

Application Guideline

FY 2020 KNIT Collaborative Research Fund

for the Leadership Development and Collaborative Research Support to Female Researchers

OVERVIEW

As part of the *Initiative for the Implementation of the Diversity Research Environment (Traction Type) (FY 2019-2024)*, one of the Science and Technology Human Resources Development Subsidy Programmes (funded by MEXT), Hokkaido University announces a research funding scheme for female principal investigators of the University, in order to promote the research capacity and improve the leadership skills of female researchers who plan to conduct superior collaborative research with their collaborators at member organisations of the *Network to Promote the Diversity in the Research Environment in Hokkaido (KNIT)* as Hokkaido University, Muroran Institute of Technology, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Kitami Institute of Technology, Amino Up Co., Ltd., and Nitto Denko Corporation, and also to expand research networks in Hokkaido. Their collaborative research is hereinafter referred to as *KNIT Collaborative Research*.

ELIGIBILITY

- KNIT Collaborative Research should be collaborative research projects which principal investigators are female researchers of the University (including specially-appointed faculty and postdoctoral fellows), and which have at least one research collaborator from any of other KNIT member organisations for each.
- Although research collaborator(s) can be male, it is desired to comprise female researcher(s).
- Principal investigators can be research collaborators of other KNIT Collaborative Research.
- There is no job title restriction to be named as research collaborators and therefore can be postdoctoral fellows, etc*. Also, it is possible to include research collaborators from outside KNIT member organisations.
- No research themes which have already received other research funds shall be accepted.
- A researcher can be the principal investigator of only one KNIT collaborative research.

* Postdoctoral fellows, short-time employees of education and research positions, postdoctoral fellows of JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), and professional researchers

AMOUNT OF RESEARCH FUNDING

- A) **Max. 1,000,000 JPY**/research project for a female researcher of the University as a principal investigator
- B) **Max. 200,000 JPY**/research collaborator of the University who participates in KNIT Collaborative Research; this can include KNIT Collaborative Research which principal investigators are from other KNIT member organisations, yet should include female researchers of the University as research collaborators.
- The limitation of the funding amount for each KNIT collaborative research project in the University is 1,000,000 JPY in total of the above-mentioned A.) and B.).
 - A researcher can be a research collaborator of multiple KNIT collaborative research, and the maximum amount for B) shall be considered for each research project. The feasibility and suitability for a research collaborator to get involved with multiple research projects will be considered in the screening.
 - The budgeted period shall be from the result announcement to 28 February 2021.
 - Funding provided to researchers from other KNIT member organisations shall be separately decided.

APPLICABLE RESEARCH EXPENCES

Equipment and items (purchasing cost over 500,000 JPY), office supplies, travel expenses (conference attendance for KNIT Collaborative Research outcome presentations, meetings related to KNIT Collaborative Research, etc. excluding for oversea business trip), other required expenses (honorarium, communication and transportation expenses, rental expenses, service charges)

This fund is not applicable for any expenses which are above-listed yet consumed by research collaborators from other organisations.

APPLICATION

- Principal investigators of the University shall e-mail designated application forms to the Promotion office of Research environment for Diversity (Ree-D).
- Research collaborator belonging to other KNIT member organization shall submit a copy of the application submitted by the principal investigator to the office in charge of KNIT project at each organization.

Due Date noon, 18 (Mon), May 2020

SCREENING

- The Screening Committee for KNIT will conduct screening evaluations and decide fund amounts to get allocated.
- Screening shall be conducted in points of suitability for this funding scheme, research prospect, etc.

RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

Scheduled as June 2020, the result will be notified to all the applicants.

OTHER NOTES

- Successful applicants are expected to attend KNIT-related workshops and symposia, etc. actively.
- Principal investigators are required to submit research project reports of the designated form (including budget report) to Ree-D, after the implementation periods of their research projects of FY2020.
- Regarding successful applications, research themes and affiliations of applicants and research collaborators will be published on printed matters, etc. of Ree-D. Other details may be included upon consultation with applicants.

WHERE TO SUBMIT AND ENQUIRIES

Promotion office of Research environment for Diversity (Ree-D)

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