

<Major Changes in the Call for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2027>

(1) Schedule for the Call for Proposals

- The main future schedule for the FY2027 call for proposals for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research -KAKENHI- (for the FY2026 call for proposals for the Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up and the Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research) to be made in fiscal year 2026 is tentatively as follows.

Schedule for the FY2027 Call for Proposals for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI- (Tentative)*1

Research Category*2	Start of Call for Proposals	Deadline for Submission of Applications	Notice of Review Results*3	Provisional Grant Decision*4
Specially Promoted Research	April 10, 2026	June 16, 2026	Early January 2027	Early April 2027
Scientific Research (S)	April 10, 2026	June 16, 2026	Mid-February 2027	Early April 2027
Transformative Research Areas (A/B)	April 10, 2026	June 16, 2026	Mid-February 2027 (Late September 2026*5)	Early April 2027
Transformative Research Areas (A) (Publicly Offered Research)	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	Mid-February 2027	Early April 2027
Scientific Research (A/B/C) and Early-Career Scientists	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	February 26, 2027	Early April 2027
Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory)	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	June 30, 2027 (Late February 2027*5)	June 30, 2027
Encouragement of Scientists	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	January 29, 2027	Early April 2027
Publication of Scientific Research Results	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	Late March 2027	Early April 2027

Schedule for the FY2026 Call for Proposals for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI- (Tentative)*1

Research Category*2	Start of Call for Proposals	Deadline for Submission of Applications	Notice of Review Results*3	Provisional Grant Decision*4, 6
Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up	March 1, 2026	May 8, 2026	July 31, 2026	July 31, 2026
International Leading Research	January 9, 2026	March 13, 2026	Late November 2026 (Mid-May 2026*5)	Late November 2026
Fostering Joint International Research	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	Late February 2027	Late February 2027
Home-Returning Researcher Development Research	July 14, 2026	September 17, 2026	Late February 2027	Late February 2027

*1 Both schedules are for newly proposed projects.

*2 For the schedule for research categories other than the above, please refer to the respective Application

Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research and other documents.

- *3 The adoption or rejection of newly proposed projects will be notified to their Principal Investigators via the KAKENHI electronic application system before or on the day of provisional grant decision.
When you receive a Notice of Review Results indicating “adoption” of your project, you can make advance preparations for the commencement of your research project; however, as before, please conclude necessary contracts, etc. after provisional grant decision.
- *4 Timing of provisional grant decision may change, depending on the passage of the government budget and other circumstances.
- *5 The schedule in parentheses means the timing for issuing Notices of Review Results of “Preliminary Screening.”
(No “Preliminary Screening” will be conducted under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A).)
- *6 For Home-Returning Researcher Development Research, “provisional grant decision with conditions” will also be made.

(2) Raising the Upper Age Limit of the Head Investigator under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (B) from 45 to 49

- We will raise the upper age limit of the Head Investigator under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (B) from 45 to 49.

(Refer to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI-: FY2027 Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A/B), released in April 2026)

(3) Raising the Age Limit in the Requirements That a Research Area “Should Be Composed to Include Two or More Research Projects of Planned Research with Researchers of Age 45 or Under Participating as Principal Investigators” under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A/B) from 45 to 49

- We will raise the age limit in the requirements that a research area “should be composed to include two or more research projects of Planned Research with researchers of age 45 or under participating as Principal Investigators” under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A/B) from 45 to 49.

(Refer to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI-: FY2027 Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A/B), released in April 2026)

(4) Confirmation of the “Development Potential from Research Projects Adopted in the Past” in the Call for Proposals and Review under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (B)

- In the call for proposals and review under the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (B), we will confirm development potential from research projects adopted under the Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Pioneering/Exploratory) and “Fusion Oriented REsearch for disruptive Science and Technology” in the past, when the research proposal falls under the relevant application areas. Accordingly, relevant descriptions and forms will be added to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Research Proposal Document, and review and evaluation rules.

(Refer to the Application Procedures for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI-: FY2027 Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A/B), released in April 2026)