**Guideline for General Program**

I. Areas of funding

There is no restriction on the field of application. Applicants can choose the appropriate field of application according to the discipline classification of natural sciences, such as mathematics and science, chemistry, life science, earth science, engineering, information, management and medicine.

II. Funding Amount and Duration

The funding amount of the project is **100,000 RMB/project** and the implementation period will **not exceed 3 years**. The project funds will be allocated in one lump sum and the "lump sum system" will be implemented on a trial basis. Projects will be selected on the basis of competitive selection, and the eastern and northwestern regions of Guangdong will be supported on the basis of appropriate proportion.

III. Basic conditions for applicants

The applicant is the actual person in charge of the project and should be a full-time staff member of a provincial fund-supporting institution in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and should meet the following conditions.

(1) Possession of relevant basic theoretical knowledge and independent research capacity, and the ability to secure the time to devote to project research.

(2) Have undertaken or participated in basic and applied fundamental research projects or other experience in conducting fundamental research.

(3) No more than two projects are ongoing and hosted by the applicant of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (which have been established before the start of the application and have not yet been approved and concluded) in the applicant's research.

(4) Applicants should not be currently leading provincial key area research and development projects, provincial major projects in basic and applied basic research, provincial key foundation projects, outstanding youth program, research team projects, or major basic research incubation projects.

(5) Scientific and technical personnel who are conducting research in postdoctoral workstations should make reasonable arrangements for their research time to ensure the smooth implementation of their projects.

IV. Budgetary requirements

This year the Genera Program adopts pilot "lump sum" for the use of project funds, with no need to report specific expenditures for budgets, which will be implemented as follows:

1. There is no limit on the proportion of direct expenditures by budget items, and project leaders can decide the usage independently. The expenditure of the funds should actually be used for project research expenditures, and the indirect expenditure ratio should be implemented in accordance with the relevant provisions on the management of provincial financial research project funds.

(2) The expenditure of funds should be in accordance with the scope and standard of the provincial financial research project funds. The standards of expenditure of the funds of Hong Kong and Macao institutions can refer to the relevant regulations on the management of local research funds.

(3) The infrastructure construction fee cannot be listed.

(4) The final financial statement shall be submitted at the time of acceptance of the project.

V. Requirements for expected results

The project leader should produce at least one paper of high academic quality (calculated based on the acknowledge to the name of this funding). In addition, we encourage the publication of papers in outstanding Chinese journals. The ability to undertake science and technology plans and fund projects at the provincial and ministerial levels should be greatly improved. The results of the project should be in the form of theses, monographs, patents, training of talents, acquisition of national projects, national International exchanges, academic contributions and scientific and technological reports are the main forms.

VI. Requirements for Cooperative Research

1. In addition to the leading host institution, the number of collaborative research institutions in the project is generally limited to 2.

(2) If the main project participants include persons from outside the host institution (including Graduate students, but not those from outside the country), their institution is considered to be a collaborative research institution. The applicants who are currently working outside China, should take part in the project as individual participant and to participate in the project application, an electronic scanned document of the "Letter of Informed Consent for Foreigners" (template can be downloaded from the system) must be uploaded in the online application system; Hong Kong and Macao personnel can participate in the project application in their personal capacity or as a joint research institution.

(3) The host institution and the collaborating research institution should sign a cooperation agreement before the application is submitted (or contract, as follows), and to indicate the allocation of funds in the budget. The Cooperative Research Agreements need not be submitted and remain on file at the host institution for future checking. A collaborative research agreement may not be entered into for collaborative research if the institutions have agreed not to allocate the fund externally.