

## Application Requirements for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type A) in FY 2020

### 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><b>[Research funds to encourage young researchers]</b> 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> <p>*Young researchers in this document refer to researchers who are 39 years old or younger (as of April 1, 2020) (or were born on April 2, 1980, or later).</p>	Up to one million yen	From the acceptance to March 2021	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 2021 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) before.
- (5) Applicants who do not plan to take a leave of absence during the period of support provided by the program.
- (6) Researchers employed with the support of external funds must fulfill the following requirements: 1) Researchers whose employment is based on funds that allow them to conduct research with the support of other research funds. 2) Researchers plan to conduct research that will contribute to the fund, and will be able to receive the approval of the head of the research center, leaders or employers. 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 (faculty members 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 to be allowed  
“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) 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 field “approval of supervisor or academic staff who have accepted applications” at the end of the application.

## 8. Procedure for application

Applicants shall write and submit applications in accordance with the “Procedures for Creating/Writing Applications for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type A) in FY 2020”.

To apply for the programs, please download instruction documents and application forms, and submit the required application documents via an electronic application system “u-Rad.”

u-Rad (a management system for internal grants): <https://u-rad.sec.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

- (1) Required documents for application
  - 1) Basic information of applicant (fill out directly via u-Rad)
  - 2) Application form (download the prescribed format from u-Rad)
- (2) How to submit  
Through u-Rad, please fill out the Basic information of applicant directly and upload the application form after converting to PDF file.
- (3) Deadline for application: **May 29 (Fri.), 2020, 17:00**  
This deadline means headquarters acceptance deadline. Each academic service office should process “submission” before this deadline.
- (4) Contract  
Department of Research Promotion, Division of Research System Development, Research Promotion Section  
Email address: kobo@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

## 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>

2020	May 29(Fri.):	Deadline for submission of applications
	June to July:	Screening of application documents
	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 and submitted by the specified date. (The deadline must be announced at a later date.)

**12. 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 A.”
- (2) 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.
- (3) The screening committee may ask the heads of relevant departments to comment on that research plans.
- (4) 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. Type S, Type A and Type B will not be adopted at the same time.