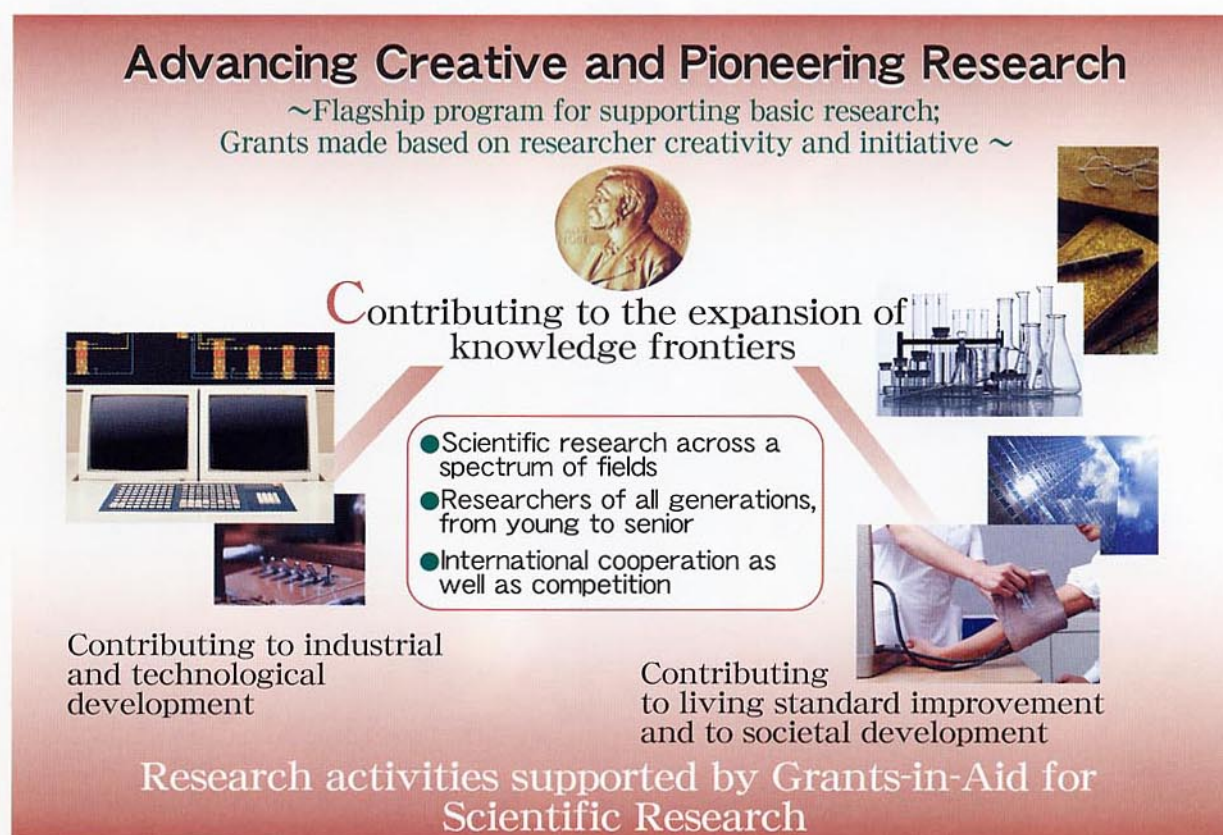


What Are Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research?

- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research are awarded to promote creative and pioneering research in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities.
- Selection is made from a number of scientific research proposals prepared and submitted by individual researchers or groups of researchers employed at Japanese universities and research institutes. Proposals undergo a peer review, and grants are awarded on the basis of each proposal's merit in light of trends in their respective research fields.
- These grants support research in a wide spectrum of categories, ranging from exploratory research to the most highly advanced studies. For their research achievements, a number of grant recipients have received prestigious awards of recognition, including the Nobel Prize, both in and outside Japan.



Screening and Awarding of Grants by MEXT and JSPS

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) administer the screening of applications and the awarding of grants under this program. In doing so, they make constant efforts to refine the evaluation system and to improve the funding operation.