

1. Research Objectives, Research Method, etc.

This research proposal will be reviewed in the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI-“Research Activity Start-up FY2021” review section of the applicant’s choice. In filling this application form, refer to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI.

In this column, research objectives, research method, etc. should be described within 2 pages. A succinct summary of the research proposal should be given at the beginning.

The main text should give descriptions, in concrete and clear terms, of (1) scientific background for the proposed research, and the “key scientific question” comprising the core of the research plan, (2) the purpose, scientific significance, and originality of the research project, and (3) what will be elucidated, and to what extent and how will it be pursued during the research period.

[SUMMARY]

[MAIN TEXT]

*** Notes:**

- 1. Read carefully the “Procedures for Preparing and Entering a Research Proposal Document” when preparing the document.*
- 2. The document should be written with font size 10-point or larger.*
- 3. The title and instructions on the upper part of each page should be left intact.*
- 4. Do not exceed the maximum number of pages specified in the instructions. In case blank page(s) occur, leave them as they are (do not eliminate any page).*
- 5. These notes written in italics should be deleted when filling this column.*

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2. Research Development Leading to Conception of the Present Research Proposal, etc.

In this column, descriptions should be given within 1 page, of (1) applicant's research history leading to the conception of this research proposal and its preparation status, and (2) domestic and overseas trends related to the proposed research and the positioning of this research in the relevant field.

3. Applicant's Ability to Conduct the Research and the Research Environment

In this column, descriptions of (1) applicant's hitherto research activities, and (2) research environments including research facilities and equipment, research materials, etc. relevant to the conduct of the proposed research should be given within 2 pages to show the feasibility of the research plan by the applicant (Principal Investigator).

If the applicant has taken leave of absence from research activity for some period (e.g. due to maternity and/or child-care), he/she may choose to write about it in "(1) applicant's hitherto research activities".

*** Note:**

- 1. The description in this column is to explain the feasibility of the research plan. On citing research achievements (research papers, books, patents, invited talks, etc.) they should be given not as an exhaustive list but as supporting evidence to prove the applicant's ability to conduct the proposed research.*
- 2. Sufficient information should be given so that the reviewers can identify the research achievements. In the case of a research paper, for example, the relevant bibliographic information, including the title of the paper, the author(s), the title and the volume of the journal, the publication year, and the pages of the article should be given.*
- 3. The research papers that can be cited are only those already published or accepted for publication.*
- 4. These notes written in italics should be deleted when filling this column.*

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4. Issues Relevant to Human Right Protection and Legal Compliance

(*cf.* Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research)

In case the proposed research involves such issues that require obtaining consent and/or cooperation of the third party, consideration in handling of personal information, or actions related bioethics and/or biosafety (including the laws and regulations and the guidelines in the country/region(s) where the joint international research is to be conducted), the planned measures and actions for these issues should be stated within 1 page.

This applies to research activities that would require approval by an internal or external ethical jury, such as research involving questionnaire surveys, interviews and/or behavior surveys (including personal histories and images) including personal information, handling of donated specimens, human genome analysis, recombinant DNA, and experimentation with animals.

If the proposed research does not fall under such categories, enter “N/A (not applicable)”.