

Call for Proposals for RIMS Joint Research Activities (RIMS Review Seminars)

The Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences (RIMS), Kyoto University, is calling for proposals to organize RIMS Review Seminars.

1. Purpose and Overview of RIMS Review Seminars

RIMS Review Seminars (hereinafter, Seminars) are Joint Research Activities in which intensive discussions on new fields and trends in research are conducted by researchers specializing in the relevant area, either at RIMS or at another venue in Japan for a few days to a week. The Seminars have an aspect of a research tutorial, providing researchers from both inside and outside Japan with opportunities to access new fields and trends in research. The Seminars enable the rapid sharing of information on the new fields and trends in research amongst related researchers' groups and support motivated young researchers in developing research in new fields by providing them with a chance to learn about new research developments in the world.

2. Guidelines for RIMS Review Seminars.

(1) Seminar period

The Seminar must be conducted sometime between April 2024 and mid-March 2025. If the venue is RIMS, it should be conducted on weekdays, with the following days excluded: Japanese national holidays, Kyoto University holidays (June 18, August 13-14 and December 29 to January 3) and periods in which RIMS' events are being held (late July to early August and late August).

(2) Seminar venue

The venue for the Seminar should be RIMS or another place in Japan with facilities (training/conference rooms, etc.) suitable for the Seminar.

(3) Seminar expenses

Expenses directly related to the Seminar (venue expenses, domestic travel expenses, and overseas travel expenses*¹) will be covered by RIMS up to 600,000 Japanese yen (or 1,000,000 yen for Seminars that are part of the "Promotion of Women's Participation" program), in accordance with the relevant regulation of Kyoto University.

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Venue expenses: Expenses for renting the venue (training rooms, conference rooms, etc.) and equipment (if the venue is not RIMS).

Domestic travel expenses: Travel expenses for participants from inside Japan (transportation, accommodation and a per diem).

Overseas travel expenses: Travel expenses for participants from outside Japan (transportation between their home countries and Japan, transportation in Japan, accommodation and a per diem).

Upon request, it is possible to publish a related issue of "Kōkyūroku" (which is a series containing proceedings of Joint Research Activities) at no additional cost. In addition, depending on the screening of the Advisory Board of RIMS, it might be possible to publish a related issue of

“Kôkyûroku Bessatsu” (which is a series containing *selected* proceedings of Joint Research Activities) at no additional cost.

(4) Number of proposals to be adopted

Approximately three proposals will be adopted. Amongst these, at most one may be selected within the “Promotion of Women's Participation” program.

(5) Application requirements

- The proposer should participate in the Seminar.
- The organizing committee chaired by the proposer should manage the Seminar.
- A domestic researcher should be included in the organizing committee.

3. Online/Hybrid Workshops

The current situation regarding COVID-19 may continue into 2024, whereby we encourage applicants to organize events online via Zoom or partially online in a hybrid style (i.e. a combination of online and in-person meetings). Advice and guidelines are available for such events. For details, please refer to the webpage “[COVID-19 updates for organizers and participants](https://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/covid-19.html)”:

www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/covid-19.html.

It is possible to plan online or hybrid events upon application for Joint Research Activities. If you intend to hold your Seminar in an online or hybrid style upon application, please mark the names of online participants with a “*”, and describe how you plan to implement the Seminar in the “Specific plans” section of the proposal. Note that online participants will not be counted in the calculation of travel expenses.

As described in point 4 below, please note that Seminars might have to be either “canceled, postponed, or held online” depending on the infection status of COVID-19 one month prior to the scheduled start date of the research activity in question.

Please contact the Cooperative Research Service Section for further information.

4. Activity Restrictions and Guidelines Reflecting the COVID-19 Infection Status

We have developed the following guidelines for Joint Research Activities (including workshops, symposia and seminars). Possible formats of each meeting depend on Kyoto University's **Level of Activity Restriction**, the latest status of which can be found here:

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus.

- i) When the Level of Activity Restriction is 2– or higher, the meeting shall be either canceled, postponed to a later date in the same academic year, or held entirely online using Zoom.
- ii) When the Level of Activity Restriction is 1, we recommend an online meeting using Zoom, but if the organizer (principal researcher) sees fit, a (partly) face-to-face meeting is also permitted with capacity restrictions and adequate hygiene measures.

*To meet the capacity restrictions, we suggest hybrid (face-to-face and online) meetings at RIMS. A hybrid meeting is permitted when the meeting is being held at least one month after the level drops to Level 1.

- iii) When the Level of Activity Restriction is **0**, the meeting may take place physically as usual.

For details, please see the following webpage on “COVID-19 updates for organizers and participants”:
www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/covid-19.html.

Please note that, depending on the infection status one month prior to the scheduled start date of an event, organizers might be asked to decide to either cancel it, postpone it or hold it online.

5. How to Apply

(1) Obtaining application forms

The proposal form (in PDF and Word formats) can be downloaded from the following webpage:
www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/call_for_proposals-3.html.

(2) Required documents

1. AY 2024 Grant Proposal for Joint Research Activity (RIMS Review Seminar)
2. Evaluation Statement for AY2024 Grant Proposal for RIMS Review Seminar

*The proposer should request a member of RIMS’ Technical Committee to prepare an evaluation statement. Note that when the proposer themselves is a Technical Committee member, they may not prepare the evaluation statement for their own proposal.

A list of Technical Committee members can be found on the following webpage:
www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/files/meibo/Technical_Committee.pdf.

(3) How to submit

The proposer should submit their completed form via the following webpage:
www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/call_for_proposals-3.html.

Please note that **RIMS will NOT accept proposals submitted via email.**

Technical Committee members should prepare an Evaluation Statement and submit it via email to
400kyodo@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp.

6. Application Deadline

Thursday, August 31, 2023, 23:59 (JST)

7. Screening Method

The Advisory Board of RIMS will select proposals to be approved from amongst the submitted proposals for Joint Research Activities and decide the amount of travel expenses allocated to each.

8. Screening Result

The proposer will receive the screening result in October 2023.

9. Seminar Implementation

The proposer has full responsibility for the implementation of the Seminar, including developing a program and selecting participants. The proposer is also requested to reserve a venue, confirm participants’ attendance, and perform other tasks necessary for conducting the Seminar.

10. Determination of the Research Period

If the research periods of several proposed Joint Research Activities are concentrated on a certain period, RIMS may adjust their schedules.

11. Report

The proposer is requested to submit a report in the specified format without delay following the completion of the Seminar.

12. “Promotion of Women's Participation” in Research Activities

We encourage the participation of female mathematicians in our research community at RIMS. To support this, we have introduced a specific “Promotion of Women's Participation” program. To be eligible for this, proposals must meet the following three conditions.

(1) The principal researcher is female. (If there are two, both are female.)

(2) 50% or more of the speakers and all organizing committee members (which should be specified in the proposal) are female.

(3) 50% or more of the expected participants listed in the proposal are female.

The Advisory Board will select up to one such proposal within the “Promotion of Women's Participation” program. If a proposal is selected within this scheme, a budget of up to 1,000,000 yen will be offered; this is to support travel expenses for the participants, and encourage international participation. Proposals not adopted as this type of project will still hold a chance of being selected as a regular RIMS Review Seminar. Please note that the application form and the instructions for the “Promotion of Women's Participation” scheme are different from those for the regular RIMS Review seminar program. For more background, please refer to the following webpage:

www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/gender_equality.html.

13. Conducting Joint Research Activities With Other Entities

Conducting RIMS Joint Research Activities jointly with other entities is subject to approval at the Faculty Meeting of RIMS.

14. Disclaimer

RIMS shall not be liable for any accidents, injuries, diseases, etc. which may occur during the research period. The researchers shall be fully responsible for such incidents by themselves.

15. Code of Conduct

A “Code of Conduct” is in place for those involved in Joint Research Activities at RIMS:

www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~kenkyubu/CodeConductVer5.pdf.

We ask those proposing or participating in a research activity at RIMS to read the above Code of Conduct carefully and understand how it applies to them.

16. Gender Equality and Fostering Early Career Researchers

Kyoto University supports gender equality and encourages the research activities of early career researchers. RIMS asks that those preparing proposals (for any RIMS program) consider gender

diversity and the perspective of fostering early career researchers. We particularly hope to see more female researchers participating as members of organizing committees. We moreover encourage the invitation of female and early career researchers to participate in and present their work at the various Joint Research Activities of RIMS. Finally, we highlight that proposals from female and early career researchers are extremely welcome.

17. Privacy Policy

RIMS may use personal information included in the submitted documents to send guidelines for grant proposals and other relevant documents, and to carry out the screening process. RIMS may also provide screening committee members with such personal information and use the information to provide notification of and publicize screening results. RIMS will use personal information only within the scope necessary to achieve these purposes.

18. Contact Information

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