

Application Guidelines for FY 2024 RIMD Joint Research Projects

Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, or RIMD, Osaka University is currently calling for proposals of FY2024 Joint Research Projects. As part of our Joint Research Center programs, we have been promoting advanced joint research concerning various infections. RIMD also devotes our knowledge, technology, research resources, and research facilities, including those in Thailand, to researchers both inside and outside of Japan. Joint projects with female researchers, young talents, and those who reside overseas are particularly encouraged.

1. Proposal Categories

- (1) General Project: approx. 20 projects from biological response/host factor research, and basic biological research (short-term)
- (2) Specific Project: approx. 10 projects from infection and pathogen research (short-term)
- (3) Project for International Joint Research(short-term): approx. 5 projects
- (4) Project for Joint Research Promotion (short-term): approx. 3 projects held within budget

*Category (4) supports the startups of new Joint Research Projects. New applications will be prioritized.

2. Eligibility

Researchers affiliated with a domestic university/public research institution or an equivalent institution
Researchers affiliated with an overseas university/research institution

*The above-mentioned Category (3) is only open to researchers affiliated with an overseas university/research institution while Category (4) is only open to researchers affiliated with a domestic university/public research institution or an equivalent institution.

3. Research Period

From April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025

4. How to apply

Prior to application, applicants are required to discuss their proposals with a RIMD host researcher.

(For details of our researchers, please refer to the attached list and our website.)

<http://www.biken.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/researchers/>

Application document: Application Form for FY 2024 RIMD Joint Research Projects

Please download a format below.

<http://www.biken.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/share/>

Submission Deadline: Friday, Wednesday 7th, 2024

*Only for Category (4), applications outside of the deadline are acceptable within our budget. For details, please contact us at the following e-mail address.

Send to: General Affairs Section, Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University

E-mail: biken-syomu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

Application document must be signed or sealed on a designated part, and emailed in a PDF form with the email subject line of “Application for FY 2024 RIMD Joint Research Projects.” The PDF file also must be named “FY 2024 RIMD Joint Research Project: your institution (your name).”

5. Research Grant

(1) General Project: proposal on biological response/host factor research, and on basic biological research

A maximum of 500,000 JPY is granted as accommodations, travel expenses, and consumables.

(2) Specific Project: proposal on infection and pathogen research

A maximum of 500,000 JPY is granted as accommodations, travel expenses, and consumables.

(3) Project for International Joint Research

A maximum of 500,000 JPY is granted as accommodations and travel expenses.

(4) Project for Joint Research Promotion

A maximum of 100,000 JPY is granted as accommodations and travel expenses.

* The grant is not directly distributed to recipients. Payment is processed according to Osaka University’s accounting regulations.

6. Notification

Applicants are notified of the results no later than early March, 2024.

7. Remarks

(1) Grantees are required to visit RIMD at least once for their joint research works.

(2) Grantees are required to submit research report when their joint research is over.

(3) For ethical projects involving animal experiments, human clinical specimens, human gene analysis, and genet modification experiments, grantees are required to take some legal procedures and training courses.

(4) Grantees are expected to publish a paper as a co-authored one with our host researcher. Please send us a photocopy/PDF form of the paper when it is published. Please refer to the following information when an acknowledgement to our institute is added to the paper.

English title of this Joint Research Project:

Joint Research Project of the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University

Example of acknowledgement:

This study was supported by the Grant for Joint Research Project of the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University.

(5) If a research proposal has been adopted as Joint Research Project for multiple years, their past achievements will be subject to evaluation.

(6) Grantees are may be required to complete Japan’s security export control procedures through the host researcher at the time of application.

List of Host Researchers for Joint Research Projects

General Project: biological response/host factor research and basic biological research

Department of Molecular Immunology	Professor	Sho Yamasaki
Department of Immunochemistry	Professor (concur.)	Hisashi Arase
Department of Immune Response Dynamics	Professor (concur.)	Kazuhiro Suzuki
Department of Molecular Microbiology	Professor	Eiji Hara
Department of Signal Transduction	Professor	Nobuyuki Takakura
Department of Homeostatic Regulation	Professor	Tohru Ishitani
Department of Regulation of Infectious Cancer	Professor	Ai Kotani
Department of Experimental Genome Research	Professor	Masahito Ikawa
Department of Genome Informatics	Professor	Daron M. Standley
Department of Host Defense	Specially Appointed Professor (concur.)	Shizuo Akira

Specific Project: infection and pathogen research

Department of Molecular Bacteriology	Professor	Yasuhiko Horiguchi
Department of Viral Infections	Professor	Tatsuo Shioda
Department of Molecular Virology	Professor	Tokiko Watanabe
Department of Immunoparasitology	Professor	Masahiro Yamamoto
Department of Bacterial Infections	Professor	Tetsuya Iida
Department of Molecular Protozoology	Professor	Shiroh Iwanaga
Department of Virology	Professor	Takeshi Kobayashi
Department of Infection Metagenomics	Associate Professor	Shota Nakamura
Research Center for Infectious Disease Control	Specially Appointed Professor (concur.)	Yoshiharu Matsuura
International Research Center for Infectious Diseases	Specially Appointed Associate Professor	Masaharu Iwasaki
International Research Center for Infectious Diseases	Specially Appointed Associate Professor	Kentaro Tsukamoto
Research Collaboration Center for Infectious Diseases	Specially Appointed Associate Professor	Kazuhisa Okada
Department of Malaria Vaccine Development	Endowed Chair Professor	Toshihiro Horii

*Any faculty members at RIMD can be a host researcher, including those who at Animal Resource Center for Infectious Diseases/Genome Information Research Center/Central Instrumentation Laboratory.

Please contact us for details.