< Major Changes in the Call for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2023 >

(1) Changes in schedule for the Call for Proposals

○The schedule for the call for proposals for FY 2023 Transformative Research Areas (A/B) has been changed to earlier dates as shown below. For other research categories, there are no planned changes to the FY2022 schedule for call for proposals.

○Schedule for FY2023 Call for Proposals and Notice of Review Results for Transformative Research Areas (A/B) (Tentative)

Research Category	Start of Call for Proposals	Deadline for Submission of Applications	Timing of Notice of Review Results
Transformative Research Areas (A)	May 23, 2022 (August 20, 2021)	July 19, 2022 (October 18, 2021)	Late February 2023 (June 16, 2022)
Transformative Research Areas (B)	May 23, 2022 (August 20, 2021)	July 19, 2022 (October 18, 2021)	Late February 2023 (May 20, 2022)

*1 The dates in parenthesis ( ) on the lines below show the FY2022 schedule.

*2 Note that the Call for Proposals for Transformative Research Areas (A) (Public Offered Research) is scheduled to start around early August 2022

（Reference） Schedule for FY2023 Call for Proposals and Notice of Review Results for Main Research Categories (Tentative)

Research Category	Start of Call for Proposals	Deadline for Submission of Applications	Timing of Notice of Review Results
Specially Promoted Research	July 1, 2022 (July 1, 2021)	September 5, 2022 (September 6, 2021)	Late March 2023 (March 18, 2022)
Scientific Research (S)	July 1, 2022 (July 1, 2021)	September 5, 2022 (September 6, 2021)	Early May 2023 (April 27, 2022)
Scientific Research (A)	July 1, 2022 (July 1, 2021)	September 5, 2022 (September 6, 2021)	Late February 2023 (February 28, 2022)
Scientific Research (B/C), Early-Career Scientists	Early August 2022 (August 1, 2021)	Early October 2022 (October 6, 2021)	Late February 2023 (February 28, 2022)
Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory)	Early August 2022 (August 1, 2021)	Early October 2022 (October 6, 2021)	Late June 2023 (June 30, 2022)

* The dates in parenthesis ( ) on the lines below show the FY2022 schedule.

○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.

(Reference) MEXT and JSPS plan to further bring forward the schedule for the FY2024 Call for Proposals for Specially Promoted Research and Scientific Research (S) to start in April 2023.

(2) Revisions, etc. to the Review Section Table

○The Review Section Table which will be applicable starting from the Call for Proposals for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI- for FY2023 has been revised. For details, please refer to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology website.

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20220318-mxt_gakjokik-000021232.pdf

[Key points of the revision]
- The examples of related research content of the Basic Sections have been changed.
  (While maintaining the current classification of Basic, Medium-sized, and Broad review sections, the examples of related research content offered for the Basic Sections have been revised)

- Joint reviews will be conducted for several Basic Sections under Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B).
  (For Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), joint reviews will be conducted by consolidating several Basic Sections for which the number of applications is notably small)

<u>(3) Relaxation of Restrictions on Parallel Grant Application/Receipt applicable to Early-Career Scientists (Second Time) and Challenging Research (Pioneering)</u>

○Starting from the FY2023 Call for Proposals, restrictions on parallel submission of research proposals and receipt of grants between Early-Career Scientists (Second Time) and Challenging Research (Pioneering) will be relaxed in order to further enhance support for early-career scientists. (See the FY2023 Application Procedures for these research categories (call for proposals scheduled to start in early August))

<u>(4) Notice of Review Results of Preliminary Screening for Challenging Research</u>

○Starting from the FY2023 Call for Proposals, JSPS will notify the review results of the preliminary screening for Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory) to the Principal Investigators and their research institutions whose research proposals were not adopted. Notification will be made through the electronic application system after the review of preliminary screening is completed. (See the FY2023 Application Procedures for these research categories (Call for Proposals is scheduled to start in early August))

<u>(5) Changes to the application requirements for Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up</u>

○ The application requirements for FY2023 Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up will be changed. Applicants must fall under either A) or B) below. (See the FY2023 Application Procedures for this research category (Call for Proposals is scheduled to start in early March 2023))

A) An individual who obtains eligibility for KAKENHI application on or after October 1, 2022, and has not submitted an application under the call for proposals for the following research categories(*) announced by MEXT and JSPS.

B) An individual who has not submitted an application under the call for proposals for the following research categories(*) announced by MEXT and JSPS because he/she was on maternity leave or childcare leave in FY2022.

(*) FY2023 Grants-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research, Transformative Research Areas, Scientific Research, Challenging Research, and Early-Career Scientists

(6) 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.

As an ongoing measure, applicants will be required to provide information to ensure the transparency of research activities in their Research Proposal Documents for the FY2023 Call for Proposals.

Note that MEXT and JSPS are planning to upgrade its systems so that such information registered in e-Rad will be reflected in the KAKENHI Electronic Application System starting from the FY2024 Call for Proposals.

(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 information necessary to ensure the transparency 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 the security export control system and 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.

(7) 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 scientific research.