



Regulations for the Laboratory Open Fund Project

Domestic and overseas scientists and technicians in Marine Sciences and Earth Sciences, whose research objectives are conformable to the main research fields of the State Key Laboratory of Marine Geology (hereinafter referred to as the Laboratory), can apply for the Laboratory Open Fund Project.

1. Funding Priorities

Funding priorities will be given to applicants who will carry out fundamental and original researches by utilizing the scientific instruments and samples available in the Laboratory (samples, data, testing and analytical instruments, marine equipment, and PC clusters, etc). A formal application shall state specifically the research plan on the utilization of available resources of the Laboratory, the relevance of the planned research to the main research focuses of the Laboratory, and approaches for future cooperation.

2. Duration and Support

Each project funded will have a two-year duration with a total budget not exceeding 100,000 RMB. The Laboratory will consider the request for extending the funding duration from those PIs who will have made important progress in the funding period.

3. Application, Evaluation, Annual Review and Termination:

Call for applications will be issued twice a year (June/December) according to Guidelines for the Laboratory Open Fund Project Application of the Laboratory. Open Fund Project proposals will be preliminarily examined by the Laboratory, and then evaluated by the Academic Working Group, and finally assessed and approved by the Academic Committee. After one year of the project (before Jun.30th/Dec.31th), the annual progress report should be submitted in paper. The final project report is also required.

4. Budget and Grant

The use and management of the open fund should abide by related financial regulations of state key laboratories by Ministry of Science and Technology of China. Budget shall be planned in accordance with the actual expenditure, and on a half-year basis. Grants unused will be withdrawn at the end of each half-year budget period and on the Project's expiration date. The grant shall only be used in supporting PIs to visit and work in the Laboratory, covering analytical and testing fees, travel expenses(), hostel fees, living allowances (300 RMB/day,), material and publishing fees, and other relevant costs for academic activities incurred from the funded research.

The allocated fund for each Open Fund Project will not be transferred to the PI's institute, as all costs shall be reimbursed later in the Financial Department of Tongji University. The grant



Reimbursement

Follow-up Management

Achievement annotation