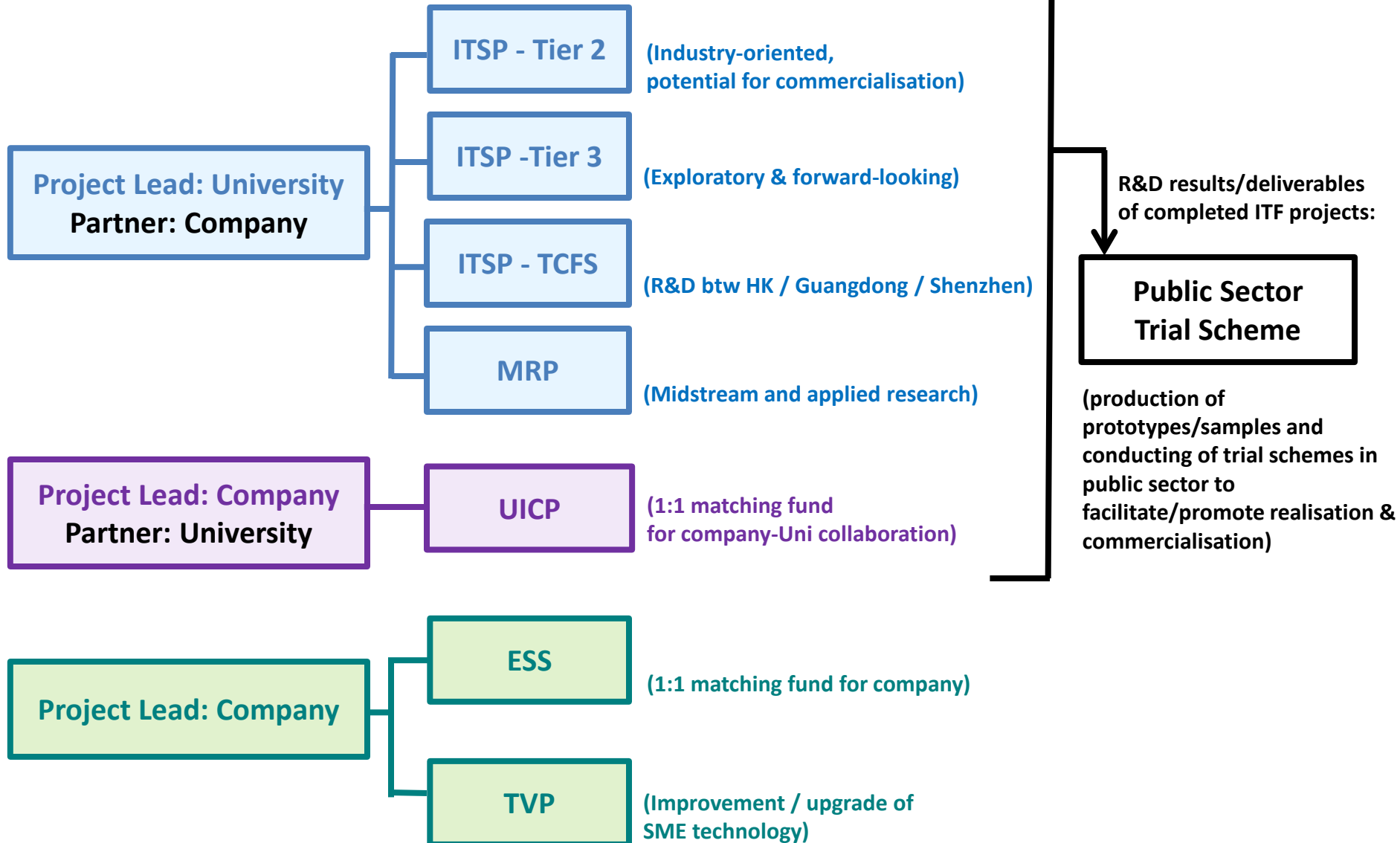




Innovation and Technology Funds (ITF): Funding Scheme Summary




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Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP)

Project Lead: Local Universities in HK


Partner: Private Companies

	Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP)			Midstream Research Programme for Universities (MRP)
	Tier 2	Tier 3	Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme (TCFS)	
Nature	Industry-oriented, potential for commercialisation	Exploratory & forward-looking	To enhance R&D collaboration btw HK / Guangdong / Shenzhen	Midstream and applied research
Duration	Not exceed 24 months	Not exceed 18 months	Not exceed 24 months	Up to 36 months
Funding Cap	\$30M, otherwise requires LegCo's approval	\$1.4M	\$30M, otherwise requires LegCo's approval	(1) Standalone : Up to \$5M (2) Collaboration : Up to \$10M (Involve multiple disciplines or research institutions)
Sponsorship from Companies (Format could be cash or in-kind)	(1) Platform : 10% of project costs (2) Collaborative : 50% of project costs [Can apply for a cash rebate (up to 40%) from the Cash Rebate Scheme]	Not mandatory	(1) Platform : 10% of project costs (2) Collaborative : 50% of project costs	Not mandatory
Intellectual Property Rights	Company sponsor <= 10%: IP rights own by university Company sponsor >= 51%: IP rights own by company			
Call for Applications	Normally twice a year (March and September)		25 May 2018	Normally twice a year (March and September)
Research Themes (Mar 2017 Round)	Smart Technologies for Helping Combat Climate Change, Healthy Ageing, Smart City, Cyber Security and FinTech (Applications not falling within the themes are also welcome)			Elderly Health and Care (esp. dementia) 
	Website		Website	Website

University-Industry Collaboration Programme (UICP)



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	University-Industry Collaboration Programme (UICP)
Nature	<p>(1) Teaching Company Scheme: To support companies to take on graduate students from local uni to assist in proprietary R&D work</p> <p>(2) Matching Grant for Joint Research: To foster companies to collaborate with uni in proprietary R&D work (Not routine applications of existing tech)</p> <p>(3) Industrial Research Chair Scheme: Industry-oriented, potential for commercialisation</p>
Duration	Not longer than 3 years
Funding Cap	<p>(1) Graduate student : \$7,500 x no more than 3 years = max \$270,000</p> <p>(2) & (3): \$15M, otherwise requires LegCo's approval</p>
Sponsorship from Companies	No less than 50% project cost (Must be in cash)
Intellectual Property Rights	Owned by company
Call for Applications	Throughout the year
More Information	 Website


Enterprise Support Scheme (ESS); Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)

Project Lead: Private Companies

	Enterprise Support Scheme (ESS)	Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)
Nature	To encourage private sector investment in R&D work in HK (Not for general business operations)	To subsidize local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in using technological services and solutions to improve productivity, or upgrade or transform their business processes
Duration	Not longer than 2 years	Not longer than 1 year
Funding Cap	Up to \$10 Million	Up to \$200,000
Sponsorship from Companies	No less than 50% project cost; Can apply for a cash rebate (up to 40%) from the Cash Rebate Scheme	No less than one-third of project cost (Govt 2:1 Company)
Intellectual Property Rights	Owned by company	NA
Call for Applications	Throughout the year	Throughout the year
More Information	 Website	 Website

Public Sector Trial Scheme (PSTS)

Project Lead: Local universities with completed ITF projects

	Public Sector Trial Scheme (PSTS)
Nature	To support production of prototypes/samples and conducting of trial schemes in the public sector to facilitate / promote the realisation / commercialisation of R&D results of completed ITF projects .
Restrictions	Use of samples/prototypes and/or conducting of trials are confined to the public sector which includes Government bureaux and departments, public bodies (e.g. Housing Authority, Airport Authority), non-profit-making trade associations , charitable organisations, etc.
Duration	~ 2 years
Funding Cap	Total sum should not exceed 50% of the actual project cost of the original ITF R&D project
Sponsorship from Companies	Not mandatory
Intellectual Property Rights	Owned by company
Call for Applications	Throughout the year
More Information	 Website