

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)
National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars (DYSF)
and Excellent Young Scientists Fund (EYSF) 2024
(For Reference Only)*

| | (I) National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars (傑青) | (II) Excellent Young Scientists Fund (優青) |
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| Nature | The highest level of talent scheme under NSFC with an aim to support talented young researchers to elevate their research and become prominent scientific pioneers. | To nurture talented young researchers and to support them in developing their research capability in scientific frontiers. |
| Funding Amount per Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMB 4,000,000 (Direct Cost + Indirect Cost[#]) ▪ RMB 2,800,000 (Direct Cost + Indirect Cost[#]) for applications in Divisions of Mathematical Sciences and Management Sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMB 2,000,000 (Direct Cost + Indirect Cost) |
| Project Duration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 years |
| Eligibility Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Male</u>: 45 or below (DOB: on/after 1 Jan 1979); <u>Female</u>: 48 or below (DOB: on/after 1 Jan 1976) ▪ Full time academic staff at Assistant Professor / Research Assistant Professor rank or above. ▪ Past Awardees of the Excellent Young Scientists Fund should complete the project on or before 31 December 2024 to be eligible for applying for the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Male</u>: 38 or below (DOB: on/after 1 Jan 1986); <u>Female</u>: 40 or below (DOB: on/after 1 Jan 1984) ▪ Full time academic staff at Assistant Professor / Research Assistant Professor rank or above. |

* *Details of application requirements for 2025 exercise are subject to changes by the NSFC, including but not limited to eligibility requirements, quota, and application guidelines. The NSFC call circular is expected to be issued in January 2025.*

The internal overhead rates will apply. Please refer to "[Policy on Research](#)" for details.

For further details about the schemes, please visit NSFC's website:

- [Application Guidelines](#) and [Manual for application submission](#);
- Information on the Schemes: [DYSF](#), [EYSF](#);
- [Proposal template for DYSF](#);
- [Proposal template for EYSF](#);
- [Quick Guide to NSFC's Flexible Project Fund Arrangement](#).