

# Alibaba DAMO Academy Young Fellow Award

## FAQ (2024)

### 1. Which areas does the award focus on?

The 2024 award mainly focuses on four research directions: theoretical contributions, scientific exploration, technological breakthroughs, and engineering practice.

It targets researchers engaged in basic theoretical research, innovative application research, and interdisciplinary applications. The areas include Information Science and Engineering, Emerging and Interdisciplinary subjects, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Materials, Life Sciences, Medicine, Astronomy, Geography, Agronomy and Atmospheric Science.

### 2. What are the criteria for the application?

The applicants should be engaged in full-time scientific research at universities, research institutes, or new-type R&D institutions in China and must have obtained a Ph.D. Degree. The age of applicants should be 35 years old and below (for the applicants in 2024, they are born on or after January 1, 1989). The areas include Information Science and Engineering, Emerging and Interdisciplinary subjects, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Materials, Life Sciences, Medicine, Astronomy, Geography, Agronomy and Atmospheric Science.

### 3. When is the deadline of the application?

Nominators must send the nomination letter or video to the following email address : [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com) by 23:59, June 10, 2024.

Applicants (including those nominated and the independent applicants) should send their documents and files to complete the application process to the following email address: [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com) by 23:59, June 28, 2024. Applications completed after the deadline will not be accepted.

### 4. Can applicants update the submitted documents and files?

Applicants can update their documents and files with detailed explanation files before the deadline by 23:59 on June 28, 2024. Only the latest document and files submitted will be evaluated.

### 5. What are the requirements for the validity of the nomination letter?

To ensure the validity of the nomination, the nominator must send the nomination letter from their personal email to the email address of the Organizing Committee. The letter should specifically address the award application; otherwise, it will be considered invalid.

### 6. How to apply for the award?

**Self-application:** Applicants must send their personal application materials to the Young Fellow Award Organizing Committee by 23:59 28th June 2024 via [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com). No expert nomination letter is required.

**Expert nominations:** No less than three nominations are required, and insufficient nominations will be considered invalid. The nominated experts must be academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, overseas academicians, or have senior professional titles (professor, researcher, professor-level senior engineer, chief physician, chief pharmacist, etc.).

The expert nomination letter or nomination video needs to be sent directly by the expert using his or her own email address. Nominators are required to send the nomination letter or video to the Young Fellow Award Organizing Committee by 23:59 10th June 2024 via [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com).

After the nomination is initiated, the organizing committee will notify the applicant and the nominator by email. Applicants are required to send their application materials to the Young Fellow Award Organizing Committee by 23:59 28th June 2024 via [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com).

**Nomination by professional institutes:** It will be nominated by the national first-class society, and the nomination list will be provided to the Organizing Committee of the Damo Academy Young Fellow Award. After the nomination is made, the organizing committee will notify the applicant by email. Applicants are required to send their application materials to the Young Fellow Award Organizing Committee by 23:59 28th June 2024 via [DAMO\\_YOUNG\\_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com](mailto:DAMO_YOUNG_FELLOW@alibabacloud.com).

#### **7. Is there any limitation on the nationality of the applicants and the nominators?**

There is no limitation.

#### **8. Can applicants in previous years (who did not win the award) submit their application again?**

Yes, they can submit their application again as long as they meet the application requirements.

#### **9. Can nominator nominate candidates from the same institute?**

Yes, nominators should be academicians from the Chinese Academy of Science or the Chinese Academy of Engineering, foreign academicians, or experts with senior professional titles.

#### **10. Does the award focus on research achievement or research proposals?**

Both will be taken in consideration.

#### **11. How does the award keep the fairness?**

The award's evaluation system includes rule of recusal, where experts with a conflict of interest related to the applicant should recuse themselves during the evaluation process. The conflicts of interest eligible to the recusal include, but are not limited to, teacher-student relationships, family relationships (direct or collateral), members of the same research team, or nominator or references of the candidate, etc.

#### **12. How can the applicants' intellectual property be protected?**

All staff related to this award should take liabilities of confidentiality under the relevant laws and regulations for all the documents and files submitted to the award evaluation, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. Applicants shouldn't upload any confidential documents or files in the online submission.

**13. Can applicants check the progress of the evaluation, or receive feedback from the review panel?**

After the applicant's documents and files successfully pass the formation review, a confirmation email will be sent out. Then a notice of defence review will be sent via email to the applicants if their application is qualified in the evaluation stage. Feedback will be given by the review panel during the defence review session, and no feedback will be given in other stages.

**14. What criteria are mainly considered during the evaluation?**

The evaluation focuses on the innovation and originality of the scientific research achievements, the value and academic influence of the research findings, the maturity and practicality of the technology, the sustainability and future potential quality, as well as the research integrity and ethics.

**15. What is the evaluation process and the timeline for the award in 2024?**

The Organizing Committee conducts an official review (June - July, 2024), expert panel conducts correspondence review (July - August, 2024), expert panel conducts on-site review (August - September, 2024), deliberation of results and announcement of winners (September - October, 2024).

**16. Are there any restrictions on the use of prize money by the winner?**

Null ◦ The winner has discretionary use of the prize money.