

FY2018 Procedures for Preparing and Entering a Research Proposal Document for “Challenging Research (Exploratory)” (New Proposal)

Applicants for KAKENHI should fill in this **Research Proposal Document**, giving details of the research project based on the Application Procedures, and submit it to **the Independent Administrative Legal Entity Japan Society for the Promotion of Science** (hereinafter referred to as JSPS) prior to application. This Research Proposal Document is used as review material at the JSPS Scientific Research Review Committee.

The applicant should fill in the form correctly, while taking the following points into account.

When the application is approved as a result of the review at the Scientific Research Review Committee, a notice concerning the provisional grant decision is issued. The application will be submitted based on the notice. A KAKENHI will be disbursed if the research plan is deemed appropriate.

Items to be noted

- * **This Procedures for Preparing and Entering is to be used to prepare Research Proposal Document for “Challenging Research (Exploratory)” reviewed by the “Medium-sized Section” or “Generative Research Fields Review Division” as “New Application”.**
- * **When preparing the Research Proposal Document, the Principal Investigator should make the preparations with responsibility, in accordance with the rules set forth in the Application Procedures.**
- * **Make sure that the title of each column is at the top of the page. Also, please do not exceed the number of pages specified for each item. As a result of filling according to the instructions of each item, blank pages may be generated.**
- * **Research Proposal Document prepared in English will be accepted.**
- * **Before submitting, be sure to check whether the contents of the Research Proposal Document converted to the PDF file are complete (missing characters, charts, garbled characters, etc.).**

I. Style setting

The margin of style is set with upper 20 mm, lower 20 mm, left 25 mm, and right 25 mm. Please do not change the setting margins because there is a risk of missing characters etc. when preparing the review material.

II. Research Proposal Document (to be entered in the website)

The following items are “to be entered in the website” of the “Research Proposal Document”. When preparing their applications, Principal Investigators should access the JSPS Electronic Application System for Projects Funded by KAKENHI (hereinafter referred to as “Electronic Application System”) using their ID and password for the “Cross-Ministerial Research and Development Management System (e-Rad)”, which has been provided by the research institution to which they belong, and directly enter their data.

The items to be entered in the website constitute the first part (“Section desired the review”, “Name of Principal Investigator (PI)” etc.) and the second part (“Research Expenditures and Their Necessity”, “The Status of Application and Acquisition of Research Grants”) of the Research Proposal Document (PDF file) that is prepared using the Electronic Application System.

For procedures for entering items to be entered in the website, please refer to the “FY2018 Procedures for Preparing and Entering a Research Proposal Document” (to be entered in the website) (“Scientific Research (A/B/C)”, “Challenging Research (Pioneering / Exploratory)”, “Early-Career Scientists”).

Items to be entered in the Website (First half)

- New Proposal or Continued
- Medium-sized Section / Generative Research Fields Review Division
- Section Desired the Review (* Division name in case of Generative Research Fields Review Division)
- Term Indicating Content of the Research Project (*only for the case selecting Term indicating content of the research project)
- Name of the Principal Investigator
- Position, Academic Unit (School, Faculty, etc.), and Research Institution of the Principal Investigator
- Title of the Research Project
- Research Abstract
- Request for Disclosure
- Project Members

Items to be entered in the Website (Second half)

- Research Expenditures and Their Necessity
- The Status of Application and Acquisition of Research Grants

III. Research Proposal Document (forms to be uploaded)

The following items are contents on the “Research Proposal Document (forms to be uploaded)”. They constitute the intermediate part of the Research Proposal Document (PDF file).

The Principal Investigator should download the “Research Proposal Document (forms to be uploaded)” from the JSPS website for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, and fill it in. He or she should then access the “Electronic Application System”, and upload the filled-in file to the “Electronic Application System”. (Files above 3 MB cannot be uploaded.)

When preparing the Overall Research Plan, the instructions given below and the instructions given in each column should be observed. Characters and symbols in 11-point font size or larger should be used, considering large number of application forms for research project will be reviewed.

(1) “Outline of Research Proposal Document” column

In this column, the description should be given in accordance with the instruction specified in the Research Proposal Document. In this research category, the preliminary screening will be conducted only by “Research Proposal Document (Outline)” which adds the first half of the Research Proposal Document (items to be entered in the Website) to this column. (Preliminary screening will not be conducted if the number of application is small). Although the whole Research Proposal Document except for this column is used in document review, reviewer can also view “Research Proposal Document (Outline)” at that time.

(2) “Research Objectives and Research Method, Applicant’s Ability to Conduct Research”, “Significance as Challenging Research (Reason for applying for this research category)”, column

In this column, the description should be given in accordance with the instruction specified in the Research Proposal Document.

Unlike the research achievement column in other research categories, “Applicant's Ability to Conduct Research” does not require you to describe the details of research achievement exhaustively. In the case of citing papers etc. as necessary, for example, in the case of an article, please fill in the information such as the title of the paper, the name of the author, the name of the publication, volume or page, etc. and publication year (Christian calendar) so that the papers can be identified.

(3) “Issues Relevant to Human Right Protection and Legal Compliance” column

Please enter in accordance with the instruction specified in the Research Proposal Document. If the proposed research does not fall under such categories, enter “N/A (not applicable)”.

* In the column of “Research Expenditure and Their Necessity” and “The Status of Application and Acquisition of Research Grants”, the description should be entered by the Electronic Application System starting from FY2018 Application for Research Proposal Document. When entering in this column, please refer to “FY2018 Procedures for Preparing and Entering a Research Proposal Document (items to be entered in the website) (“Scientific Research (A/B/C)”, “Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory)”, “Early-Career Scientists Research”)”.