

Research Evaluation for Selecting Grantees

With an eye to ensuring the fairness, transparency, and efficiency of the grant program and enhancing its effectiveness, MEXT and JSPS constantly review and improve the program's systems for screening and evaluating research proposals.

Research Evaluation Flow

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Example: Specially Promoted Research

Internationally appraised research that is likely to produce outstanding results

(Maximum of about ¥500 million, but no strict limit set; research period: 3-5 years)

Period from Announcement through Application

Preliminary Evaluation

Screening by Council for Science and Technology

- Assessment by referee (third party) (Document review by outside specialists)
- Deliberation by committee
- Selection of proposals for oral examination
- Oral examination
- Deliberation by committee (If not selected, the applicant will be notified of the reason why.)

Start of research-Project

Interim assessment

Assessment by Council for Science and Technology

- Document review
- Oral examination
- On-the-spot inspection
- Progress report (yearly)
Information on the research is provided by National Institute of Informatics.
- Presentation of research results by the researchers at academic societies and other venues both in and outside Japan

Post-completion evaluation of the research

Assessment by Council for Science and Technology

- Oral examination

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Example: Scientific Research (A)

Creative and pioneering research conducted by a researcher or a group of researchers

(¥20 million to ¥50 million; research period: 2-4 years)

Period from Announcement through Application

Screening by Committee on Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research

- Document review
- Deliberation by committee
(If not selected, applicants will, upon request, be provided with relevant information including their approximate ranking in the first screening (document review) and the averaged scores for their "research details" and "research plan," which are evaluation factors in the first screening.)

Start of research-Project

Evaluation by academic community and/or society

- Progress report (yearly)
Information on the research is provided by National Institute of Informatics.
- Presentation of research results by the researchers at academic societies and other venues in and outside Japan

Evaluation by academic community and/or society

- Report of research results
 - A summary of this report is provided by National Institute of Informatics.
 - A copy of the report is made available at National Diet Library for public perusal.
- Presentation of research results by the researchers at academic societies and other venues in and outside Japan
- Symposia and other fora
- Literature
- Patents