

IV. Instructions & Procedures for those Who Have Already Been Accepted

The handling of research projects that are scheduled to be continued in FY2010 (hereinafter called “continued research projects”), is as follows.

(1) Specially Promoted Research

- 1) It is not necessary to submit application forms for research projects the continuation of which has been informally agreed in FY2008 (continued research projects). (However, in order to receive the grant-in-aid, it is necessary to prepare and to submit the necessary documents like the grant application form, after receiving a notification of the informal decision to offer the grant-in-aid)
- 2) However, **if the applicant would like to make significant changes in the research project, he/she needs to submit the application forms.**

Because the application procedure is the same as for “Preparing the Application (Proposal for Grant-in-Aid) and Submitting the Application (Proposal for Grant-in-Aid)” (see page 42), the applicant should verify it. In this case, when preparing the Proposal for Grant-in-Aid, he or she should select the same area as when he or she was accepted for the Desired Area for Screening.

Moreover, since, in this case, the application needs to be screened again, it may happen that the change will not be recognized and that the amount of the budget to be granted will not be granted from FY2010 on.

Moreover, a significant change to the research project can be, concretely speaking, (1) a change to the purpose of the research, (2) a change to the annual plan of the budget that is scheduled to be funded from FY2010, (3) an increase or a reduction of the budget, (4) a shortening of the research period, etc. Please consult in advance with the Scientific Research Aid Division No. 2 of the Department of Research Projects of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), in order to know whether the change the applicant wants to make falls under these categories (see “Inquiries” on page 84).

(2) Research categories except Specially Promoted Research

- 1) It is not necessary to submit application forms for research projects the continuation of which has been informally agreed in FY2008 (continued research projects). (However, in order to receive the grant-in-aid, it is necessary to prepare and to submit the necessary documents like the grant application form, after receiving a notification of the informal decision to offer the grant-in-aid)

- 2) However, **if the applicant would like to make significant changes in the research project, he/she needs to submit the application forms.**

Because the application procedure is the same as for “Preparing the Application (Proposal for Grant-in-Aid) and Submitting the Application (Proposal for Grant-in-Aid)” (see page 42), the applicant should verify it.

Moreover, since, in this case, the application needs to be screened again, it may happen that the change will not be recognized and that the amount of the budget to be granted will not be granted from FY2010 on. Therefore, the applicant should consult in advance with the Scientific Research Aid Division No. 1 of the Department of Research Projects of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), in order to know whether the change the applicant wants to make falls under these categories (see “Inquiries” on page 84).

As a general rule, **applications for an increase of the budget of the grants-in-aid for continued projects are not accepted.**

- 3) **As a general rule, withdrawing from a continued research project and applying for a new research project will not be accepted.**

However, in case the applicant changes the research category and aims for a new research development (※), because the research proceeded beyond expectation, and because the original attainment targets of the continued research project have already been reached, he or she can apply for a new research project, after submitting a Notice of Completion of Research Project and a Statement of Reason by October 27 (Tuesday), 2009. (Documents that arrive later will not be accepted.)

Moreover, please note that, if the content of the Statement of Reason is deemed inappropriate by the screening panel for applications for new research projects, the research project for which a new application is made becomes ineligible for screening, and that, in this case, no funding of a grant-in-aid from FY2010 on can be requested for the continued research project that has already been completed.

※ “Cases where the applicant changes the research category and aims for a new research development” are cases where the applicant makes a change such as, for example, from “Scientific Research (C) (General)” to “Scientific Research (B) (General)”. However, it also includes cases where the applicant only makes a change to the screening division, such as, for example, a change from “Scientific Research (A) (General)” to “Scientific Research (A) (Overseas Academic Research)”.