

Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE), Hiroshima University
“Increasing Educational and Research Productivity at Universities”

[RIHE Open-call research]
Joint Usage and Collaborative Research
Call for Proposals (S)

The Research Institute for Higher Education (hereafter, RIHE), Hiroshima University undertakes surveys and research that contributes to the advancement and reform of higher education systems and individual institutions. “RIHE Open-call research” provides higher education researchers from outside RIHE with the opportunity to pursue cooperative research with RIHE’s academic staff to deepen the understanding of the educational and research productivity at universities. Through this RIHE “Open-call” research initiative, RIHE seeks to fund collaborative research projects to help meet these goals.

1. Eligibility

- An applicant submitting a research proposal to “RIHE Open-call research (type S)” as Principal Investigator must be a researcher who belongs to universities or other types of research institutions approved by the Research Review Committee, or researchers with equivalent research ability approved by the Research Review Committee are also be eligible.
- The research team should include at least one researcher from RIHE as a Host-researcher, and researchers from plural institutions as Co-Investigators.
- Graduate students may be included in the research team as Collaborating Researchers.

2. Research Topics and Requirements

[Area of Focus]

- Proposals are welcome from any topics related to higher education studies. In principle, we are expecting proposals from Humanities and Social Science domains, however, interdisciplinary projects in collaboration with researchers in the Natural Science are also welcome. We especially encourage projects focusing on “Educational and Research Productivity”.

- Type S projects should be conducted in collaboration with a Host-researcher (RIHE member). We expect proposals with outstanding and distinctive research plan which has not been covered in the previous researches and is expected to yield excellent research results and to open up a new scientific field.
- Following the above principles, applicants should set a research topic and apply with a research team composed of the Principal Investigator, Host-researcher (RIHE member) and Co-Investigator(s).
- In the application form, please specify plans for the following points :
 - How the project fosters cross-country research collaboration with Japan.
 - How the research contributes to the advancement of higher education studies.

[Funding]

- Expenditure is limited to direct expenditure necessary for the implementation of the research plan (including the budget necessary for summarising the research achievements) and must follow budget execution rules of RIHE.
- The award must be utilised in conjunction with the Host-researcher according to budget execution rules of RIHE. This means that the no funding will be transferred to your institution.
- Eligible expenditure includes: costs for travel (transportation fee, accommodation fee, daily allowance), meetings, presentation of the research achievements, and personnel cost / honoraria. Please be aware that this funding is not eligible to spend on research supplies or equipment (eg. PC ...).
- The funding available for each project is up to 1 million yen (JPN / per fiscal year*).
- For further information about the eligible expenditure, please contact the Host-researcher.

* Please note that in Japan, fiscal year starts in April and ends in March

3. Research Period

- The research period is from **June 1st 2020 to February 28th 2021**.

4. Research Achievements

- Research achievements will be made available to other researchers and to the general public on the RIHE website in the form of a “Discussion Paper Series”.
- Selected applicants are eligible to submit a manuscript to peer reviewed journals published

by RIHE: “Higher Education Forum”, “Research in Higher Education –DAIGAKU RONSHU-”, and “Reviews in Higher Education”.

- When publishing research achievements, researchers should send 5 copies of related publishing and documents to RIHE.

[Requirement]

- All selected applicants will contribute an article on the research achievements of RIHE Open-call research to “Discussion Paper Series” during or after the research period.
- All selected applicants will present the research achievement in a conference within 2 years after being selected.
- We strongly recommend selected applicants to submit a manuscript on the research achievement to academic journals or publish in books in addition to a report on “Discussion Paper Series”.
- We will provide further details concerning the contribution rules and formats individually to selected applicants.

[Acknowledgement in research publications]

- When publishing research achievements, researchers should be sure to express that the project has been supported by RIHE Open-call research grant, by stating in the “Acknowledgment” section of the paper as follows:

[English] : This work was supported by RIHE Open-call research, Grant Number RIHExxxxxx.

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[Japanese] : 本研究は RIHE 公募型研究 xxxxxx の助成を受けたものです。

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※x is the individual project number

5. Application Procedure

- Applicants should fill out the Application Form and send with all the necessary documents by email to k-kokyo@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp
 - Application Form (Format_S)
 - Biography and Research achievements list for the principal investigator (Free Format)
- All applications must be with us by 8th May 2020.

6. Review and Assessment

- ALL proposed research plans are subject to review by the “Research Review Committee” of “Joint Usage / Cooperative Research Steering Committee” consisting of RIHE and external members as part of the selection process.
- The review will examine the criteria below:
 - Aims and Significance of the study: Importance of this proposal and its position in the academic field, Background of the proposal, Goal that this proposal’s aims, and Academic characteristics and creativity of the proposal
 - Method: Methods and Composition of the research team
 - Ability to Conduct Research: Concrete research plan, Specificity of the plan, Relation to other past projects, and Dissemination plan of the research achievements

7. Inquiries

- Questions can be directed to the RIHE Office k-kokyo@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

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