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About the New Cornerstone Researcher Program

The New Cornerstone Investigator Program is an independent, nonprofit funding initiative for basic research that focuses on original innovation and encourages free exploration. In 2022, Tencent pledged to provide RMB10 billion over 10 years to establish the New Cornerstone Investigator Program and facilitate exceptional scientists to devote themselves to basic research in a stable, long-term manner, realising original innovations from 0 to 1. The New Cornerstone Science Laboratory was established by the New Cornerstone Science Foundation. It is a platform for the foundation to support the New Cornerstone researchers to carry out scientific research work and academic exchanges.