

# National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars

The National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars supports young scholars who have made outstanding achievements in basic research to select their own research directions to conduct creative research, so as to speed up the growth of young scientific talents, encourage overseas talents and foster a group of prominent academic pacemakers in the forefront of world science and technology. The Fund specially supports excellent young Chinese scientists under the age of 45, who work full time in Mainland China, doing basic research in natural sciences. Mainland China mentioned in this fund refers to all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities of China except Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan.

## Eligibility of applicants

- (1) Be less than 45 years old by January 1 of the year of application;
- (2) Have good scientific ethics;
- (3) Have senior professional position (title) or have Ph.D. degrees;
- (4) Have experience of conducting basic research projects or other basic research;
- (5) Have made outstanding innovative achievements or creative research results in basic research of natural sciences that are recognized by peers both at home and abroad and have promoted the development of their own disciplines or relevant disciplines, or results that have major influence on the national economic and social development;
- (6) The proposed research has innovative ideas, clear research directions and scientific importance, is among the frontiers of international research and is urgently needed by China, and may promote the development of related areas or talent fostering;
- (7) Do not have official employment relations with foreign units;
- (8) Can guarantee to work in home institutions for at least 9 months every year.

## Notification

- (1) The National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars bases its evaluation on the academic attainment and creativity of the applicant. Please do not fill in the names of the main participants in the application form;
- (2) In the abstract part of the application, please provide “main academic achievements”;
- (3) This fund belongs to the talent category, so in the project title section, applicant should put “research area” rather than specific research title;
- (4) In the appendix section, please provide statistics of the papers indexed and cited.

## **Application submission**

Please use the general application form of NSFC's project and, according to the *Outlines for Writing Proposals for the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars*, provide accurate information, write the main text and attach relevant supplementary materials. The academic committees or expert panels of the home institutions should make rigorous selection according to the requirement, and sign the recommendation. After careful evaluation and verifying the status of full time employment of the applicant, they should submit the applications to NSFC in accordance with the requirement specified in the "Notification on several matters relevant to the application and completion report for NSFC's project in 2009" (abbreviated as the Notification).

In 2010, the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars plans to fund 200 people, each for 4 years, with the funding of 2 million yuan per person (1.4 million yuan for those in mathematics and management science).