

Director/Head of the Research Institute,

Please distribute the following information to your staff about applications for cooperative research with the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University. We hope you consider this opportunity for working with the research staff of our institute.

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**Call for 2016 Collaborative Research
with the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University**

1. Categories of collaborative research:

A. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The Principal Investigator (PI) is from an institute other than DPRI.

1) General Collaborative Research

2) Workshops and Symposia

3) Long-term Research Visits (see below 2. Eligible applicants)

4) Short-term Research Visits (see below 2. Eligible applicants)

5) Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (General) (see below 2. Eligible applicants)

B. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The PI is from DPRI or other institute.

6) International Research

7) New Exploratory Research (see below 2. Eligible applicants)

F. Collaborative studies using DPRI facilities/equipment. The PI is from an institute other than DPRI.

12) Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment (see below 2. Eligible applicants)

In addition to the above, there are other categories [C.8] limited to the Natural Disaster Research Council (NDRC), [D.9] limited to NDRC and related societies, and [E.10] and [E.11] limited to only DPRI staff.

2. Eligible applicants:

Faculty members or researchers from national university corporations, public/private universities, and national/public research institutes are eligible as well as equivalent researchers from domestic and foreign research institutes. Graduate students (doctoral course) are eligible to be PI for the Long-term/Short-term Research Visits, New Exploratory Research, and Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment. Administrative staff of local government is eligible to be PI for the Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (General).

3. Application method:

Fill out appropriate application forms and submit them by e-mail, as described below. In the submission, tasks of a DPRI collaborative staff must be clearly specified in the application form.

4. Research period:

See the Application Guidelines.

5. Application deadline:

Applications must be received by January 15, 2016 (Friday).

Applications for Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment will be accepted at any time.

6. Application submission:

Submit applications by e-mail to: kyodo@dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp.

The format should be in Microsoft WORD which can be downloaded from the website listed below in 8.

7. Selection and notification:

Submitted applications will be evaluated by the Committee for Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center of DPRI. Notification of decisions is scheduled for late March 2016. Notification of budgets is scheduled for June 2016.

8. Other information:

More information can be found at the following website,

<http://www.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/collaborative/>

Inquiries can be sent to,

Joint Usage of Research Support Section,

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Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University
Application Guidelines for 2016 Collaborative Research

The Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI) was established at Kyoto University for the purpose of carrying out academic research on natural hazards and multidisciplinary studies for disaster mitigation. Since 1996, many collaborative projects have been carried out under DPRI's leadership as a national joint usage research institute. In 2010 DPRI was designated as a "Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center for Multidisciplinary Disaster Prevention Study," and many collaborative projects have been executed with new collaborative frameworks as a collaborative research center.

In 2016 the next term of the "Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center for Multidisciplinary Disaster Prevention Study" will start, in order to promote collaborative projects more extensively with a new framework of International collaborative research. We set up the following five themes as the top priority issues, "Great earthquake disaster mitigation," "Meteorologically extreme phenomenon and disaster," "Volcanic disaster," "Implementation science for disaster risk reduction," and "Global collaboration of disaster research." Applications for collaborative research related to the above five top priority issues are most welcome. However, applications for collaborative research related to other issues are also accepted.

Research staffs from National University Corporations, public/private universities, and national/public research institutes are encouraged to apply for funding. Evaluations of the proposals will be done by the Committee for Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center of DPRI.

This call for applications is contingent on approval of the 2016 Fiscal Year's budget.

Collaborative research includes the following 12 categories,

- A. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The Principal Investigator (PI) is from an institute other than DPRI.
 - 1) General Collaborative Research
 - 2) Workshops and Symposia
 - 3) Long-term Research Visits ^(note a)
 - 4) Short-term Research Visits ^(note a)
 - 5) Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (General) ^(note b)
- B. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The PI is from DPRI or other institute.
 - 6) International Research
 - 7) New Exploratory Research ^(note a)
- C. Collaborative research planned and proposed by the Natural Disaster Research Council (NDRC)
 - 8) Priority Issues for Collaborative Research
- D. Collaborative research planned and proposed by NDRC and related societies
 - 9) Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (Regional-Scale)
- E. Collaborative center research with a PI from DPRI
 - 10) Center Research
 - 11) Topical Research Meetings
- F. Collaborative studies using DPRI facilities/equipment. The PI is from an institute other than DPRI.
 - 12) Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment ^(note a)

(Note a) Graduate students (doctoral course) are eligible to be PI.
(Note b) Administrative staff of local government is eligible to be PI.

Those involved in collaborative research projects will have access to the facilities, equipment, instruments, and data of DPRI listed in Appendix II (see Note (1)-5) shown below). For the use of these facilities, the PI should contact the appropriate DPRI staff in charge before submitting the application.

Applicants can be PI on only one proposal, with the exception for the collaborative research proposed by the Natural Disaster Research Council (C8 and D9) and for the collaborative studies with Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment (F12). Submissions in English will be accepted. Upon the submission, tasks of a DPRI collaborative staff must be clearly specified in the application form.

Upon completion of the collaborative research, PI's will be requested to submit a report. The report will be published in the DPRI Annuals and posted on the website of DPRI.

When publishing the findings obtained in the course of the collaborative research, please acknowledge the Disaster Prevention Research Institute's collaborative research program.

Details of collaborative research

A. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The PI is from an institute other than DPRI.

1) General Collaborative Research

Collaborative projects for researchers to work with DPRI staff. The PI must be from an institute other than DPRI. Duration of the project is two years or less. It is necessary to include a staff member from DPRI among the collaborators. Submit Forms 1-1, 1-2, 1-3. Upon the submission, tasks of a DPRI collaborative staff must be clearly specified in the application form. Total budget must be 2 million yen or less for each year.

2) Workshops and Symposia

Funding for meetings for nationwide researchers to discuss new topics related to disaster mitigation research or other interesting themes. The PI must be from an institute other than DPRI. Submit Forms 2-1, 2-2. Workshops and symposia can be co-sponsored with other sources of funding. For joint hosting with other sources of funding, please clearly acknowledge support from the collaborative research program of DPRI.

The location of the meeting should be on the Uji campus or at a facility of DPRI (Appendix II, see Note (1)-5) below). The meeting should be held between April 2016 and the end of February 2017. Total budget must be 1 million yen or less.

3) Long-term Research Visits

Support for domestic and overseas researchers to stay at DPRI for periods of 1 to 10 months to carry out collaborative research projects. Graduate students (doctoral course) are also eligible. Submit Forms 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4. Visitors are expected to make use of the human resources and facilities of DPRI in their research. In preparing the application form, please consult with the appropriate DPRI staff members. Total budget must be 2 million yen or less.

4) Short-term Research Visits

Support for domestic and overseas researchers to stay at DPRI for periods of about 2 weeks or less, to carry out collaborative research projects. Visitors are expected to make use of remote facilities, large-scale equipment, documents, or data of DPRI. Graduate students (doctoral course) are also eligible. Submit Forms 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4. In preparing the application form, please consult with the appropriate DPRI staff members. Total budget must be 300,000 yen or less.

5) Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (General)

Collaborative projects of Implementation science for regional communities among researchers, specialties and administrative staff of local government. The PI must be a researcher from institutes other than DPRI. Administrative staff of local government is eligible to be PI with support of researchers. Duration of the project is two years. It is necessary to include a staff member from DPRI among the collaborators. Submit Forms 4A-1, 4A-2, 4A-3. Total budget must be 2 million yen or less for each year.

B. Collaborative research with staff from DPRI. The PI is from DPRI or other institute.

6) International Research

Collaborative projects including a researcher from institutes outside of Japan as a PI or the main collaborator. Staff of DPRI is also eligible to be a PI. Duration of the project is two years or less. Submit Forms 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4. Upon the submission, tasks of a DPRI collaborative staff (if PI is not from DPRI) must be clearly specified in the application form. Total budget must be 2.5 million yen or less for each year.

7) New Exploratory Research

Support for new and innovative projects. Staff of DPRI is eligible to be a PI. Also, graduate students (doctoral course) can be a PI. In this case, however, the student's advisor must be included as a collaborator. If the PI is not from DPRI, a staff member from DPRI must be included in the collaborators. In the submission, tasks of a DPRI collaborative staff must be clearly specified in the application form. Duration of the project should be within one year. Submit Forms 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4. Total budget must be 300,000 yen or less.

C. Collaborative research planned and proposed by the Natural Disaster Research Council (NDRC)

8) Priority Issues for Collaborative Research

Support for collaborative research planned and proposed by NDRC. This includes multidisciplinary studies of natural disasters and disaster risk reduction promoted by NDRC. Duration of the project should be within one year. Submit Forms 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. Total budget must be 2.5 million yen or less.

D. Collaborative research planned and proposed by NDRC and related societies

9) Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (Regional-Scale)

Collaborative projects of Implementation science for regional communities planned and proposed by NDRC and related societies. Duration of the project is two years. Submit Forms 4B-1, 4B-2, 4B-3. Total budget must be 5 million yen or less for each year.

E. Collaborative center research with a PI from DPRI

10) Center Research

Funding for projects promoted by DPRI as a collaborative research center. Projects should address new research issues, form working organizations, or establish research networks, for the purpose of studying natural disasters and multidisciplinary countermeasures. Results should form the potential basis for further development in this field.

The PI is from DPRI and should build a research organization together with staff from other institutions. There are two categories for applications, General Promotion Research and Special Promotion Research. The research duration is one year. Submit Forms 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4. Total budget for General Promotion Research must be 5 million yen or less. Total budget for Special Promotional Research must be 10 million yen or less.

11) Topical Research Meetings

Support for meetings to plan projects and discuss research results, held under the leadership of a researcher (PI) from DPRI. Submit Forms 8-1, 8-2. Total budget must 1 million yen or less.

F. Collaborative studies using DPRI facilities/equipment. The PI is from an institute other than DPRI.

12) Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment

Support for collaborative studies using remote facilities, large-scale equipment, documents or data of DPRI. Travel expenses are to be provided by the users. In preparing the application, please consult with the DPRI staff in charge of the specific facility. Submit Form 9.

Notes

(1) Application

- 1) For all application, please obtain informal consent from the head of PI's institute. If the proposal is accepted, written consent for the research participation will need to be submitted, as soon as possible.
- 2) For use of DPRI facilities/equipment, submit the application after directly consulting with the appropriate DPRI staff in charge and also follow the instructions provided by him/her.
- 3) For applications and reports, use the appropriate forms, which can be downloaded from the DPRI website listed below in (10)-2).
- 4) For all applications except for the Center Research (E10), costs of furniture and fixtures will not be usually approved. If you have special reasons, please note them on a separate sheet.
- 5) Appendix II is prepared only in Japanese at present, so please consult with a DPRI collaborative staff for using facilities/equipment in the collaborative research.

(2) Selection and notice

The proposals will be fairly reviewed and awardees will be decided by votes of the Committee of Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center of DPRI. The results will be announced in late March, 2016. Determination of budgets will be announced around June, 2016.

(3) Funding

Funding for accepted projects can be used for research expenses and travel. The total amount of requested funds for accepted proposals may not be awarded. Funding will be supplied through the administration of DPRI. Only in the International Research projects (B6), researchers at overseas institutes can make small purchases such as supplies. For planning and using the budget, please consult with the collaborative researcher at DPRI.

(4) Publications

For publications related to the collaborative research, please explicitly acknowledge the source of funding, for example, the General Collaborative Research funded by the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University. Also, please send a copy of the published material to the address specified below in Note (10)-3). PI's or the collaborators are encouraged to present their final results at the DPRI Annual Meeting in February and publish in the DPRI Annuals. For these applications for presentation, please consult with the collaborative researcher at DPRI.

(5) Interim report

For the two-years projects of General Collaborative Research (A1), International Research (B6), and Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (A5, D9), the PI is required to submit an interim report of the research using the attached forms, after finishing the first year's research.

(6) Project report

For all Collaborative Research (A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B6, B7, C8, D9, E10, E11), the PI is required to submit a summary of research results using the attached forms. Submission of the forms should be done through electronic media (format is limited to Microsoft WORD). The contents of the report are to be published in the DPRI Annuals and on the website of DPRI.

(7) Summary of research results

For General Collaborative Research (A1), International Research (B6), Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (A5, D9), Center Research (E10), as well as Workshops and Symposia (A2), the PI is required to submit 6 copies of summary documents (CD-ROM or book form) to the program office (see (10)-3) below). The summary documents will be available for reading at Kyoto University Library. The summary documents can also be registered in the "Kyoto University Research Information Repository," where documents will be open through the internet, upon the request of PI. The front cover format can be downloaded from the website listed below in (10)-2).

(8) Research after the termination of a collaborative research

DPRI may ask PI's about the subsequent research after the termination of a collaborative research. In this case, please reply to the inquiries.

(9) Accommodations

For the remote facilities, accommodations may be available. Please consult with the appropriate DPRI staff in charge.

(10) Other information

1) In the case of accidents or injuries during research activities, such expenses are to be handled by the home institute of the researcher. DPRI assumes no responsibility for such matters. When graduate students participate in collaborative research, they are requested to purchase, "Disaster and Accident Insurance for Students Education and Research".

2) The application forms and status of proposal awards are posted on the DPRI website.

<http://www.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/collaborative/>

3) For inquiry about this public solicitation, please contact,

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Schedule for Applications for 2016 Collaborative Research with the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

- Application period:

November 16 (Monday), 2015 - January 15 (Friday), 2016

Applications for Joint Usage of DPRI Facilities/Equipment will be accepted at any time.

- Award notification:

Late March, 2016 (Scheduled)

- Submission of list of collaborative participants:

Mid-May, 2016 (Scheduled)

- Submission of written consent from the head of PI's institution:

Mid-May, 2016 (Scheduled)

- Notification of budgets:

Early June, 2016 (Scheduled)

- Submission of expense sheets:

Late February, 2017 (Scheduled)

- Submission of project report:

Late April, 2017 (Scheduled)

For General Collaborative Research (A1), International Research (B6), Implementation Science Research for Regional Communities (A5, D9), Center Research (E10), as well as Workshops and Symposia (A2), the PI is required to submit the "summary of research results" as soon as possible after submitting the "project report".