

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

1. Objective

The University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program, 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 S) 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 S	To provide start-up funds to develop environments required for newly-recruited academic staff of the university to implement research activities	Up to one million yen	In principle, 3 years starting from the fiscal year of adoption (until FY 2019)	Up to 5 per year

3. Requirements for application

Tenure Track academic staff (excluding professors) or unfix-term associate professors publicly recruited and employed on October 1, 2016, or later, whose term of office will continue until the end of March 2020 in principle.

However, the following shall be excluded: people who have already been recruited as academic staff of the University of Tsukuba, academic staff of the university who have been designated as Tenure Track associate professors through the above-mentioned recruitment, and people recruited with the support of Management Expenses Grants to Enhance the Functions of Universities, external funds and systems (Program for the Promotion of Tenure Track, Leading Initiative for Excellent Young Researchers, etc.)

However, academic staffs scheduled to assume the post in October 1, 2017, or later are allowed to submit an application the next fiscal year.

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 S 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

(1) 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) Acceptance will be offered within the limitation of the budget. The number of awarded varies depending on the purpose of the program and deem promising and expansive. The submitted applications are screened with the CV(履歴書), the literature list(研究業績目録), the education/research plans and goals(教育・研究の計画及び抱負), all of which have been submitted at the job appointment.

(2) To nurture female researchers, consideration is given to research plans represented by female researchers.

7. Procedure for application

Alllicants shall write and submit applications in accordance with the “Procedures for Creating/Writing Applications for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type S) in FY 2017”.

(1) Necessary documents

- Type S application
- Copy of the CV(履歴書), the literature list(研究業績目録), the education/research plans and goals (教育・研究の計画及び抱負), all of which have been submitted at the job appointment

(2) Deadline for application

Deadline for submission of applications: **September 29 (Fri.), 2017, 17:00**

***Please submit applications in electronic medium.**

(3) 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)

8. 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 S>

2017 September 29 (Fri.): Deadline for application

October: Screening of application documents

November: Decision of research subjects

9. 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. Researchers whose applications have been rejected will be informed of assessment rankings as feedback.

10. 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.)

11. Other requirements

- (1) When publishing the results of research, please specify that it was conducted with the support of “University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program Type S.”
- (2) The handling of patents as the results of research conducted based on “University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program Type S” shall comply with the regulations on intellectual property rights of the University of Tsukuba.
- (3) The heads of relevant departments may ask the screening committee to comment on the research plans for which applications for funds have been submitted.