

# 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.

## Eligibility of applicants

1. Applicants should meet the following requirement:

- (1) Chinese citizenship;
- (2) Be under the age of 45 years old by January 1 of the year of application (born on or after January 1 of 1969);
- (3) Have good scientific integrity;
- (4) Hold senior professional position (title) or have Ph.D. degrees;
- (5) Have experience of conducting basic research projects or other basic research;
- (6) Do not have official employment relations with foreign institutions;
- (7) Guarantee to work in home institutions for at least 9 months every year.

Young Chinese scholars without Chinese citizenship may apply if meeting conditions of (2) to (7) listed above.

2. The following people may not apply:

- (1) Doing research at Post Doc station or graduate students;
- (2) Applying for the Excellent Young Scientists Fund this year;
- (3) Have on-going project of Excellent Young Scientists Fund (project ending this year excepted);
- (4) Have been awarded the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars.

## Notes to applicants

- (1) The evaluation of applicants for the National Science Fund for

Distinguished Young Scholars is based on the academic attainment and creativity of the applicant himself/herself. Therefore Names of “main participants” are not required in the application form.

- (2) Main academic achievements of the applicant should be provided in the abstract part of the application form.
- (3) Research area rather than specific research project title is required in the project title section.
- (4) For papers and citations, only a table of statistics is required;
- (5) The academic committees or expert panels of the home institutions should make rigorous selection according to the requirement, and sign the recommendation.

In 2013, the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars received 1,978 applications, and funded 198 projects, total funding amounts to 387.6 million yuan.

In 2014, the Fund plans to award 200 projects, each for 4 years, with 2 million yuan per project (1.4 million yuan per project for those in mathematics and management sciences).