

List of Categories of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research include the following categories in order to meet the various needs of researchers who are pursuing different kinds of curiosity-driven researches.

Categories	Description
Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research	
Specially Promoted Research※	Internationally appraised research likely to produce outstanding results (Maximum of about 500 million yen per project, but no strict limit set; period: 3-5 years)
Scientific Research on Priority Areas*	Specific areas of research that are expected to contribute to elevating the standard of Japanese scientific research, that should be addressed on a global scale, or that have an especially strong societal demand. This category of grants is aimed at facilitating the fluid and effective promotion of research in such areas. (For each area, about 20 to 600 million yen per year, but no strict limit set; period: 3 - 6 years)
Scientific Research on Innovative Areas	(Research in a proposed research area) Research aimed at developing a new research area proposed by a researcher or a researcher group that can lead to improvement or strengthening of the scientific level of Japan, through efforts such promotion of joint research and cultivation of research personnel (About 10 to 300 million yen per year; period: 5 years) (Research a proposed research project) Innovative and challenging research that may achieve a breakthrough in scientific research if the research project progresses although a successful outcome cannot be guaranteed (About 10 million yen per year; period: 3 years)
Scientific Research※ (S) or (A) or (B) or (C)	(S) Creative and pioneering research conducted by a researcher or a small group of researchers (About 50 to 200 million yen per project; As a rule period: 5 years) (A) (B) (C) Creative and pioneering research conducted by a researcher or a group of researchers (period 3 - 5 years) (A) 20 to 50 million yen (B) 5 to 20 million yen (C) Up to 5 million yen (Categories set by the total applied for)
Challenging Exploratory research※	Research at an early stage with highly challenging goals based on unique concepts (Up to 5 million yen per project; period: 1 - 3 years)
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists※ (S) or (A) or (B)	(S) Research conducted alone by a young researcher (up to 42 years of age) (About 30 or less to about 100 million yen: period: 5 years) (A) (B) Research conducted alone by a young researcher (up to 39 years of age) (Period: 2 - 4 years; categories set by the total applied for) (A) 5 to 30 million yen (B) Up to 5 million yen (Start-up) Research conducted alone by a newly tenured researcher (period: 2 years; up to 1.5 million yen per year)
Encouragement of Scientists※	Research conducted alone by an employee of an educational or research institution or a corporation or any other individual (Up to 1 million yen; period: 1 year)
Grant-in-Aid for Special Purposes	Urgent and critical research subjects, experimental trials concerning research aid
Grant-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Results	
Publication of Scientific Research Results	Support for publishing the results of highly significant research conducted by research groups and for disseminating such information internationally
Scientific Periodicals※	Support for the periodic publication of academic journals so as to promote international exchange that academic societies or organizations consisting of multiple cooperative academic societies issue
Scientific Literature※	Support for the publication of books on research results that individuals or research groups issue
Database※	Support for databases compiled for public use by individuals or research groups
Specially Designated Research Promotion	Support for research conducted by private research institutes to satisfy specific scientific or social demands
Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows※	Support for research conducted by JSPS fellows, including foreign fellows (Period: up to 3 years)
Grant-in-Aid for Creative Scientific Research※*	Support for further cultivating the positive outcomes obtained from highly creative research conducted under the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research and other competitive research found programs (Period: 5 years; awarded by recommendation)

※Application recruiting and screening are handled by JSPS

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*New applications will not be accepted.

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We have published the booklet that introduces the abstract of the large-scale research projects newly selected in FY 2009 in the categories Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research (S) and Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (S), which support research expected to yield particularly outstanding results. The research projects introduced in the booklet have received high international appraisal. For the description of these categories, refer to List of the Categories of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research on page 22.

It is hoped that this booklet will help to enhance understanding of research activities in universities and other research institutions in Japan.

Text of the booklet can be downloaded on the following website:

http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-grants/grants12_2009.html

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