

April call for applications

FY2012 Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects: April applications (for newly-hired faculty) Research plan application guidelines

Attention: those who conform to the eligibility requirements listed below may apply only in April, not in September.

Research Support Section, Research Promotion Division

As a part of our support system for newly appointed faculty, we are soliciting research plans for 'FY2012 Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects (for newly hired faculty)' which the applicants can receive in the first year of their post assignments. The guidelines are as follows:

Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects, (using Waseda University Research Aid Funding, which was established to subsidize research by Waseda faculty) provide support for research conducted by individuals or groups. There are three categories of grant: Special Grant A, Special Grant B and grants for newly hired faculty. For the details, please visit: <http://www.waseda.jp/rps/en/fas/guide/research-fund/challenge.html>

In addition to this grant, those who are qualified are encouraged to apply for MEXT's Grants-in-Aid for Research Activity Start Ups (「研究活動スタート支援」). (Note: However, it is not permissible to apply for the Special Grant B, which is for those who are not selected for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research or *Kakenhi*.)

1. Purpose

This grant is provided to support research by individuals, in order to reinforce research allowances at the beginning of their post assignments, and to ensure depth and completeness in individually conducted research.

2. Eligible fields

All fields.

3. Eligibility

Those who are newly hired in April 2012 at Waseda in the posts of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, teacher, non-tenured professor, non-tenured associate professor, non-tenured assistant professor, and research associate.

Those who were newly hired between April 2, 2011 and April 1, 2012, i.e. after the deadline for application for 2011 Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects (for newly hired faculty) are also eligible to apply for 2012 grants. (Those who did not apply for FY2011 September (appointed between April 2 and September 1, 2011) are included.)

However, those who were not accepted in FY2011 September cannot apply again for FY2012 April.

※ Faculty who are being hired through external funding are not eligible.

【Notice for eligibility confirmation】

Please refer to following examples.

- E.g. 1. Ineligible: Research Associate for FY2011 → Assistant Professor for FY2012
- E.g. 2. Eligible: Visiting Senior Researcher for FY2011 → Non-tenured Professor for FY2012
- E.g. 3. Eligible: Qualified → Unqualified → Qualified

- ◆ However, an applicant who has left Waseda, lost eligibility and then been rehired by Waseda can apply again if properly qualified. (See also 3. Eligibility)
- ◆ Those who are newly applying for or have received informal approval to continue *Kakenhi* for FY2012 are eligible to apply.

4. Receiving application form

'Research Plan,' 'Guidelines for Creating Research Plan,' and 'Category Description and Scope of Use of Grant' can be downloaded (these will be available in mid-Feb) at:
<http://www.waseda.jp/rps/fas/research-expenses/specific-research/subsidy02.html>

5. Amount of grant and research period

- (1) Research grant Up to 300,000 yen
- (2) Research period June 1, 2012 ~ March 31, 2013
- ※ Notice: the recipients are encouraged to apply for *Kakenhi* in the following year.

6. Application method and submission procedure

Please submit 'Research Plan for Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects' (double-sided print) to the applicant's department office .

7. Number of submissions and deadline

- (1) Number of submissions: One original Research Plan and one copy (double-sided print)
- (2) Deadline: April 11, 2012 (Wednesday) (strictly observed deadline)

8. Selection method and grant distribution decision

The allocation will be decided by the Screening Committee of Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects, on the basis of documentary examination and consultation.

9. Notification of results

After the meeting of the Screening Committee of Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects in May 2012(tentative timing) and the approval from the decision making body of Waseda University, the results will be announced through the applicant's department office. (Selected applicants will be asked to submit 'Plan for Use of Grant.' The deadline for this submission will be announced at the time of the selections announcements.)

10. Reminders concerning the application

- (1) It is necessary to clarify the research purpose, to describe research content concretely, and to ensure that the research scale is appropriate.
- (2) Upon completion of the research, 'Outline of Research Outcome (more than 400 words)' must be submitted online. If the 'Outline of Research Outcome' is not submitted, application for the Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects will not be accepted in the future.
- (3) In the case of publication of results in a book or journal, please be sure to state clearly in the publication that the research has been supported by a Waseda University Grant for Special Research Projects, and state its subject number.