**Annex 1.** **Young Academic Talents Award (YATA) Implementation Measures**

1. **YATA Program**

The Center for NSE encourages postgraduates and undergraduates to apply for the YATA. This program encourages teamwork, and team members are up to three persons. YATA Program includes an undergraduate program and a postgraduate program. Only undergraduates can apply for the undergraduate program, while both undergraduates and postgraduates are allowed to apply for the postgraduate program (the team leader must be a postgraduate student). The scholarship for an individual or a team will be disbursed in three tranches. The implementation of the YATA program will be divided into four stages:

**Stage 1. First-Round Review**: Please submit your application, which includes basic personal information, research proposal (please refer to *Template for the Research Proposal*, both English and Chinese are acceptable but English is preferred), research schedule, budget and CVs, at http://jsform.com/f/g2mx4v before 24 pm (Beijing time) of November 16th, 2015. Candidates who are shortlisted in the first-round review will be notified by email. The shortlist can also be found on the official website of National School of Development before November 30th, 2015.

**Stage 2. Second-Round Review**: The shortlisted candidates will receive comments from the academic review committee before November 30th, 2015 and these candidates need to submit their revised research proposals, research schedules and budgets again before December 14th, 2015 via email (nseresearch@nsd.pku.edu.cn). The winners in second-round review will be able to receive the first part of funding support (30%). At the same time, the Center for NSE will appoint mentors for each selected team.

**Stage 3. Mid-term Evaluation**: The teams that have passed the second review stage should submit the mid-term reports before the end of May 10th, 2016 via email (nseresearch@nsd.pku.edu.cn). The academic review committee will provide comments according to the submitted mid-term reports. Those who pass the mid-term evaluation will obtain the second part of funding (30%). If the research teams cannot submit a qualified mid-term report on time, the Center for NSE will suspend their scholarship.

**Stage 4. Final Evaluation**: The teams that have passed mid-term evaluation should submit the final report before the end of September 25th, 2016 via email (nseresearch@nsd.pku.edu.cn). Both Chinese and English will be acceptable. If the research teams cannot submit a qualified final report on time, the Center for NSE will terminate their scholarship. After successfully passing the review of the final reports, NSERC will recommend the outstanding papers to top academic journals while allocating the third tranche of funding to the teams.

1. **NSE Paper Award**

The Center for will grant awards to research teams (or individuals) that are supported by YATA program and have published their research papers in academic journals. The bonus will be up to RMB 25,000. Please refer to the *NSE Paper Award Implementation Measures* for further information.

1. **NSE Data Award**
The Center for NSE will grant awards to research teams (or individuals) that collect and share research data (both raw and processed data) which helps to advance the NSE empirical research. The bonus will be from RMB 1,000 to RMB 5,000 according to efforts during the collection process as well as the quality of the submitted data.
2. **NSE Special Research Fund Workshop**
Excellent researchers who gain funding from the YATA program will have the opportunity to present their papers at the NSE Special Research Fund Workshop followed by the NSE International Conference held in December every year. Candidates can apply for the NSE Special Research Fund Workshop before Oct. 15th every year via email (nseresearch@nsd.pku.edu.cn). The Center for New Structural Economics will inform the successful teams or individuals before November 1st through E-mail and post a list of selected ones on the official website of the National School of Development. All selected applicants will have the opportunity to participate in the subsequent NSE International Conference.
3. **Duty of Researchers**

The teams (individuals) that are supported by the YATA program are expected to submit their research findings on time. All (non-classified) data collected during the research process will be an open source to be submitted to the Center for NSE, which will help to deepen the NSE empirical research. The Center for NSE will compile the final reports as a series of working papers. The authors should acknowledge the financial support of the “New Structural Economics Special Research Fund” when their working papers are published.