Allocation of Research Categories between MEXT and JSPS

【MEXT】

Categories	Description	Schedule		
		Announ-cement	Application Period	Notification (informal)
Specially Promoted Research	Internationally appraised research that is likely to produce outstanding results (Maximum of about ¥500 million per project, but no strict limit set; period: 3-5 years)	Early September	Late November	June of following year
Scientific Research in Priority Areas	Specific areas of research that are expected to contribute to elevating the standard of Japanese scientific research in the 21st century, that should be addressed on a global scale, or that have an especially strong societal demand. This category of grants is aimed at facilitating the fluid and effective promotion of research in such areas. (For each area, about ¥20 million to ¥600 million per year; period: 3-6 years).	Research area: Early Sept. Research theme: Early Sept.	Late November Late November	July of following year April of following year
Exploratory Research※	Uniquely original research in its early stage (Up to ¥5 million per project; period: 1-3 years)	Early September	Late November	April of following year
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists※	Research by a young researcher (up to 37 years of age) (Period: 2-3 years; categories set by amount of funding) Category A: ¥5 million to ¥30 million / Category B: up to ¥5 million			
Grant-in-Aid for Special Purposes	Support for urgent and important research	——	——	——
Publication of Scientific Research Results	Support for publishing the results of highly significant research conducted by researcher groups and for disseminating such information internationally	Early September	Late November	April of following year
Specially Designated Research Promotion	Support for research conducted by private research institutes to satisfy specific scientific or societal demands.	Early March	Early April	June
Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows※	Support for research conducted by JSPS fellows, including postdoctoral fellows (Period: up to 3 years)	Late January	Late February	April
Creative Scientific Research※	Support for further cultivating fruits obtained from highly creative research conducted under the Grants-in-Aid and other funding programs (Period: 5 years; awarded on a recommendation basis)	——	——	April

※Application recruiting and screening are handled by JSPS.

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Categories	Description	Schedule		
		Announ-cement	Application Period	Notification (informal)
Scientific Research	Creative and pioneering research conducted by a researcher or a group of researchers (Scientific research (S)) (About ¥50 million to ¥100 million per project; period: 5 years) (A) ¥20 million to ¥50 million (B) ¥5 million to ¥20 million (C) Up to ¥5 million (Period: 2-4 years, with one year for research planning; categories set by amount of funding)	Early September	Late November	April of following year
Encouragement of Scientists	Research carried out by a pre-school, elementary, or secondary school teacher or by an individual citizen (For each project, up to ¥300,000 per year; period: 1 year)	Early November	Late Jan. of the following year	April of following year
Scientific Periodicals	Support for the publication of academic journals so as to promote international exchange	Early September	Late November	April of following year
Scientific Literature	Support for the publication of books on research results			
Databases	Support for compiling databases and making them openly accessible through various scientific information networks			

Researchers eligible for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (other than those for Encouragement of Scientists) are as follows:

(a) Researchers at universities, inter-university research institutes, and colleges of technology

(b) Researchers at institutes designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being engaged in scientific research from among research institutes and other organizations established by the Japanese government or local administrations and from among corporations established by law or per Article 34 of the Civil Code