

IROAST International Joint Research Travel Support Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

This program aims to facilitate international joint research in the science and technology fields of Kumamoto University and increase the university's international presence in academic research by sending outstanding young faculty members overseas, and to foster research areas that will lead the next generation by promoting international joint research.

2. Eligibility

Faculty members employed full-time (including project professors/associate professors/assistant professors) in the Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology (FAST), Institute of Industrial Nanomaterials (IINa), Center for Water Cycles, Marine Environment and Disaster Management (CWMD), Magnesium Research Center (MRC), or Priority Organization for Innovation and Excellence (POIE, only those in the Science and Technology fields) who work in **one of the major research areas 3. (Major Research Areas) below** and is applicable to the following.

- **Able to startup an international collaboration (between researchers or research teams) during the stay at the host institute**
- **Able to submit a joint paper with the host researcher**

【Ineligibility】

- **Those who wish only to attend;**
 - a. international conferences or research meetings**
You may apply if you will be attending an international conference, etc. at which you will discuss possible future collaboration.
 - b. short-term (e.g. 2-3 days) research discussions**
If the meeting is related to the joint research already have a cooperative relationship, it is acceptable.
- **Travel to countries with Level 3 or higher according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Overseas Safety Information.**

3. Major Research Areas

- 1) Human-friendly Technologies
Biotechnology & Healthcare technology, Environmental-friendly technology, Environmental bioscience.
- 2) Strengthening Resilience
Safe and secure society, disaster prevention and mitigation.
- 3) Advanced Materials
- 4) Data Science and AI

4. Period of Support and Amount of Award

Period of support: 14 days or shorter

***The travel period must end by the end of February of each fiscal year.**

Amount of award: Maximum ¥500,000 yen per applicant

The award covers the following expenses. However, any expenses during the stay in excess of the above maximums will be the responsibility of the faculty member.

A) Travel: Round-trip low-cost airfare between Kumamoto and the international airport nearest to the

receiving institution

B) Expenses: Per diem and accommodations according to *Kumamoto University Travel Expenses Regulations* (amounts may be reduced based on actual conditions of stay)

* If you use other budget combined with, please clearly classify the purpose by each budget.

5. Application Procedures

The following documents must be submitted no later than the application submission deadline.

(1) Application Form (Form 1, either Japanese or English versions are acceptable)

(2) Estimated Expenses (no specific form)

(3) Primal documents that shows the host researcher welcome the applicant.

(emails are also acceptable)

* For faculty members of the science and technology departments, please apply for the program after gaining approval from the head of your department (or equivalent, such as Dean) to confirm that the travel itinerary you apply for will not affect your work at Kumamoto University.

6. Selection

Decisions will be made by the IROAST director and vice director based on their review of the applications. Notification of selection results will be made within one month after the application.

Reflecting the purpose of the program, the application review will give priority to applicants who show the potential to strengthen international research exchange activities in the future.

7. Report

Persons sent overseas through this program are required to submit the report (Form 2) within one month after returning to Japan

*** Depending on the changes in the situation regarding new coronavirus infections, we may respond flexibly to the handling of the items described in this application guideline.**

Where to submit the application/contact for more information

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