

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 of each RIMS Workshop (Type B) (hereinafter, Workshop) which can be applied for is 400,000 Japanese yen. (Travel expenses for transportation fees between the home country and Japan, transportation fees in Japan, accommodation fees, and per diem can be paid to invited overseas researchers.) At request, “Kôkyûroku” (proceedings of Joint Research Activities) could be published.

3. Online Workshops/Hybrid Workshops

As the current situation regarding COVID-19 outbreak could continue to 2022, RIMS encourage applicants to organize workshops online via Zoom or partially online as hybrid (combination of online and in-person meetings). Formats and guidelines are available for such workshops held online

For details, please refer to the website “[RIMS’s Response to the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](http://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/rims-response.html)”.

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It is also possible to plan online or hybrid workshops upon application for the joint research activities. please refer to the attached "How to Write the Proposal for the Joint Research Activity" for details.

Please note that it may be required the workshops to be either "canceled, postponed, or switched to be held online" depending on the infection status of COVID-19 one month prior to the schedule of the research activities,

Please contact the collaborative research section for further inquiries.

4. Activity Restrictions and Guidelines reflecting COVID-19 infection status

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

URL: <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus.html>

- 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 possible with capacity restrictions and adequate hygiene measures. When the capacity restriction is necessary, we expect them to be held in the form of Hybrid meetings (Online + face-to-face). *Effective one month after Level 1
- iii) When the Level of Activity Restriction is 0, the meeting takes place physically as usual.

For details, please see the webpage “COVID-19 updates for organizers and participants” below;

URL: <https://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kyoten/en/covid-19.html>

Note that RIMS staff will ask the organizer to decide, at least one month prior to the scheduled start date, whether it should be cancelled, postponed and in which format to take if being held.

5. Research period

The Workshop must be conducted sometime between April 2022 and March 2023. The venue for the Workshop should be RIMS. It should be conducted on weekdays in principle and the following days should be excluded: Saturdays, Sundays, Japanese national holidays, Kyoto University's holidays (June 18, August 15-17 and December 29-January 3), and the periods of RIMS's events (late July – early August and late August).

6. How to apply

(1) How to obtain an application form

The application form (in PDF and Excel formats, and in TeX macro packages) for proposal can be downloaded from the RIMS website. TeX macro packages for proposal, instructions on how to use each macro package, and sample files are available on the following website.

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

It is confirmed that they operate on LaTeX2 ϵ and plain TeX, but it is unconfirmed whether or not they operate on the other types of TeX.

(2) Required documents

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(3) How to submit

Proposers should submit a completed form in PDF or Excel format via the following website.

URL: http://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, December 21, 2021, 23:59 (JST) * for workshops to be conducted between April 2022 and March 2023.

Second deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022, 23:59 (JST) * for workshops to be conducted between July 2022 and March 2023.

Third deadline: Tuesday, August 31, 2022, 23:59 (JST) * for workshops to be conducted between November 2022 and March 2023.

8. Screening process

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

9. Screening result

Proposers who submitted applications by the first, second and third deadlines will receive the screening result for their proposal in February 2022, in the middle of June 2022 and in the middle of October 2022 respectively.

10. Implementation plan

Principal researchers of each approved proposal will be requested to submit an implementation plan.

11. Determination of the research period

Based on the implementation plan submitted after approval, RIMS will allocate a room(s) to be used for each proposal. If the research periods of several Joint Research Activities are concentrated on a certain period, RIMS will adjust the schedules. Therefore, please make sure to write up to the third choice for the desired research period in the implementation plan. In case the second and third choices are not written, the research period might be shifted to a period which is not desired by the proposer.

12. Report

Proposers are requested to submit a report in the specified format without delay after the Workshop is completed.

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.

URL: <https://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. "Promotion of Women's Participation" in Research Activities

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 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 notify proposers of, and publicize, screening results. RIMS will use personal information only within the scope necessary to achieve the purposes set out above.

17. Contact information:

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