

GRANT FAQs

The Application Process

How many times can I apply?

You can apply up to 4 times per calendar year. Each project can be submitted more than once. For applicants who are past grant recipients looking to apply for the same project, the maximum number of application is twice only. Please note this does not apply to new projects.

When is the deadline?

The deadline for application is midnight (Hong Kong time) on the closing date. We strongly recommend submitting before the deadline. Grant advice and technical support is only provided during business hours and up until 5:00pm on the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

How do I apply?

The DESIGN TRUST PROJECT APPLICATION FORM can be downloaded here. In order for us to give your application the due consideration it deserves, we recommend that you fill in this form in doc format with accuracy and as much detail as you can provide. Please send in this completed application along with supplementary support documents to grantapplication@designtrust.hk.

Do I need to submit portfolios of works from all members of a collective?

For collectives, Design Trust only require a collective portfolio of the applicant group. If a collective portfolio is not available, please kindly submit all individual portfolios.

When will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

Successful or unsuccessful, all applicants will be sent via an email notification within 8 to 10 weeks of the application. All successful grant applicants will have to sign an agreement with Design Trust to undertake the responsibility of the successful implementation of the project/ work.

When will I receive payment of the grant if my application is successful?

Design Trust may provide full or partial funding of the requested amount, on a case-by-case basis. First installment of grant amount is released upon 14 days of signing of the agreement. Remaining installments, where applicable, will be released within 8 to 10 weeks from receipt of successful review(s) and/or completion reports of the project

What we fund

Do you support creative research and development?

Yes. Creative research and development is a key component in enriching knowledge regionally and internationally. You can apply for funding for research and development along with programmes that will benefit Hong Kong and the GBA.

Do you offer funding for books?

While Design Trust supports funding for books, the book must have a broad impact on Hong Kong, the GBA and internationally. Other supplementary programmes along with the book may increase the likelihood of success. We are currently working on a special funding specifically for books and publications.

Do you fund feature film, television or documentary?

While Design Trust supports funding for feature film, television or documentary, they must have a broad impact on Hong Kong, the GBA and internationally. Other supplementary programmes may increase the likelihood of success.

Do you offer funding for research as part of an academic programme?

Applications that are part of an academic programme, and that are part of assessable coursework are unlikely to be successful, depending on final decisions made by our independent panel of evaluators.

Can I include designer fees in my budget?

Yes. Design Trust expects that designers and academics professionally employed or engaged on Design Trust-funded activities will be remunerated for their work in line with industry standards. Payment of designer fees should be reflected in your application budget.

Can I include travel and living expenses in my budget?

Design Trust funding is only for direct costs on research, production, educational items, programmes, and exhibitions. Please consider funding any travel and living expenses from other sources.