

Check list for candidate

Item		Points	Confirmed
Research Theme		Does the project title best represent content of the application?	
Research Achievements and Results		Is a research done up till now written in past tense?	
		Is the problem(s) to be address is(are) convincingly described?	
		We see many research proposals in which a phrase such as "described later on", "described previously", "this" and " that" is used without a clear target to which the phrase is directed. Please double check such a problem.	
List of Major Publications		Are the applicant's research papers and conference presentations listed at the "List of Major Publications" box in a correct format?	
Research Plan in Japan	Background of proposed research plan	Is the journal title correctly written in each item in the references?	
	Purpose of proposed research	Have you adequately used straightforward expressions such as "the purpose of this research is XX" or "the originality of this proposal resides in YYY"?	
	Proposed plan	Does the proposal clearly describe what you would like to reveal and to what extent?	
		Does each method item correspond adequately to an item to be studied?	
		Is the feasibility of the project convinced with your preliminary data etc.?	
	Expected results and impacts	Is a ripple effect that you described straightforwardly connected to your project?	
		Have you explained why you are the best person to do this project in relation to your skills and backgrounds?	
		Have you described contribution of the proposed research to society?	
Format	Make sure that blank spaces do not make up more than 10% of the page!		
	Is emphasis of the text such as bold or underlining used appropriately but not too much?		
	Does the format such as a letter size (≥ 9 pt) and layouts comply with the specified rules.		
	Are blank spaces used appropriately to help the readability? Neither too much nor too little blank space impairs the readability.		
	Are the figures easy to understand with a monochrome gray scale copy which reviewers are supposed to get.		
	Is the size of the letters used in a figure appropriate so that a reviewer has no trouble reading them?		
Overall points	Are the research plan, purpose and method consistent with a research schedule?		
	Have you answered obvious counterarguments or questions in the proposal?		
	Are the researcher's own assertions and ideas supported by well-grounded foundation and objective reasons?		
	Have you avoided using jargons?		
	Is the tense of a sentence appropriate to describe past, present, future events as well as universal truth?		
	Is the subject of each sentence unambiguous?		
	Are the phrases such as "to consider", "to verify", "to implement" and "to discern" differentially used in an appropriate manner?		
	Double check if you are qualified to apply.		