

FAQ for Research Grant 2023 Application

1. Members of PI's team

Q1. If I do not have any master's students assigned as my supervisees at the time of application due to the academic schedule, how should I do?

- ⇒ Write "expected student" in the name column and clarify the specific tasks for the student in Attachment 2. The research task of the expected student must be relevant to his/her master's thesis. PI is required to report the name once the student(s) have joined the research team.

Q2. Do I need to assign another master's student after the graduation of the assigned master's student in June 2024?

- ⇒ Yes. Assign another master's student for the rest of the research period, and assign another research task according to the research plan. Therefore, the research plan must include clear research task assignment to each master's student as part of the research. However, if you cannot find any master's student who is interested in the on-going research in the second year, consult the JICA Project Team.

Q3. Are co-supervision of master's student(s) and his/her doctoral studies in Japan mandatory?

- ⇒ A plan for co-supervision of master's students (s) is mandatory from the viewpoint of establishing sustainable collaboration with the Co-PI. Accordingly, further studies in Japan with Japanese Co-PI are ardently expected but not mandatory at all.

Q4. Is it acceptable to assign PhD student (s)?

- ⇒ Yes. Even if you assign PhD student(s), assignment and co-supervision at least one master's student is mandatory from the viewpoint of establishing sustainable collaboration with the Co-PI.

2. Travel

Q5. Is visiting from Japan to IITH mandatory?

- ⇒ For AC, it is mandatory. Obtain the agreement letter, including the visit plan to IITH from the Co-PI or/and faculty members of the Co-PI's research team.
- ⇒ For IC, it is optional. Travel costs of Co-PI in industry are not covered while those for registered academic researchers of the Co-PI's research team are covered.

Q6. Is travel cost for students covered?

- ⇒ No. Plan to utilize other financial resources.

Collaboration with industry

Q7. Can I collaborate with Indian companies?

- ⇒ Researchers of Indian companies cannot be Co-PIs. However, it is possible to assign researchers of Indian companies to your research team.

Procurement

Q8. Is rental cost of equipment and facilities covered in this grant?

- ⇒ No. If necessary equipment is not available inside IITH, you can make an order of measurement or analysis and purchase the experimental data, which is covered under the consumable category.