

SDGS-ID Research award project for young researchers

1. Overview

The new coronavirus infections (COVID-19) have exposed the vulnerability of efficiency-driven, centralized societies to global risks, and it is an urgent mission to create a new society in the post-Covid-19 world in which all people can conduct social, economic, and cultural activities while accepting a certain level of risk.

In August 2020, the "System Design of Inclusive Society with Infectious Diseases" was launched as an interdisciplinary research organization that brings together the academic knowledge of Tohoku University to explore the new world and inclusive society in the era of living with coronas. We will establish a "model of understanding and explanation (in a broad sense)" that incorporates not only life science and medicine, but also notions and methods of politics, economics, law, administration, society, education, science and technology, even including people's values and views on life and death, and thereby explore research and practice to realize a sustainable and resilient society with infectious diseases.

The creation of a new society in the post-corona era cannot be achieved overnight. The power of young researchers, who will be responsible for the future society, is essential, and supporting and fostering the next generation of young researchers is our major mission. This support project aims to support and foster such young researchers who will lead the next generation. Both individual and group research applications are welcome. We look forward to receiving applications from many talented young researchers.

2. Main Research area

Humanities & Social Sciences, Science & Engineering, Biological Sciences and Others related to infectious diseases.

3. Eligibility and Application categories

(1) Research theme: Any interdisciplinary research related to Infectious diseases.

(e.g., History and infectious diseases, Internet technology and infectious diseases)

(2) Application categories

If you apply as a group, please apply for the category to which a principal investigator belongs.

① Students award

Open to: Undergraduate or Graduate students in Tohoku University. Research originality will be valued in selection.

② Young researchers award

Open to: Young researchers at Tohoku University within 10 years after the PhD completion. Research originality and feasibility will be valued in selection.

4. Research period

2021 April 1st to 2021 September 30th

5. Research grant

100,000 JPY for each research

6. Planned number of adoptions

- ① Students award: 5-10 persons
- ② Young researchers award: 5-10 persons

7. Application

① Forms

Please fill out two application forms: (a) “Research proposal (Microsoft Word®, two pages in A4 size)” and (b) “Research outline (Microsoft PowerPoint®, one page in A4 size)”.

Please do not exceed the prescribed number of the pages.

If you apply as a group, please describe co-investigator’s role and responsibility with their “Name”, “Affiliation” and “Position (eg., Assist.prof. , D3 etc.) in the "Research methods" in Form 1 and 2.

※How to name the files to be submitted.

- For students : File name shall include “Principal investigator’s name” and “Student No.”
(eg. : Tohoku Taro_B8MDXXXX_form1, Tohoku Taro_B8MDXXXX_form 2)
- For researchers: File name shall include “Principal investigator’s name”.
(eg. : Tohoku Hanako_form1, Tohoku Hanako_form 2)

② Where to submit:

Please fill out required information and upload two application forms (form 1 and form 2) from the following URL. <https://forms.gle/yy3igZnVvru1kTf9A>

③ Deadline: February 26th 17:00 JST

8. Selection

① Process

Application forms will be examined by the selection committee. Interview might be conducted in some cases. If necessary, experts’ opinion will be sought for screening. Since reviewers from various research areas will evaluate your work, please describe your work in a way that is easy for reviewers from different research areas to understand.

② Criteria

There are five criteria for screening: originality, feasibility, social benefit, interdisciplinarity, and internationality. The balance of research field will be considered.

Application language: English is preferable though Either Japanese or English is acceptable.

③ Result

Will be announced on March 31st.

9. Research grant use

- ① Recipients can use the research grant from April 1st to September 30th.
- ② Recipients can use the grant for what you need in the adopted research implementation, such as equipment, payroll, and incidental costs.

10. Other important matters

① Final Presentation

Recipients are expected to deliver a presentation about research outcome in September 2021.
(Details later).

② Monthly meeting

Recipients are expected to join a monthly meeting where participants can interact with other researchers and experts in different fields.

11. Contact

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