Application Requirements for the University of Tsukuba Basic Research Support Program (Type S) in FY 2023

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.

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, for 3 years starting from the fiscal year of adoption (until FY 2025)	Up to 7 per year

3. Requirements for application

Tenure Track academic staff (excluding professors) or unfixed-term associate professors employed on or after October 1, 2022, whose term of employment will continue until the end of March 2026 in principle.

However, the following shall be excluded:

An academic staff who have already been recruited as academic staff of the University of Tsukuba on or before September 30, 2022.

An academic staff employed by Leading Initiative for Excellent Young Researchers, etc.

Academic staffs scheduled to assume the post on or after June 1, 2023, will be able to apply 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 to be allowed

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) 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) 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)and the literature list(研究業績目録)as of the date of application.

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

7. 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 S) in FY 2023".
To apply for this program, 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) Necessary documents
    ①   Basic information of applicant (fill out directly via u-Rad)
    ②   Application form (download the prescribed format from u-Rad)
    ③   Copy of the CV(履歴書)and the literature list(研究業績目録) as of the date of application.

(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 31 (Wed.), 2023, 17:00**
     This deadline means headquarters acceptance deadline. Each academic service office should process "submission" before this deadline.

(4) Contact
   Department of Research Promotion, Division of Research System Development, Research Promotion Section
   Email address: kobo@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

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>
     2023 May 31 (Wed.): Deadline for application
         June: Screening of application documents
         July: 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 to applicants 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 and submitted by the specified date every year. (The deadline must be announced later.) If you do not submit by the deadline, allocation of this research funding may be suspended from the next fiscal year.

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 screening committee may ask the heads of relevant departments to comment on the research plans.