

## < Major Changes in the Call for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2022 >

\*For details, please refer to the “Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research” to be released at later date.

### (1) Changes in schedule for the Call for Proposals

○ Starting from the FY2022 Call for Proposals, the schedule for the call for proposals for Scientific Research and other research categories that used to start in September every year has been changed to earlier dates as shown below.

(Reference) Schedule for FY2022 Call for Proposals and Provisional Grant Decisions for Research Categories that Used to Start in September Every Year (Tentative)

Research Category	Start of Call for Proposals	Deadline for Submission of Applications	Timing of Provisional Grant Decision
Specially Promoted Research	July 1, 2021	September 6, 2021	Late March 2022
Scientific Research (S)	July 1, 2021	September 6, 2021	Early May 2022
Scientific Research (A)	July 1, 2021	September 6, 2021	End of February 2022
Scientific Research (B/C), Early-Career Scientists, Encouragement of Scientists	Early August 2021	Early October 2021	End of February 2022
Challenging Research	Early August 2021	Early October 2021	Earlier than the timing of provisional grant decisions for FY2021 (early July)
Publication of Scientific Research Results	Early August 2021	Early October 2021	Earlier than the timing of provisional grant decisions for FY2021 (April 1)
Home-Returning Researcher Development Research	July 1, 2021	September 6, 2021	Middle of February 2022
Transformative Research Areas (A)	Late August 2021	Middle of October 2021	Late June 2022
Transformative Research Areas (B)	Late August 2021	Middle of October 2021	Late May 2022
Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Research in a Proposed Research Area) (Publicly Offered Research)	Late August 2021	Middle of October 2021	Earlier than the timing of provisional grant decisions for FY2021 (April 1)

※ The timing of provisional grant decisions for FY2021 Transformative Research Areas (A) is scheduled for early September; the timing of provisional grant decisions for Transformative Research Areas (B) is scheduled for late August. Note that the Call for Proposals for Transformative Research Areas (A) (Public Offered Research) is scheduled to start around late November 2021.

※ Home-Returning Researcher Development Research is a FY2021 Call for Proposals.

○ Applicants should take note that in connection with the forward shifting of the Call for Proposals, the deadlines for the submission of applications have also been brought forward.

○ The timing of the Call for Proposals for some research categories subject to the restriction on parallel grant application/receipt may vary. Applicants should check the “Table of Restriction on Parallel Grant Application/Receipt” carefully. In a case for which the restriction on parallel grant application/receipt applies, applicants are not eligible to submit a new application for the other research category even if he/she withdraws the research project that he/she had already submitted (sent) through the electronic application system.

## (2) Amendment of the Research Proposal Document Forms

○ Items “1. Research Objectives, Research Method, etc.” and “2. Research Development Leading to Conception of the Present Research Proposal, etc.” in the Research Proposal Document forms for Scientific Research (S/A) have been amended. For details, see Supplement to “Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI- FY2022 (Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research (S/A)) (Forms/Procedures for Preparing and Entering a Research Proposal Document).”

## (3) Amendment of the Review Method for Challenging Research (Exploratory)

○ The review method for Challenging Research (Exploratory) has been changed to a Two-Stage Document Review. (See FY 2022 Application Procedures for Challenging Research (Exploratory) (Call for Proposals scheduled to start in early August))

## (4) Research Integrity

○ In response to the “Policy for Securement of Research Integrity” (April 27, 2021, Decision of Council for Science, Technology and Innovation), JSPS is taking necessary measures to ensure the transparency of research activities.

### (Key Actions)

- It is explicitly stated that applicants must declare not only acquisition of other domestic competitive research funding but also any foreign research funding in “The Status of Application and Acquisition of Research Grants” column in the Research Proposal Document.
  
- Applicants must enter the affiliated institution and position in applying for and acquiring research grants for the research project entered in “The Status of Application and Acquisition of Research Grants” column in the Research Proposal Document.
  
- Research Proposal Documents should be submitted after appropriately sharing with their affiliated research institutions, the status of all research activities that the applicant is engaged in. If the applicant plans to handle any technology regulated by the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act of Japan (Act No. 228 of 1949), he/she must abide by said Act and the rules, etc. of his/her affiliated research institution, and thoroughly check how to handle such technology prior to submitting the Research Proposal Document.

Note that untruthful statement or misrepresentation in the Research Proposal Document may result in cancellation or reduction of the research grant.

### (5) Request for Participation in the KAKENHI Peer-review Process

○It is re-emphasized that positive acceptance of invitation to serve as KAKENHI reviewer is the responsibility of researchers. Supporting the peer-review system of KAKENHI by the whole body of researchers by appropriate sharing of the burden of proposal review is crucial in sustaining the curiosity-driven research.