

Call for proposals for RIMS Joint Research Activity (RIMS Workshops (Type B))

The Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences (RIMS), Kyoto University, is calling for proposals to organize RIMS Workshops (Type B).

1. Purpose and Overview of RIMS Workshops (Type B)

Under this Joint Research Activity, a group comprising a few researchers, including at least one foreign researcher and one Japanese researcher, conducts joint research at RIMS for a few days to about one week. Proposals are solicited through the year and chosen by RIMS, with the aim of promoting international joint research activities in which international researchers expeditiously conduct joint research with domestic researchers. Here, “international researcher” means a researcher whose affiliated university or institute is located outside Japan, and “domestic researcher” means a researcher whose affiliated university or institute is located in Japan.

In case of possibilities for continuing the collaborative research after or before a RIMS Joint Research Activity, it is suggested to apply for RIMS Workshop (Type B) along with the initially intended research category.

2. Workshop expenses

The maximum amount of travel expenses that can be applied for is 400,000 Japanese yen for each RIMS Workshop (Type B), or 600,000 yen under the “Promotion of Women's Participation” program. This can be used to cover, for example, transportation fees between participants' home countries and Japan, transportation fees in Japan, accommodation fees, and a per diem for invited overseas researchers. Upon request, it is possible to publish a related issue of “Kôkyûroku” (which is a series containing proceedings of Joint Research Activities) at no additional cost.

3. Online/Hybrid Workshops

The current situation regarding COVID-19 may continue into 2024, whereby we encourage applicants to organize workshops online via Zoom or partially online as a hybrid meeting (i.e. a combination of online and in-person meetings). Advice and guidelines are available for such workshops. 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 workshops upon application for Joint Research Activities. Please refer to the attached “How to Write the Proposal for a Joint Research Activity” for details.

As described in point 4 below, please note that workshops 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 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 a workshop, organizers might be asked to decide to either cancel the event, postpone it or hold it online.

5. **Research period**

The workshop must be conducted sometime between April 2024 and mid-March 2025. The venue for the workshop should be 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 28 to January 5) and periods in which RIMS' events are being held (late August).

6. **How to Apply**

(1) **Obtaining application forms**

The forms for proposals (in PDF and Excel formats, and in a TeX macro package) can be downloaded from the following webpage:

www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/call_for_proposals-1.html.

As well as the TeX macro packages themselves, instructions on how to use each macro

package, and sample files are available. It has been confirmed that the packages operate on LaTeX2 ϵ and plain TeX, but it is unconfirmed whether or not they operate on other TeX systems.

(2) Required documents

1. AY2024 Grant Proposal for RIMS Joint Research Activity (RIMS Workshop (Type B))
2. Joint Research Activity Intention Survey * optional

(3) How to submit

The proposer should submit the completed proposal in PDF or Excel format via the following webpage:

www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/call_for_proposals-1.html.

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

7. Application Deadline

First deadline: Monday, November 27, 2023, 23:59 (JST)

* for workshops to be conducted between April 2024 and March 2025.

Second deadline: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 23:59 (JST)

* for workshops to be conducted between September 2024 and March 2025.

Third deadline: Friday, August 30, 2024, 23:59 (JST)

* for workshops to be conducted between December 2024 and March 2025.

8. Screening Process

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.

9. Screening Result

Proposers who submitted applications by the first, second and third deadlines will receive the screening result for their proposal in February 2024, in the middle of June 2024 and in the middle of October 2024 respectively.

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 workshop.

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 two conditions.

- (1) The principal researcher is female. (If there are two, both are female.)
- (2) 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" workshop program. If a proposal is selected within this scheme, a budget of up to 600,000 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 Workshop (Type B). The Advisory Board will make the selection, and decide on the budget (up to 400,000 yen) for each of the proposals accepted as a regular RIMS Workshop. Please note that the application form and the instructions (“How to Write the Proposal for a Joint Research Activity”) for the “Promotion of Women's Participation” scheme are different from those for the regular RIMS Workshops program. For more background, please refer to the following webpage:

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Contact information:

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