

Academia Sinica Investigator Award

Operation Guidelines and Selection Procedures

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I. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Award is to encourage outstanding researchers from all disciplines in Academia Sinica to concentrate perseveringly on their research works without the constraints of the regular grant applications. Academia Sinica will provide the award recipients with sufficient resources to pursue the original study. They are expected to produce cutting-edge achievements and receive the recognition as the top scholar of the particular field in the future.

II. Funding of the Award

1. Academia Sinica will consider awardees' present research scale and provide adequate financial support for a five-year term.
2. Each awardee is required to submit a progress report annually and a final report at the completion of the five-year term.

III. Nomination of Candidates

1. Candidates must be nominated by the member of the Advisory Committee or the Head of the Institute. Direct applications will NOT be accepted.
2. The research faculty of Academia Sinica (namely distinguished research fellow, research fellow and associated research fellow) with the recognition as an independent and qualified investigator can be a candidate by nomination. Current Directors of Institutes and Research Centers shall not be nominated as candidates.
3. Nominations must include the following documents:
 - (1) A recommendation letter from the nominator in support of the nominee.
 - (2) A curriculum vitae, a list of research publications, a list of current research support (including the project title, budget funded, the funding agent and the term of execution) and a research statement describing the accomplishment attained in the past, the focus of current study, the research plan in the future, the significance of research work and annual

funding needed for the five-year period.

(3) Five reprints of representative publications.

IV. Review Process

1. Academia Sinica will invite distinguished research investigators to form a selection committee and external reviewer board for each of following divisions: Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Life Sciences.
2. Each individual candidate will be evaluated by several external reviewers at first round. Then, all external reviews will be conveyed to the selection committee.
3. The selection committee will convene for the selection of winners and recommend the finalists as Awardees.

V. The document takes effect from the date of approval by Academia Sinica. Amendments take the same procedure.

VI. Should an awardee of the Award be involved in academic ethics violations, his or her case will be processed according to the “Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Ethics Committees at All Levels, Academia Sinica.”

In the event of inconsistency between the English Guidelines and the Chinese version, the latter shall prevail.