

Natural Science Award Application Form

Completion Guidelines

The Application Form for the Natural Science Award is a fundamental document and the primary basis for award assessment. It must be completed conscientiously and truthfully in strict accordance with the requirements set out in this document.

I. Basic Information

1. Project title: The Chinese title shall not exceed 30 characters, and the foreign language title shall not exceed 30 words. The title shall accurately reflect the main research content and characteristics of the major scientific discoveries.

2. Project start & end date: The start date refers to the date on which the project commenced its research work, as marked by project approval, task assignment, contract signing, or other similar arrangements. The completion date refers to the publication date of the most recent paper listed under “V. Representative Papers/Monographs”.

3. Field of science and technology: Fill in the names of disciplines in the same order as the disciplinary categories corresponding to each scientific discovery listed under “IV. Major Scientific Discoveries”.

4. Project funding status: The project name, project number, and task source shall be provided and listed in order of relevance to the current project. Task sources include: national-level programs; provincial, municipal, or autonomous region programs; science and technology fund support; enterprises; others.

II. Project Summary

This part shall not exceed 1,200 words. It shall include the project’s main research content, major scientific discoveries, scientific value, and citations and assessments by peers, among others.

III. Objective Assessment

This part shall not exceed 2,400 words. Provide an objective, truthful, and accurate assessment focusing on the originality, scientific consensus, and scientific value of the scientific discoveries. The assessment shall be supported by objective evidence, primarily including academic assessment opinions publicly published by domestic and overseas peers in leading academic journals/monographs and in proceedings of significant

international academic conferences, as well as important domestic and overseas science and technology awards. **Non-public materials (such as private letters) shall not be used as supporting evidence.**

IV. Major Scientific Discoveries

This part shall not exceed 5 pages. It is the core content of the application form and an important basis for project evaluation and for handling objections.

Focusing on the originality, scientific consensus, and scientific value of the scientific discoveries, the applicant shall provide an objective, truthful, and accurate exposition that synthesizes and refines the creative aspects; this part shall not include assessment content.

The scientific discoveries shall be listed in order of importance. Before describing each scientific discovery, the name of its subject category and the serial number(s) of the supporting representative papers/monographs shall first be indicated.

All explanations, arguments, and experimental results involving substantive research content **shall be supported by relevant evidentiary materials.**

V. Representative Papers/Monographs

No more than 5 items may be listed. Provide detailed information on the representative papers/monographs that substantiate “IV. Major Scientific Discoveries” of this project, in order of importance.

The listed papers/monographs **shall have been publicly published in formal publications or formally issued at least two years** prior to the date on which applications for the award start to be accepted. The date of online publication may be regarded as the publication date of a paper, provided that it is clearly indicated in the electronic version of the paper or otherwise evidenced by a separate certificate of online publication date. Monographs must be formally published by a publishing house; printed materials without an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) shall not be listed as monographs.

VI. Citations of Representative Papers/Monographs by Others

No more than 8 items may be listed. Follow the order of the papers/monographs listed in “V. Representative Papers/Monographs” and ensure that the cited content is clearly marked in the appendices.

VII. Previous Science and Technology Awards Received by This Project

Information shall be provided on any science and technology awards granted by national-level, provincial, or ministerial-level, or other science and technology awards

established by social organizations with the approval of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, as well as science and technology awards established by international organizations and foreign governments.

VIII. Applicant Information

1. Applicant(s): Applicants shall be the **first author** or **corresponding author** of the papers/monographs listed under “V. Representative Papers/Monographs”. If the concept of first author or corresponding author does not apply to certain disciplines, a supplementary explanation shall be provided. The applicants shall be listed in order of their contribution to this project, and the total number shall not exceed 5 persons.

2. Affiliated organization(s): State the organizations that were legally **established in Macao or in the Cooperation Zone** at the time when the applicant carried out the main research work of this project.

3. Period of involvement in this project: The start date of participation shall be later than the project start date, and the end date shall be determined according to the actual circumstances and is not limited by the project completion date.

4. Contributions to the major scientific discoveries of this project: This part shall not exceed 300 words. The applicant shall specify the substantive contributions made to this project and indicate which scientific discovery listed under “IV. Major Scientific Discoveries” and which representative paper/monograph listed under “V. Representative Papers/Monographs” each contribution corresponds to. For scientific discoveries jointly completed with others, the applicant shall clearly describe his/her specific contributions independent of co-authors and indicate the reference number(s) of the evidentiary materials in the appendices that support the applicant's contributions.

5. Science and Technology Awards previously received by the individual: This part shall not exceed 200 words. Provide the title of the awarded project, name of the award, grade of the award, award-granting organization, and date of award.

IX. Appendices

1. Identification documents and relevant supporting documents of the applicant: Identification document(s) of the applicant; non-Macao residents shall also submit a certificate of enrollment issued by a higher education institution whose main campus is located in Macao or documentary proof of a Macao SAR work permit.

Electronic version: Submit scanned copies.

Paper version: Submit photocopies consistent with the electronic version.

2. Two letters of recommendation issued by individuals at associate professor level or above (or equivalent position level)

Electronic version: Submit scanned copies.

Paper version: Submit originals.

3. Statement of Intellectual Property Liability: Must be signed by all applicants.

Electronic version: Submit scanned copies.

Paper version: Submit originals.

4. Statement of collaborators' consent to use the outcomes for the relevant award application: Must be signed by all collaborators.

Electronic version: Submit scanned copies.

Paper version: Submit originals.

5. Representative papers/monographs

Electronic version: For papers, submit the full text; for monographs, submit the cover, copyright page, core content pages, and bibliography.

Paper version: For representative papers, submit the first page; for monographs, submit the copyright page and the page bearing the International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

6. Representative citations

Electronic version: For representative citations, submit the first page, pages containing the citation, and the bibliography; for monographs, submit the cover, copyright page, pages containing the citation, and the bibliography.

Paper version: For representative citations, submit the first page; for monographs, submit the copyright page.

7. Citation search report

Electronic version: Citation search report on the representative papers/monographs.

Paper version: Submit photocopies consistent with the electronic version.

8. Proof of previously received science and technology awards

Electronic version: Submit scanned copies of award certificates or diplomas.

Paper version: Submit photocopies consistent with the electronic version.

9. Other supporting documents: Refers to supporting materials substantiating the major scientific discoveries of this project, the objective assessment, and the applicant's academic contributions.

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