

NSTC Directions for the Appeal for Research Project Subsidization

Application Review

Amended per NSTC Letter No. 1110048674 issued on July 28, 2022

I. The National Science and Technology Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council” or “NSTC”) has formulated the Directions herein to handle the appeals regarding the research project subsidization application review of the Council and establish an objective and impartial review system.

II. Where an application for the research project subsidy by the Council is not approved after review, the applicant (i.e., the “principal investigator”) with any dispute over the review result may file an appeal with reasons specified to the Council. Nevertheless, applications that have been approved for funding after review may not be appealed.

The “dispute” in the preceding paragraph herein refer to the belief that there is a clear bias in the comment of the project content, affecting the evaluation of the entire project, and for such fact concrete evidence can be provided.

The research projects that may be appealed under Paragraph 1 shall conform to the provisions of the appeal acceptance notice of the Council.

III. The appellant shall fill out the appeal form within the deadline specified by the Council after receiving the review results of the application for research project subsidization by the Council for the original applicant institution to formally submit the appeal. Late submission will result in rejection of the appeal.

Where the appellant has transferred to another institution, and the new institution is also an entity subsidized by the Council, the appeal shall be formally submitted by the new institution instead.

IV. The appeal form should be filled out by the appellant in the format of the table as attached, item by item, including:

(I) General information; and

(II) Account for the appeal: The appellant should provide a specific account of the disputed review results within the scope of the project proposal originally submitted. Any supplementary materials may be submitted together for reference.

V. Upon acceptance of an appeal, the appeal shall be forwarded by the relevant academic departments of the Council to external scholars and experts for review. The review results will be submitted to the Review Committee for the Appeal for the Research Project Subsidized by the Council, comprising the Deputy Minister and the directors of academic departments, for deliberation, before the Council issues a formal response.

The aforementioned review process period, except for special circumstances, shall conclude, and a formal response will be issued, within 3 months from the deadline for the appeal submission.