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1. Research Objectives, Research Method, etc.

This research proposal will be reviewed in the Basic Section of the applicant's choice. In filling this application form, refer to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI-.

In this column, research objectives, research method, etc. should be described within 3 pages. A succinct summary of the research proposal should be given at the beginning.

The main text should give descriptions, in concrete and clear terms, of (1) scientific background for the proposed research, and the "key scientific question" comprising the core of the research plan, (2) the purpose, scientific significance, and originality of the research project, and (3) what will be elucidated, and to what extent and how will it be pursued during the research period.

[SUMMARY]

Give a clear and brief outline of the (1) scientific background, (2) research objectives, and (3) research methods using straightforward expressions that are readily understood by the reviewer.

[MAIN TEXT]

(1) Scientific background for the proposed research and scientific question(s)

Concerning the research object/target, first describe what has been already elucidated and what problems remain yet to be solved. Then, raise the issues comprising the core of your research plan.

【Check-points common to all pages】

Does the Application Form type match the Review Section applied by you?

For proposals written in English, the recommended font is Times New Roman, 11-point size minimum (except for References, which can be 9-point)

(Although Reviewers may handle PDF file, the proposal text should be easily readable without any enlargement!)

Check if the space and pages allocated to each item, and the margins

(upper & lower: 20 mm each; Left & right: 25mm each) are preserved.

*Do not change the format. Do not delete or insert extra pages!

*Any changes in margins may result in loss of information upon printing!

Carefully check for grammatical and spelling errors, and calculation mistakes (ensure consistency with the data entered via the electronic system).

Are the illustrations clearly visible when printed in monochrome mode?

• Even if your illustrations may be in color, they will be printed or converted to PDF mode in gray scale (monochrome) mode and delivered to the reviewers.

Does your writing "flow" with smooth transitions?

- Is the writing logical?
- It may be good idea to use subheadings and itemization, and also emphasize important parts of the text showing in bold or with underline.
- Avoid the frequent use of foreign words, abbreviations and specialist terms and ensure that it is understood by reviewers who may be from other fields.
- Is the first sentence (topics sentence) catchy (appealing)?.
- Are the sentences too long and complex? If yes, better try to breakdown to ensure that one sentence gives one message.

Avoid leaving large blank spaces. It is a good practice to fill first at least until the half of the last page of each item, and use up the available space by inserting (additional) illustrations (diagram, table) with captions and explanation.

- [1. Research Objectives, Research Method, etc. (continued from the previous page)]
- (2) Purpose, scientific significance, and originality of the research project

State the purpose of proposed research that is consistent with the scientific issues raised in (1).

Demonstrate the scientific peculiarities and strengths of your research, for example, by showing how it differs from other similar research projects. Also, convey a clear message that this research will be conducted by the principal investigator, playing the key role, in an independent and subjective manner. * The reviewer is the one to make judgements. Therefore, avoid strong statements, such as: "... is original, because of ..." or "This research has high originality from the viewpoint".

(3) What will be elucidated, and to what extent and how will it be pursued during the research period

Describe, in an easy-to-understand way, what methods you will explore, and how you will execute the research plan (schedule) to achieve the objectives you mentioned in (2) above.

Here are some recommendations:

- · Arrange the research purpose item-wise, stating the content and goal for each item.
- *In case of many items, arrangement in tabular form is recommended.
- Describe the research plan for each financial year.
- *To enhance understanding, show the connection with research expenses requested for each financial year
- Through your description, justify the appropriateness of the division of responsibilities among you (PI) and Co-Investigator(s).
- * If the organizational structure is complicated and involves too many people, include a diagram that shows the relationship of research organizations concerned.

Research methods should be described as concretely as possible.

In addition to the results expected, mention about the ripple effects such as the potential for practical applications to solve broader academic, science & technology, and social issues.

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2. Research Development Leading to Conception of the Present Research Proposal, etc.

In this column, descriptions should be given within 1 page, of (1) applicant's research history leading to the conception of this research proposal and its preparation status, and (2) domestic and overseas trends related to the proposed research and the positioning of this research in the relevant field.

(1) Applicant's research history and state of preparation

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Considering section 1(1) mentioned earlier, section "Applicant's Hitherto Research Activities" to be described later, and section (2) below, give an easy-to-understand summary of the scientific concepts leading to the proposed research.

Mention the state of preparations such as preliminary surveys etc., and thereby explain that you are ready for the proposed research.

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(2) Domestic and overseas trends and positioning of the proposed research

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You may cite appropriate references (sources) to support your statements.

* Plain writing that assumes a certain level of expertise of researchers within the proposed "Review Section" is fine. But, make it simpler, if the Review Section is likely to have reviewers beyond the proposed specialization.

* Too many citations (to references/sources) are not recommended.

Describe the scientific significance of the proposed research, justifying its originality, in the context of the domestic (within Japan) and international research trends.

3. Applicant's Ability to Conduct the Research and the Research Environment

In this column, descriptions of (1) applicant's hitherto research activities, and (2) research environments including research facilities and equipment, research materials, etc. relevant to the conduct of the proposed research should be given within 2 pages to show the feasibility of the research plan by the applicant (Principal Investigator).

If the applicant has taken leave of absence from research activity for some period (e.g. due to maternity and/or child-care), he/she may choose to write about it in "(1) applicant's hitherto research activities".

(1) Applicant's hitherto research activities

Considering item (1) of the previous section and item (2) below, provide evidences to support your argument regarding the feasibility of proposed research. For this, describe the past record of your research (type, content, and achievements such as scientific articles and also prize(s) worth of special mention, etc.)

Besides giving the examples of important achievements, you may describe past research activities that, for example, didn't yet yield tangible results but helped to explore novel scientific problems.

* Note:

- 1. The description in this column is to explain the feasibility of the research plan. On citing research achievements (research papers, books, patents, invited talks, etc.) they should be given not as an exhaustive list but as supporting evidence to prove the applicant's ability to conduct the proposed research.
- 2. Sufficient information should be given so that the reviewers can identify the research achievements.
 - In the case of a research paper, for example, the relevant bibliographic information, including the title of the paper, the author(s), the title and the volume of the journal, the publication year, and the pages of the article should be given.
- 3. The research papers that can be cited are only those already published or accepted for publication.
- 4. These notes written in italics should be deleted when filling this column.

As this space is not intended for providing a list of all publications, write this section by citing selected publications that sufficiently demonstrate the research capacity of the principal investigator.

The reviewers will have access to Researchmap* or KAKEN databases in case of need to look at the list of publications of the applicant. In order to enable this functionality, each applicant is required to update his/her publication list in Researchmap and also to register the "Research Funding Number" (科研費研究者番号).

*It is envisaged that the researchmap database will be increasingly used in connection with applications submitted to the country-level competitive funds. For this reason, please ensure that your publication record in it is up-to-date.

(2) Research environments including research facilities and equipment, research materials, etc. relevant to the conduct of the proposed research

Describe the state of current research environment (facility, equipment, samples etc.) to show that it is appropriate for the proposed research. If the research environment is still inadequate at present, explain this aspect and mention about the measures to be taken to improve the situation so as to be able to smoothly conduct the proposed research.

Describe the measures to be taken if the research plan doesn't proceed as expected.

4. Issues Relevant to Human Right Protection and Legal Compliance

(cf. Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research)

In case the proposed research involves such issues that require obtaining consent and/or cooperation of the third party, consideration in handling of personal information, or actions related bioethics and/or biosafety (including the laws and regulations and the guidelines in the country/region(s) where the joint international research is to be conducted), the planned measures and actions for these issues should be stated within 1 page.

This applies to research activities that would require approval by an internal or external ethical jury, such as research involving questionnaire surveys, interviews and/or behavior surveys (including personal histories and images) including personal information, handling of donated specimens, human genome analysis, recombinant DNA, and experimentation with animals.

If the proposed research does not fall under such categories, enter "N/A (not applicable)".

[Example 1]

As the proposed research plan involves the use of only, there should, normally, be no need to take measures related to Human Right Protection or to follow procedures for Legal Compliance. In the case of an unexpected situation during the course of this research requiring legal procedures, however, necessary measures will be taken before continuing the research further.

[Example 2]

In addition, the proposed research also involves collection of personal information that requires handling considerations. Therefore, personal information will be collected only after obtaining appropriate consent from the concerned individuals and the collected information will be managed under strict supervision. Furthermore, it will not be used for purpose other than the proposed research, and the research results will be publicized only after data anonymization in order to prevent from identifying any individuals by their names.

If the information provided in this space is found to be incorrect or insufficient by the reviewers, the applicant may be informed after selection, if any, at a later date through the university office.

研究経費とその必要性」欄と 「研究費の応募・受入等の状況」欄の各項目名については、 宜的に英訳も併記していますが、審査に付す際には、日本語のみの表示となります。 The item names written in English in the column of "Research Expenditure and Their Necessity" and in the column of "Research Grant

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For use at Hokkaido University, the relevant items of expenditure (Equipment, Consumables, <u>Miscellaneous</u>) are to be used while describing costs in this section.

(Examples: Article reprint cost, coming under printing & binding cost, is treated as "Miscellaneous". Any equipment/device that costs less or equal to 100,000 JPY per piece is put under "Consumables". The charge for scientific analyses/measurements to be paid to a company is also treated as "miscellaneous". Any book requiring registration at Hokkaido University Library is treated as "Equipment")

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