

PI's and institution		Name of application
20	Zhang Naiming Yunnan Agricultural University	Studies on the influence of land utilization on agricultural non point source pollutant N, P loading in Dianchi region
	WILKEN Rolf-Dieter Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz	
21	Zhang Dongxiao Peking University	Coupling simulation and uncertainty analysis of coastal river region water resources in changing conditions of climate and land utilization
	Stefan Kollet Meteorological Institute at University of Bonn	
22	Li Xiaoyan Beijing Normal University	Water resources management in Baiyangdian region in changing environment and adaptive countermeasures
	Andreas Schumann Ruhr-University Bochum	
23	Xie Shaorong Shanghai University	Real time sand transport information acquisition system based on underwater robot
	Jianwei Zhang University of Hamburg	

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NSFC Set Up Department of Medical Sciences

Recently NSFC set up Department of Medical Sciences. Up to now, NSFC has 8 scientific departments.

The newly formed Department of Medical Sciences will follow the principle of supporting free exploration of scientists and research of national need. It encourages research aimed at disease prevention and control, emphasizes on basic research and fostering research talents, stresses on international cooperation, promotes development of research in traditional Chinese medicine and original research, and aims at raising basic medical research and applied basic medical research in China.

According to Prof. Chen Yiyu, the president of NSFC, setting up **Department of Medical Sciences** is to match the development of medical research which justifies the forming of an independent department by separating from the Department of Life Sciences. This is also a major initiative of the government to pay more attention to the life of the people, to increase the health level of the Chinese people, as well as to promote total, coordinated and sustainable development of society and economy. In addition, NSFC requires making adjustment of its organizational structure of disciplines and improving its management. In recent years, in terms of number of applications received each year and total amount of funding, the Department of Life Sciences accounts for near 1/3 of NSFC's total. Therefore, it is necessary to set up an independent department to do the job of supporting medical sciences.

A system of application code, sound and healthy expert evaluation system and good and professional management team for the Department of Medical Sciences is the core and the key to the work of this newly formed department.