

# **Application Instruction**

## **Benyuan Fund - Young Investigator Exploration Award in Life Sciences**

This program supports fundamental research conducted by early career scientists, with the scientific creativity, drive, and uncompromisable integrity to go after the truth.

The foundation provides CNY800,000 in research funding, over maximum 5 years, to 3-5 junior principal investigators each year.

Application opens on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, and ends at 18:00 (Beijing time), 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The result will be announced at the end of March 2025. (At the present time, the program is only offered to applicants from institutions and universities in Mainland China.)

### **Eligibility**

- Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent degree
- Candidates must be members of the faculty of a college, an university, or an institution in Mainland China
- Candidates must be tenure-track (or equivalent), though untenured, as of 30 November of nomination year

### **Materials required:**

(Please combine the following materials into **ONE** PDF document)

1. Application form (download at [www.benyuancharity.com](http://www.benyuancharity.com))
2. A copy of photo ID (Chinese ID card or Passport)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Research statement (detail please see below)
5. Up to two selected publications (full length articles to be attached)

### **Research statement should include the following 3 components:**

- **Vision statement:** outline your central research directions, vision for your research program, and its potential impact on the field of life science research (1-page maximum).
- **Previous research accomplishment:** summarize your previous research and academic accomplishment (1-page maximum).
- **Research plan:** although this is not a project-specific award, we request that you provide a proposal that exemplifies the types of projects being undertaken in your lab, including sections on summary, background/motivation, specific aims, experimental design, expected outcomes, and potential to transform the field (3-page maximum including figures/tables and references).

### **Formatting requirements:**

- Please combine all files into **ONE PDF** file in the indicated order and send it to [benyuancharity@163.com](mailto:benyuancharity@163.com). Please name your application document as **Name\_Field1/Field2\_institution**, for example: JohnSmith\_cell biology/immunology\_ABC university.pdf. (Note: choose up to three fields)

Field list: cell biology, neuroscience, immunology, microbiology, developmental biology, cancer biology, metabolism, nucleic acid & protein biochemistry, genetics, epigenetics, structural biology, bioinformatics & computational biology, systematic and evolutionary biology, biotechnology, chemical biology.

- Research statement should be written in English. Minimum 0.5-inch margins and a minimum font size of 11 points. Smaller text in figures, tables, and captions is appropriate, if it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. Please use adequate type density, line spacing, and font choice to ensure legibility.



**Please bear in mind, due to heavy workload, we will not be sending reminders to those applications with format error or missing documents.**