

10 July 2024

Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional Type)

The 2024 Shimane University Support Program for Fostering Female Research Leadership (Joint Research Type)

Application Requirements

Shimane University was selected as an initiative organization for the “Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional type)” by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for the year 2019. We accordingly extend the public invitation outlined below with the aim of promoting joint research by female researchers, in cooperation with Shimane Prefectural University as the joint implementation institute, Matsue National Institute of Technology and Yonago National Institute of Technology.

1. Target Applicants

Full-time female researchers belonging to Shimane University (including specially appointed faculty members and researchers, but excluding those employed at affiliated schools or under a subsidy project budget provided by the state).

2. Qualification Requirements

① The principal investigator should be a full-time female researcher belonging to Shimane University (including specially appointed faculty members and researchers, but excluding those employed at affiliated schools).

② At least one of the co-researchers should, regardless of gender, belong to any of the following cooperating institutes: Shimane Prefectural University, Matsue National Institute of Technology, Yonago National Institute of Technology¹.

③ Although age is not an eligibility criterion, earnest applications by young researchers are eagerly awaited.

*Application will not be allowed with the topics similar to those currently in progress with other grants such as Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research.

*Applications for both "Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional Type)" and "Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional Type)" will not be accepted.

¹ If more than one of the cooperating institutes are involved in the project, participation by researchers from other research organizations, enterprises etc. is possible. However, there is no grant funding available for the latter.

3. Support Details

① Planned number of selected projects: maximum of 3 (including projects continued from the previous year although priority will be given to new projects).

② Support Amount: maximum of 500,000 yen per project

(Co-investigator's research expenses will be borne by the co-investigator's affiliated institution, so please consult with the administrative office of the co-investigator's affiliated institution in advance.)

③ Support Period: from (the day of selection in)September 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Selectees are asked to fully expend their grant by 15 March 2025.

④ Expenditure eligibility ²

Consumable supplies expenses: expenses for consumable supplies directly used for research such as reagents, materials and the like (including books and magazines).

Travel expenses: (domestic travel expenses): travel expenses when attending academic meetings for the presentation of the results of the project concerned or meetings in connection with the research or the collecting of material. Expenses for the invitation of external collaborators within the country.

(foreign travel expenses): available only when attending academic meetings for presentation of project results. However, in some instances a maximum limit may be put on the amount.

(travel expenses for the invitation of foreigners): travel expenses for the invitation of collaborators from abroad.

Honoraria: financial or other rewards for experiment collaborators.

Miscellaneous services expenses: expenses for the outsourcing of data analysis, paper submission, English proofreading and the like.

² Expenses for facilities and equipment (assets) fall outside the scope of the grant.

4. Obligations of Selectees

① Selectees are required to submit a research result report by the day determined in the course of April, 2025. Selectees will be further notified as to the time limit, proper format and the like.

② Selectees are required to deliver a presentation of research results at the debriefing session held the year after termination of the support period (2025).

③ Selectees are asked to lend their cooperation with the implementation of the follow-up survey of their research achievements upon termination of the support period to produce the results report of the Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional type).

④ Selectees are also asked to cooperate with events held in the framework of the Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional type).

5. Application Method

Submit the application form mentioned below by email.

① Application form for the 2024 Shimane University Support Program for Female Researcher-led Joint Research Projects (Joint Research Type).

② Budget planning form for the 2024 Shimane University Support Program for Female-led Joint Research Projects (Joint Research Type)

Submit your application to: kyodo-sankaku@edu.shimane-u.ac.jp at the Shimane University Diversity Promotion Office.

6. Application Period.

From 10 July to 31 July 2024

7. Evaluation Method.

Assessment of the advisability of the project will be carried out at a Diversity Promotion Office meeting upon examination by the screening committee of the program (planned for September). The assessment by the screening committee will be made in the light of the following criteria, on the basis of the submitted documents.

< Assessment Criteria >

- ① Does the subject matter relate to important scientific or social demands?
- ② Does the subject matter show scientific originality and creativity?
- ③ Is the research plan sufficiently thought out and highly likely to achieve the goal?
- ④ Does the applicant have sufficient and suitable abilities to conduct the research plan?

8. Management of Research Results.

It is desirable that the results of research originating from this program be published not only in the result report of this program but also in scientific journals and other publications in Japan and abroad. When presented at an academic society or published in a scientific journal or publication, reference should be made to the support received under this program and added to the project product in the manner formulated below.

(Example)

“The present research was supported by the ‘Shimane University Support Program for Female Researcher-led Joint Research Projects’ under the MEXT ‘Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Promotional Type)’”.

9. Contact Point for Information on this Program.

Shimane University Diversity Promotion Office

Email: kyodo-sankaku@edu.shimane-u.ac.jp

Extension number: 2157

10. Cooperating institutes contact information

Shimane University: kyodo-sankaku@edu.shimane-u.ac.jp

Shimane Prefectural University(Izumo): f-yajima@admin.u-shimane.ac.jp

Matsue National Institute of Technology: jinji@matsue-ct.jp

Yonago National Institute of Technology: jinji@yonago-k.ac.jp