**Application** **Guide** **for** **2020** **Guangdong-Dongguan** **Collaborative** **Fund** **Youth** **Fund** **Project**

**I. Application Requirements**

Youth Fund Project is open to the whole province. The applicant must apply through the provincial fund host institution within Guangdong Province. Meanwhile, the following condition should be satisfied:

(I) The applicant has never hosted national or provincial science and technology programs (including National Natural Science Foundation of China and provincial fund projects) as a project leader or coordinator.

(II) The age of the applicant should not exceed 35 years old [born after January 1, 1985 (including)]. For the female, the age should not exceed 38 years old [born after January 1, 1982 (including)].

(III) The applicant should have the doctorate or associate senior professional technical qualification and above (subject to the diploma or job title certificate annex submitted in the system).

(IV) The applicant should be an current employed staff of the fund supporting institution within Guangdong Province or staff employed by two organizations (at least one of the following certificates must be uploaded, including the certificate of employment at the supporting institution, employment contract, social security proof in recent three months and payment certificate of individual income tax).

(V) If the applicant is a postdoctoral researcher, he/she should rationally arrange the time to ensure the project is implemented smoothly.

(VI) The applicant should meet the application requirements in the text of the Notification.

**II. Award Size and Implementation Period**

The project funding intensity is **RMB 100,000/per project**, and the implementation period is generally **3 years**. The project fund is appropriated on a lump-sum basis.

**III. Supported Fields and Directions**

The applicant meeting conditions can independently choose the theme from eight discipline fields: mathematics & physics, chemistry, life, earth, industrial material, information, management and medicine.

**IV. Expected Achievements and Requirements**

The independent research ability and the ability of the project leader to undertake science and technology programs and fund projects at ministerial and provincial level or above in the discipline field will improve greatly.

At least 1 paper with high academic quality (subject to the annotated fund project) should be published in domestic or overseas periodicals, or at least 1 patent for invention should be applied. At least 1 scientific report should be submitted. The publication of papers in excellent domestic journals is encouraged.

**V. Relevant Description**

(I) Please choose special application of "Regional collaborative Fund - Youth Fund Project" for Youth Fund Project.

(II) All youth fund projects of provincial collaborative funds (including Guangdong-Guangzhou, Guangdong-Shenzhen and Guangdong-Foshan and Guangdong-Dongguan collaborative funds) should be uniformly reviewed, and the excellent ones should be chosen for approval. The prefectural and municipal projects of supporting institutions with joint contribution of capital should be supported at an appropriate proportion.

(III) The "lump sum system" is tried for the expenditure of Youth Fund Project. The specific discipline budget of expenditure is not needed. The following requirements should be followed:

1. The proportion restriction of disciplines is not set for direct expenditure, and the project leader can autonomously regulate the fund use. The expenditure should be actually applied for project research;

2. The indirect expenditure proportion should be subject to relevant regulations of financial funds for provincial scientific research projects;

3. The capital construction fees shall not be listed;

4. The final statement of expenditure must be submitted when the project is concluded and accepted.