

# Science Fund for Creative Research Groups

In order to provide steady support to frontier research topics in basic science and to foster and bring up researchers and research groups with innovative abilities, NSFC has set up the Science Fund for Creative Research Groups.

The Fund supports research groups which carry out basic research or applied basic research in China focusing on key research orientations and which have prominent young scientists as pacemakers or backbones.

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

Candidates recommended should submit applications and supplementary materials, and fill in the general application form of NSFC project with accurate information in accordance with the outlines for writing the application for the Science Fund for Creative Research Groups. After making relevant checks and signing for the recommendations, the home institutions shall submit the application forms and supplementary materials (two copies in paper form) to NSFC.

**The Fund plans to support around 30 groups in 2010. The funding for each group is 5 million yuan for 3 years (3.5 million yuan per group for research groups in mathematics and management sciences).**