

AY2021 Institute for Industrial Research Joint Research Project Recruitment

1. Purpose

The purpose of recruiting joint research projects is to promote academic research and exchange across multiple organizations (undergraduate schools, graduate schools, departments, research institutes, and professional graduate schools in the social sciences) related to industry and the economy at the university, or directly with relevant fields of industry and external research institutes. Research results will be published as part of the *IIR Research Studies* series.

2. Eligibility for Application

To be eligible for application, a research project must consist of researchers from multiple organizations (undergraduate schools, graduate schools, departments, research institutes, and professional graduate schools in the social sciences) at the university, or directly from industry and external research institutes, and must include four or more full-time faculty members from this university (including fixed-term faculty members).

Note 1: There must be researchers from at least three internal organizations, or, if including external research institutes or researchers from the industry, there must be full-time faculty members (including fixed-term faculty members) from two or more internal organizations.

Note 2: Of the researchers, one full-time faculty member (including fixed-term faculty members) will be the principal investigator, and the others will be the co-investigators.

The principal investigator is the representative of the research project and plays a central role to the coordination of the research plan. They are also responsible for ensuring progress in the research and managing the use of research funds.

3. Number of Applications and Research Period

(1) Number of applications: 1

(2) Research period: April 2021 to March 2023 (2 years)

Note: The maximum number of research projects that the same faculty member may participate in in the same academic year is two, with the exception of faculty members of the Institute of Industrial Research. In addition, a faculty member may only serve as the principal investigator for only one project at a time.

4. Application Deadline

March 1, 2021 (Monday)

5. Application Procedure

By the deadline indicated above, the principal investigator must submit the “Joint Research Project Application Form” and the required documents in the prescribed form to Institute of Industrial Research (sanken@kwansei.ac.jp) as data. The prescribed form can be downloaded from the Reception and Recruitment section of the Institute of Industrial Research website. (This can also be requested by email to the Institute of Industrial Research.)

6. Method for Selections and Decisions

Preliminary selections will be made at a meeting of Institute of Industrial Research Directors, based on the research plan and other documents submitted, and final decisions will be made by the Institute of Industrial Research Steering Committee. The outcome of the applications will be made known in March.

7. Research Expenses

Research expenses are limited to a maximum of 1 million JPY per year. External researchers must be subject to approval from the Steering Committee, based on the researcher's CV and academic achievements. It is possible to allocate research funds to external researchers, but the principal investigator will be responsible for the allocation of funds among the researchers.

8. Interim Reports

The principal investigator should report on the progress of their own research and the progress of the entire project in the prescribed format in a "Research Progress Report (Interim Report)," and submit the report at the end of each academic year. Both internal and external researchers should report on the progress of their own research in a similar manner. The reports will be compiled and published by the Institute of Industrial Research.

9. Project Plans

For the 2022 academic year, the principal investigator should submit a plan for the entire project using the prescribed form "Joint Research Project Plan" at the beginning of the academic year.

10. Publication of Research Results

The research results will be compiled as a manuscript for *IIR Research Studies* by the end of the 2022 academic year and will be published and disseminated during the spring semester of 2023. The published paper in *IIR Research Studies* will be the final report of the project. (Institute of Industrial Research will provide publishing support.)

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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