

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology - Japan (MEXT)  
FY2019 Funds for the Development of Human Resources in Science and Technology  
Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Collaboration Type)  
Support Center for Gender Equality, Yokohama National University

# Call for Proposals

## Diversity Research Grant FY 2019



### **Purpose**

The Diversity Research Grant FY2019 is intended to mainly support female researchers in the early stage of their career to improve their research performance, assist their career development, and encourage their continued research activities. Through the grant, YNU will strengthen the university's research performance, raise the international visibility of the research outputs, and promote diversity.

### **Research Area**

Life Innovation\* or other related areas

Note: In this scheme, "life innovation" means the creation of a new mechanism and the generation of social transformation through life-related research in fields such as life sciences, medicine, healthcare, and science and engineering, as well as interdisciplinary research that contributes to the quality of our life.

### **Eligibility**

YNU graduate students and early stage researchers who obtained their Ph.D. within the past 10 years (as of April 2019) are eligible to apply. Male applicants additionally need research suspension terms for their life events such as parenting and nursing care.

Note 1. People of all ages, nationalities, and types of employment are eligible to apply.

2. JSPS Fellows and Miharukasu Research Fellows are not eligible to apply during the fellowship period.

3. The period of research suspension should be a total of 3 months or longer within the past 5 years.

### **Grant Amount**

Up to JPY 300,000 [10 quotas]

\*Half or more of the 10 quotas will be awarded to female applicants in accordance with the purpose of the

grant.

### **Research Period**

Start: Date of award notice

End: March 31, 2020 (at the latest)

### **What to Cover**

The grant broadly covers the expenses required for the research project, such as travel costs, consumables, and open access charges. Note that YNU funds expenses on the basis of university accounting regulations.

### **How to Apply**

Applications will be accepted from September 2 to 9, 2019.

Fill out the [online registration form](#) and mail the completed application form to [sankaku-diversity@ynu.ac.jp](mailto:sankaku-diversity@ynu.ac.jp)

### **Peer Review Process**

Designated reviewers from each institution will screen the applications. If necessary, they will conduct interviews of the candidates. Applicants will be informed of the results by the end of October 2019.

### **Assessment Criteria**

On the basis of the assessment criteria outlined below, an overall score is assigned to each research project, using a four-point scale.

1. Can we fully expect the applicant to become an excellent researcher who will lead in the sciences?
2. Is the research plan concrete and appropriate to achieve the research objective?
3. Does the applicant have sufficient ability and appropriate preparation status to conduct the research plan?
4. For male applicants, does the applicant meet the eligibility requirements for funding support?

Note: The criteria follow those of the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists.

When an interview is deemed necessary, it will be conducted on the basis of the above criteria.

## **Award Conditions**

- When publishing research achievements that were supported by the grant, awardees should acknowledge the grant as follows:

### *Examples of acknowledgment*

[English] This work was supported by “YNU Diversity Research Grant” under MEXT Funds for the Development of Human Resources in Science and Technology, “Initiative for Realizing Diversity in the Research Environment (Collaboration Type).”

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- Upon research completion or end of the fiscal year, awardees should write a report on their research results using the designated form.
- Awardees should take the designated research ethics training to use the grant in accordance with the YNU research compliance policy.

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