

Application Requirements for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type B) in FY 2018

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 researchers over a specific period of time.

2. Details of the basic research support program (Type B: Step-up Support)**[The support program implemented on the budget for the FY 2018]**

The following is the basic research support program (Type B) 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) | (Approximate) number of research plans to be accepted | Research period |
|--------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Type B | Enhancement of support to acquire research funds including Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S), Specially Promoted Research and Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator). The research fund is provided for principal investigators who have received a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) or (B) (including cases in which the fund had been provided for years until FY 2017) and whose application for Scientific Research (S), Specially Promoted Research and Scientific Research on Innovative Areas(Head Investigator) in FY 2018 has been rejected. | Up to 5 million yen | 3 | Between the acceptance and March 2019 |
| | Enhancement of support to acquire research funds including Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A). The research fund is provided for principal investigators who have received a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) or Young Scientists (A) (including cases in which the fund had been provided for years until FY 2017) and whose application for Scientific Research (A) in FY 2018 has been rejected. | Up to 3 million yen | 4 | |
| | Enhancement of support to acquire research funds including Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B). The research fund is provided for principal investigators who have received a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) or Young Scientists (B) (including cases in which the fund had been provided for years until FY 2017) and whose application for Scientific Research (B) in FY 2018 has been rejected. | Up to 1 million yen | 14 | |

3. Requirements for application

Researchers who apply for the basic research support program (Type B) must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- (i) Researchers who have applied for a Grant-in-Aid for: Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B) in accordance with the application procedures for the FY 2018.
- (ii) Researchers who have failed to pass screening (hearing or screening of application documents) for a Grant-in-Aid for: Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B) for the FY 2018.
- (iii) Researchers who apply for Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B) that supports a project in FY 2019.(The type of grant for which an application was submitted in FY 2017 or a higher-ranked type).

- (iv) Researchers who did not conduct (or had not been conducting) research with the support of a Grant-in-Aid for: Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas, Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B), Young Scientists(A) or (B), Early-Career Scientists, Challenging Research (including Challenging Exploratory Research), or Health Labour Sciences Research Grant as of FY 2018.
- (v) Researcher who was not supported this Type B program in FY2017.
- (vi) Researcher is full-time teacher in the University of Tsukuba.

Please note that the eligibility of cases that do not fulfill the above-mentioned requirements for application will be judged by the vice president in charge of research.

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 B 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 and support young researchers, who are responsible for the future of the University of Tsukuba, as well as promote their research activities, consideration is given to their applications.
- (3) To nurture female researchers, consideration is given to research plans represented by female researchers.

7. Procedure for application

Researchers eligible for application 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 2018.

- (i) Required documents
 - (1) Type B Application
*If you didn't apply Grants-in-Aid in FY 2017 from the University of Tsukuba, please submit research proposal (PDF file) of Grant-in-Aid in FY 2017 with Type B Application.
 - (2) A table of the results of screening of an application for a Grant-in-Aid (Copy)
- (ii) Number of application: One (Electronic media: Microsoft Word, PDF, etc.)
- (iii) Deadline for application: May 25 (Fri) 2018
※If an acceptance of your Kakenhi application is not known before May 25, you can apply for the Type B with a different deadline, which will be announced later.
- (iv) Submission of applications and contact: Department of Research Promotion Division of Research System Development (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

The screening committee is established to conduct screening. Research subjects are adopted based on the results of screening of applications documents conducted by screening committee members to fulfill the objective of the program.

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.

If the application is rejected, the applicant, or the principal researcher will be provided with comments as feedback.

10. Conditions following the acceptance**(1) Report on the Results of Research**

“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.)

(2) Application for the competitive research fund system

- 1) Principal investigators whose application for the Basic Research Support Program has been accepted must re-submit an application for a Grant-in-Aid (the type of grant for which an application was submitted the last fiscal year or a higher-ranked type) in the fiscal year of the acceptance.
- 2) The support of the program may be discontinued if a decision was made, in the research support period, to provide the researchers with the same or larger amount of a similar competitive fund, or if the principal investigator does not apply for the competitive research fund stated in the preceding paragraph except for inevitable reasons.

(3) Support period

The support of the program is not provided for two consecutive years.

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 B.”
- (2) The handling of patents as the results of research conducted based on “University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program Type B” shall comply with the regulations on intellectual property rights of the University of Tsukuba.
- (3) The number of research plans to be accepted and the research expenses may be changed, taking into the acceptance of the other basic Research Support Program.
- (4) Grounds for assessing the Type B candidates are as following table ;

| category | failed to pass in FY 2018 Grant-in-Aid (KAKENHI) research categories | adoption career of Grant-in-Aid (KAKENHI) before FY 2017 | Other conditions |
|---|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specially Promoted Research • Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator) • Scientific Research (S) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specially Promoted Research • Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator) • Scientific Research (S) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who was adopted Scientific Research (A) or (B) in the past | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who did not conduct (or had not been conducting) research with the support of a Grant-in-Aid for: Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas, Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B), Young Scientists(A) or (B), Early-Career Scientists, Challenging Research (including Challenging Exploratory Research), or Health Labour Sciences Research Grant as of FY 2018. • Researcher who was not supported this Type B program in FY2017. • Researcher is full-time teacher in the University of Tsukuba. • Researcher who apply for Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S), (A), or (B) for the FY 2019 (The type of grant for which an application was submitted in FY 2017 or a higher-ranked type). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Research (A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Research (A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who was adopted Scientific Research (B) or Young Scientists (A) in the past | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who was <u>not</u> adopted Specially Promoted Research , Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S) and(A) in the past | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Research (B) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Research (B) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who was adopted Scientific Research (A) or (B) in the past | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher who was <u>not</u> adopted Specially Promoted Research , Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Head Investigator), Scientific Research (S) , (A) , (B) and Young Scientists (A) in the past | |