

Application Requirements for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type A) in FY 2017

1. Objective

The University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type A), developed and implemented by the University of Tsukuba, aims to promote its innovative/pioneering basic and applied research in all research fields, including humanities, social, and natural science, by focusing on the provision of research funds and other resources for young researchers over a specific period of time.

2. Details of the basic research support program

The following is the basic research support program (Type A) for this fiscal year:

*The (approximate) number of research plans to be accepted may change at the time of their acceptance, taking into consideration the budgets and the situation of applications.

Type	Descriptions	Amount (Annual amount / application)	Research period	(Approximate) number of research plans to be accepted
Type A	<p>[Research funds to encourage young researchers] Young researchers in this document refer to researchers who are 39 years old or younger (as of April 1, 2017) (or were born on April 2, 1977, or later).</p> <p>The program aims to provide young researchers employed by The University of Tsukuba (full-time academic staff and researchers, (researchers including part-timers)) with opportunities to independently implement research activities based on their original concepts, and career-advancement support to help them fulfill leading roles in the future.</p>	Up to one million yen	Between the acceptance and March 2018	Approximately 10

3. Requirements for application ***Graduate students are not allowed to submit applications unless they are also a full-time teachers of the University of Tsukuba.**

Applicants must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- (1) Full-time academic staff, researchers (researchers including part-timers), employed by the University of Tsukuba, whose term of office will continue until the end of March 2018 in principle.
- (2) Researchers (researchers including part-timers), who can receive support, including advice as well as the time and space for research, from supervisors or academic staff who have accepted them.
- (3) Applicants who are not receiving similar funds (including Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research and other research funds from foundations) provided by organizations in Japan other than the University of Tsukuba and /or by other countries at the time of application. If you have received 500,000 yen or more grant money of Scientific research as a co-investigator (kenkyū-buntansha), you are not qualified.
- (4) Applicants who have not received the support of this program (including subsidies from the Tsukuba Diamond Fellowship - a program developed to nurture young researchers and the predecessor of the program).
- (5) Applicants who do not plan to take a leave of absence during the period of support provided by the program.
- (6) In the case of researchers (including part-timers) employed with the support of external funds who have obligations as full-time researchers must fulfill the following requirements: researchers: whose employment is based on programs that allow them to conduct specific research with the support of other research funds, who plan to conduct research that will contribute to the program, and will be able to receive the approval of the head of the research center and/or leaders. Researchers (including part-timers) employed with the support of “subsidies for management” shall be researchers who plan to conduct research that will contribute to the employment and will be able to receive the approval of the employer (academic staff who have accepted them).

4. Amount of funds for which applications are submitted

The amount represents the maximum amount of funds per research plan for which an application can be submitted. The amount may be reduced according to the budgets.

5. Expenditure

- (1) Expenditure of Type A research for which applications can be submitted
Applications for “equipment expenses”, “supply expenses”, “travelling expenses”, “remuneration”, and

“others” required to implement research plans.

***If “equipment expenses” for a research plan account for more than 50% of the total expenditure, please describe its necessity to implement the plan in the (“Research plans and methods” field of the application.** Expenditures for research plans designed solely to purchase equipment are excluded.

(2) Applications for expenditure to be excluded

You cannot apply for the following expenditure even if they are required to implement the research plan:

- 1) Expenses of buildings and other facilities
- 2) Expenses of equipment that should be prepared by each department, including desks, chairs, and copiers

6. Policy on the screening of applications

- (1) The screening of submitted applications is conducted within the budgets based on the number of research plans scheduled to be adopted, while taking into consideration the status of applications, details of plans, and results of screening. However, if no submitted plans fulfill the objective of the program or have promising future and developmental prospects, the number may be changed.
- (2) To nurture female researchers, consideration is given to research plans represented by female researchers.
- (3) Priority is placed on the acceptance of applications submitted by researchers who have applied for outside research funds such as the Strategic Basic Research Programs (PRESTO) of the JST.

7. Requirement for application

Researchers (including part-timers) shall fill in the “approval of supervisors or academic staff who have accepted applications” field at the end of the application, and submit it.

8. Procedure for application

Principal investigators shall write and submit applications in accordance with the “Procedures for Creating/Writing Applications for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program in FY 2017”.

(1) Deadline for application

- 1) Deadline for application for registration: **May 31 (Wed.), 2017, 17:00**

***Fill necessary information in the prescribed form, submit it to the following address by email:
kobo@un.tsukuba.ac.jp**

- 2) Deadline for submission of applications: **June 7 (Wed.), 2017, 17:00**

***Please submit applications in a electronic format (e.g. WORD, PDF).**

***Please include official name of the department and your name in the filename.**

(2) Deadline for submission of applications and contract

Department of Research Promotion Division of Research System Development (Research Promotion Section),(through the person of the research support office in charge of research support)

Email address: kobo@un.tsukuba.ac.jp (Extension: 2935, 2928)

9. Screening procedures

Research subjects are adopted at a research promotion meeting based on the results of screening of applications documents conducted by screening committee members to fulfill the objective of the program.

<Schedule for Type A>

2017 May 31(**Wed.**): Deadline for application for registration

June 7(**Wed.**): Deadline for submission of applications

June to July: Screening of application documents

End of July: Decision of research subjects

10. Publication of information on accepted research subjects

To ensure the transparency and fairness of screening, information on the numbers of applications and research subjects scheduled to be adopted, as well as their details will be published.

The acceptance or rejection of applications will be notified, in a written form, to principal researchers, supervisors, or academic staff who have accepted applications in a written form. Applicants who have been rejected will be informed of assessment rankings as feedback.

11. Conditions following the acceptance

“A Report on the Results of Research” must be created according to the procedures stated elsewhere and submitted by the specified date. (The deadline must be met.)

12. Other requirements

- (1) If you have been notified that research funds will be provided by other organizations after applying for this program, please inform us of the news promptly.
- (2) When publishing the results of research, please specify that it was conducted with the support of “University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program Type A.”
- (3) The handling of patents as the results of research conducted based on “University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program Type A” shall comply with the regulations on intellectual property rights of the University of Tsukuba.
- (4) The heads of relevant departments may ask the screening committee to comment on the research plans for which applications for funds have been submitted.