

## Global COE Program for FY2007 grants, Selection results

For FY 2007 grants, JSPS received 281 applications from national, public and private universities in February. The Category-specific Subcommittee established in each of the five program categories (Life sciences; Chemistry, material sciences; Information sciences, electrical and electronic sciences; Humanities; 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 514 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 foreign ad hoc reviewers (about two per application; total of 139 researchers) to evaluate the proposed COE programs' potential to build 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 7 June meeting. The results were as follows;

Life sciences: 13;

Chemistry, material sciences: 13;

Information sciences, electrical and electronic sciences: 13;

Humanities: 12;

Interdisciplinary, combined fields, new disciplines: 12

	Life Sciences		Chemistry, Material Sciences		Information Sciences, Electrical and Electronic Sciences		Humanities		Interdisciplinary, Combined Fields, New Disciplines		Total	
	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications	Universities	Applications
Applications	46	55	37	45	33	37	28	39	71	105	111	281
Hearings	17	20	16	21	17	20	15	19	16	21	39	101
Selections	13	13	10	13	10	13	11	12	12	12	28	63

*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.