**Guideline for Outstanding Youth 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 **1,000,000 RMB/project** and the implementation period is **usually** **4 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

Applicants should also meet the following conditions.

(1) Not older than **40 years** of age [i.e. born on or after January 1, 1981].

(2) Obtaining a doctoral degree or possessing a technical title of associate senior or above (the certificate of degree or documentary evidence of title must be uploaded in the system).

( 3) Experience in basic and applied fundamental research projects at the provincial or ministerial level or above (supporting materials such as project contracts, task letters or approval letters for the conclusion of projects undertaken or participated in project research must be uploaded in the system).

1. Personnel who are employed full-time in a host institution in Guangdong Province (at least one of the proof of their employment in the host institution such as employment contract, social insurance certificate of the last three months and tax payment certificate must be uploaded in the system).

IV. Limitation for Application

A person may not apply for an outstanding youth project if he or she has the circumstance of one of the followings:

1. National talent program project awardees (including awardees of the National Distinguished Young Scientist Fund and the National Outstanding Young Scientists Fund, etc.).

2. The applicant is applying for the "Pearl River Scholars Program" of Guangdong Province for the Chair Professor or Distinguished Professor Project, Introduced Innovative Entrepreneurial Team Leaders, and Local Innovation and Research Team leaders, Introduced Leading Talents, Technology and Innovation Leading Talents of “Pearl River Talent Plan”, and Distinguished Talents, Science and Technology Innovation Leading Talents of “Guangdong Special Support Plan” or have received support from the above-mentioned talent scheme projects.

3. Applicant who are applying or in the support period of Young Scholar Program awardees of "Pearl River Scholar Program", “Pearl River Talent Plan”Top-notch Outstanding Young Talent or "Guangdong Special Support Plan" Top-notch Outstanding Young Talent.

4. Project coordinator of the Research Team Program of the Guangdong Basic and Applied Basic Research Foundation and awardee of the Natural Science Foundation's Outstanding Youth Program.

5. Postdoctoral researchers who are currently working in the station.