

Science Fund for Creative Research Groups

The Science Fund for Creative Research Groups supports research groups, which have prominent middle-aged and young scientists as academic leaders and PIs, to carry out creative research focusing on key research orientations.

Applications for the Fund are recommended by the Ministry of Education, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Association for Science and Technology and the NSFC.

Candidates recommended should write applications and provide accurate information in accordance with the *Outlines for the Science Fund for Creative Research Groups*, and submit with relevant supplementary documents. After making relevant checks and signing for the recommendations, the home institutions should submit the application forms and supplementary documents (two printed copies) to NSFC.

In 2012, the Ministry of Education, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Association for Science and Technology and NSFC recommended 87 applications. After evaluation 30 projects were funded, with total funding of 176.4 million yuan. In 2013, this Fund is planning to support 30 projects for 3 years with 6 million yuan per project (4.2 million yuan each for those in mathematics and management sciences).