

## Application Guidelines for FY 2026 RIMD Joint Research Projects

Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, or RIMD, The University of Osaka is currently calling for proposals of FY2026 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. 15 projects from biological response/host factor research, and basic biological research (short-term)
  - (2) Specific Project: approx. 15 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027

### 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 2026 RIMD Joint Research Projects

Please download a format below.

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

Submission Deadline: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

\*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, The University of Osaka

E-mail: [biken-syomu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto: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 2026 RIMD Joint Research Projects.” The PDF file also must be named “FY 2026 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, 2026.

## 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, The University of Osaka

Example of acknowledgement:

This study was supported by the Grant for Joint Research Project of the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, The University of Osaka(JRPRIMD26xx). (xx is the grant number for the FY 2026 funded projects.)”

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

(6) For research activities involving the acceptance of researchers from abroad, the provision of technology, the shipment of goods, or other actions related to international export, procedures for security export control will be carried out in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and the rules established by this university.

In addition, researchers affiliated with other institutions are required to comply with the security export control procedures and related laws and regulations of their respective institutions before participating in this joint research.

## List of Host Researchers for Joint Research Projects

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

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| Department of Molecular Immunology   | Professor                               | Sho Yamasaki      |
| Department of Immunochemistry  | Professor (concur.)                     | Hisashi Arase     |
| 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 Systems Biomedical Science   | Professor                               | Kenji Kamimoto    |
| Department of Experimental Genome Research   | Professor                               | Masahito Ikawa    |
| Department of Genome Informatics   | Professor                               | Daron M. Standley |
| Department of Biological Informatics Laboratory of Medical and Evolutionary Genomics | Professor                               | Yochiro Nakatani  |
| Department of Virus Informatics  | Professor                               | Jumpei Ito        |
| Department of Biological Informatics Laboratory of RNA Informatics                   | Associate Professor                     | Shotaro Yamasaki  |
| Department of Host Defense   | Specially Appointed Professor (concur.) | Shizuo Akira      |

Specific Project: infection and pathogen research

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|---|---|--------------------|
| Department of Molecular Bacteriology                  | Professor   | Toshio Kodama      |
| Department of Molecular Virology                      | Professor   | Tokiko Watanabe    |
| Department of Immunoparasitology                      | Professor   | Masahiro Yamamoto  |
| Department of Microbial Regulation                    | Professor   | Kosuke Fujimoto    |
| Department of Bacterial Infections                    | Professor   | Tetsuya Iida       |
| Department of Parasitology                            | 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  |
| International Research Center for Infectious Diseases | Specially Appointed Associate Professor(Lecturer) | Ryuichiro Abe      |
| Research Collaboration Center for Infectious Diseases | Specially Appointed Associate Professor           | Kazuhisa Okada     |

\*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.