

Global COE Program, Selection Results for FY2008 Grants

For FY2008 grants, JSPS received 315 applications from national, public and private universities in February. The Category-specific Subcommittee established in each of the five program categories (Medical sciences; Mathematics, physics, earth sciences; Mechanical, civil engineering, architectural and other fields of engineering; Social sciences; and Interdisciplinary, combined fields, new disciplines) under the Global COE Program Committee conducted document reviews, hearings and panel reviews.

In the selection process, document reviews were conducted using as reference the overall evaluation and comments of Japanese ad hoc reviewers (about two per application; total of 601 researchers) to screen the applications and select those to be forwarded for hearings and panel reviews.

The hearings and panel reviews were conducted using as reference the overall evaluation and comments of the overseas ad hoc reviewers (about two per application; total of 186 researchers) to evaluate the proposed COE programs' potential for building a more internationally competitive university.

Based on the above process, the final decision on grant selections was made by the Global COE Program Committee at its 10 June meeting. The results were as follows:

Medical sciences: 14;

Mathematics, physics, earth sciences: 14;

Mechanical, civil engineering, architectural and other fields of engineering: 14;

Social sciences: 14;

Interdisciplinary, combined fields, new disciplines: 12

	Medical sciences		Mathematics, physics, earth sciences		Mechanical, civil engineering, architectural and other fields of engineering		Social sciences		Interdisciplinary, combined fields, new disciplines		Total	
	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications
Applications	62	72	24	36	36	48	30	48	76	111	130	315
Hearings	20	23	16	21	16	20	11	20	16	22	44	106
Selections	13	14	11	14	13	14	9	14	11	12	29	68

Note: As there are cases where one university applied for grants in multiple categories, the university figures in the "Total" column may differ from the sum of those in the horizontal column.