

*FY2021 application is closed.

FY 2021 Interdisciplinary Research Support for Scientists Application Guidelines

1. Outline

By utilizing the Tokyo Institute of Technology Fund, we provide financial support for interdisciplinary research teams with the goal of promoting research that leverages the Institute's diverse fields.

2. Eligible Research

Research must be all of the following:

- Joint research that promotes interdisciplinary fusion at Tokyo Tech, is not constrained by existing research disciplines, and seeks to create new research disciplines in the future.
- Research for which application will be made for research funds (Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory), etc.) during or after the support period.

There are no restrictions regarding discipline or topic.

Interdisciplinary research: Research that seeks to expand existing research fields, undertaken by a team composed of researchers from different disciplines (e.g., research that includes different research fields such as "life science and mechanical engineering"). Combining their different techniques and methods can be expected to create innovations that surpass current scholarship.

3. Applicant Eligibility

The team must traverse 2 or more disciplines and comprise approximately 2-5 members.

- The principal investigator and team members must be professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, specially appointed faculty*, or research staff* who are employed by Tokyo Tech.

*Please note the following important points:

- 1) Your period of employment must not end during the support period.
- 2) If you apply for this support and are selected, you must be able to engage in the research.
- 3) If the cost of your employment is covered by external funds, you may apply only after confirming with the principal investigator of the project through which you are employed that receiving this support to carry out research will pose no difficulty for the project (in particular, reduction in funding for personnel, etc.).

- Participation by researchers from outside Tokyo Tech is permitted. However, in such cases, the outside researchers cannot use the research funds provided.

- The principal investigator must be someone who has not previously been selected for this support, including the interdisciplinary research support for young researchers (Research Support B by the Office of Research and Innovation) provided to date.

4. Research Period

- As a general rule, one year from the day support starts. However, depending on the research plan, it is possible to apply for a two-year plan.

Planned timing for start of support: April 2022 (However, this may change depending on the circumstances of the review.)

5. Support Amount

As a general rule, 1.5 million yen per project. However, the amount of support is determined during the review.

6. Number of Selections Planned

- Selection of a few projects is planned.

7. Payment of Funds

- Funds will be paid by the end of the research period, in accordance with Tokyo Tech's rules on payment of funds.

- Support fund usage that is not in accordance with the research plan will not be permitted.

8. Application Procedures

Apply via email by the specified date and as described below.

Submission deadline: Sunday, January 16, 2022, by 11:59pm

Document to submit: Interdisciplinary Research Support for Scientists Application

Download the application form here ↓

<https://tokyotech.app.box.com/file/886174667539>

Submit to: Go to the workflow “Apply for Interdisciplinary Research Support for Scientists “on Slack (#t2- 研産本部 - 賞支援受付 -application-tokyotechgrants) and follow instructions to upload your research proposal to Box at the link below.

<https://tokyotech.app.box.com/f/26ad47f7e23e4d3faba2c308fbc0123>

9. Screening

Internal screening will be conducted by reviewing applications and applicants’ presentations. However, when a large number of applications is received, we will review applications first to select certain applicants and then review their presentations.

10. Report

You must submit a report within one month after the end of the research period. (Selectees will be notified separately concerning the format of the report.)

In regard to applications made for research funds in accordance with this support, at the time of submitting the above-mentioned report, you will be required to report the classification and selection result (including an assessment in the case of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research) or a plan to apply for research funds. Further, in regard to selection results for research funds determined after the end of the support period, report this to the email address given below at the time of determination.

11. Other

- Specific content of reviews will not be disclosed, and inquiries regarding this will not be answered.
- Applicants may be requested to cooperate with us regarding research promotion and PR activities at Tokyo Tech, and report to donors to the Tokyo Institute of Technology Fund, etc.
- Applicants are required to provide an acknowledgement that they are supported by the Tokyo Institute of Technology Fund (Interdisciplinary Research Support for Scientists) when they publish their research results.

Example of acknowledgement:

(English) This work was supported by the Tokyo Tech Fund (Interdisciplinary Research Support for Scientists)

(Japanese) 本研究は東工大基金（異分野融合研究支援）の助成を受けたものです。

Please note that support applications will be used as material for the reviews and also may be used for research strategy planning at Tokyo Tech.

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