

# AY2026 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 2026 to March 2028 (2 years)

Note: The maximum number of research projects that the same faculty member may serve as the principal investigator in the same academic year is one, with the exception of faculty members of the Institute for Industrial Research.

## 4. Application Deadline

February 27, 2026 (Friday)

## 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 the Institute for Industrial Research (officesanken@kwansei.ac.jp) as data. The prescribed form can be downloaded from the Reception and Recruitment section of the Institute for Industrial Research website or from kwic (Faculty staff cabinet > Division for Research Development and Outreach (Institute, Specified Project Research Center) > 01\_Institute for Industrial Research > 03\_Collaborative Research Projects).

【Application Form <prescribed form>】

01\_FomA\_AY2026 Institute for Industrial Research Joint Research Project – Application Form

02\_FomB-1\_Institute for Industrial Research Joint Research Project – Application Form to Commission a Guest Researcher

03\_FoemB-2\_Kwansei Gakuin University Institute for Industrial Research Participation Consent Form for Joint Research (For use by external institutions)

04\_FoemB-3\_Institute for Industrial Research Joint Research Project – Guest Researcher CV

※ Please submit 02~04 if applicable

## 6. Method for Selections and Decisions

Preliminary selections will be made at a meeting of Institute for Industrial Research Directors, based on the research plan and other documents submitted, and final decisions will be made by the Institute for 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 (the latter should include the details of the seminars/research meetings which were held during the year, with resumes handed out at the seminars being attached) in the prescribed format in a "Research Progress Report (Interim Report)," and submit the report at the end of the 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 for Industrial Research.

## 9. Project Plans

For the 2027 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 and presentation of Research Results

The research results will be compiled as a manuscript for *IIR Research Studies* will be published and disseminated during the end of the 2028 academic year. The published paper in *IIR Research Studies* will be the final report of the project. (Institute for Industrial Research will provide publishing support.) The publication contract will be made in the name of the Director of the Institute for Industrial Research, and the Institute for Industrial Research Steering Committee will decide upon consultation on the publication use, including digitization, and the handling of fees for the use of copyrighted works. In addition, there may be occasions where you are requested to deliver an oral presentation of your research findings at symposiums and other events organized by the Institute for Industrial Research.

## 11. Past research activities

Please refer to "Research Activities" on the website of the Institute for Industrial Research.

[https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/i\\_industrial/about/r-activities](https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/i_industrial/about/r-activities)

## 12. Contact us

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