

Initiative to Realize A Diverse Research Environment (Leading Type) Hirosaki University Call for Joint Research Proposals 2021

1. Purpose

‘Leading the Future of the Northern *Tohoku* [Northeast] by Realizing Diversity’ is one of the Initiative to Realize Diverse Research Environment projects approved by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan. It aims to support women researchers in the region in order for them to demonstrate their abilities and to be promoted. For this aim, we call for research proposals to advance women researchers’ research, leadership and management skills, to promote research activities in the region and to contribute to deepen the research areas.

2. Qualifications

A proposal must meet the following and match the aim of this call.

(1)	A proposed joint research is led by a woman researcher (Associate Professor, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Assistant) of Hirosaki University (an applicant) and joined by at least one joint researcher who belongs to other project partner organizations (*1) or member organizations (*2).
(2)	An applicant can submit only one proposal as a principal researcher.
(3)	A principal researcher can join in other proposals as a joint researcher.
(4)	A joint researcher can be of any position. A post-doctoral researcher and/or the equivalent can be a joint researcher as well.
(5)	Researchers of institutions other than partner organizations or member organizations can be included as a joint researcher.
(6)	A proposed research should not be funded by other research funding.
(7)	A proposal can be of any research area.
*1	Iwate University, National Institute of Technology Hachinohe College, National Institute of Technology Ichinoseki College, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization Tohoku Agricultural Research Center, Mikuni Corporation
*2	Members of Aomori Network for Diverse Research Environment or Iwate Support Network for Women Researchers as the following ‘Aomori Network for Diversity Research Environment’ Hirosaki Gakuin University, Shibata Gakuin University, Shibata Gakuin University Junior College Department, Aomori Public University, Aomori Chuo Gakuin University, Aomori Chuo Gakuin University Junior College Department, National Institute of Technology Hachinohe College, Hachinohe Institute of Technology, Hachinohe Gakuin University, Hachinohe Gakuin University Junior College

	<p>Department, Kitasato University School of Veterinary Medicine, Aomori Prefectural Industrial Technology Research Center, Hiroka R&D Inc., Tohoku Chemical Co., LTD, Ragueneau Sasaki Inc.</p> <p>'Iwate Support Network for Women Researchers'</p> <p>Iwate Prefectural University (including Morioka Junior College Department and Miyako Junior College Department), Iwate Medical University, Iwate Prefectural Research Institute for Environmental Sciences and Public Health, Iwate Prefectural Research Institute for Agriculture, Iwate Industrial Research Institute, Iwate Biotechnology Research Center, Iwate Prefectural Meat Inspection Center, Iwate Prefectural Fisheries Technology Center, Daitou Environmental Science, Tokyo Electron Tohoku Limited, Iwate Pharmaceutical Association, <i>Iwateken Yobouigakukyoukai</i>, Yoshida Survey & Design Co.,Ltd</p>
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3. Research Timeline

From the time when the research proposal is selected to 31 March 2022

4. Amount of Funding and Planned Number of Proposal Acceptance

(1)	Up to 400,000 yen per research project will be provided to a principal researcher.
(2)	Several proposals are expected to be chosen.

5. Application Timeline

1 April – 16 May 2021

6. Expenses

Equipment expenses (cost to purchase equipment that costs 100,000 – 500,000 yen), supply expenses (cost to purchase supplies other than equipment), travel expense (cost to travel to present the outcome of and/or to attend meetings for the selected research project), other expenses (honorarium, communication and transportation cost, rental cost, miscellaneous service expense)

7. Submission of Proposals

An applicant should submit her research proposal to the Dean of the department she belongs to. The department is responsible for submitting proposals to the Gender Equality Office via email.

8. Review and Evaluation of Proposals

Selection Committee will review submitted proposals based on how much a proposal meets the purposes of this call and has potential for development. The Committee will also review research expenses. A proposal by a researcher who has previously received

this research funding fewer times may be given a priority in case there are many proposals.

9. Miscellaneous

(1)	Selection Committee may request that an applicant revise some contents of her research proposal.
(2)	A research proposal needs to take into consideration that some Selection Committee members may be from academic background from an applicant's expertise.
(3)	An applicant is encouraged to contact the Gender Equality Office when she needs to find a research partner(s) or to have assistance with drafting a proposal.
(4)	As there have been few proposals from Humanities and Social Sciences, proposals from such areas are strongly welcomed.
(5)	A principal researcher of the selected research project needs to submit a project report by 16 May 2022 to the Gender Equality Office via email.
(6)	A principal researcher of the selected research project should present her research at the Northern <i>Tohoku</i> Research and Networking Fair for Women Researchers (expected to take place in September 2021).
(7)	Information about a selected research project may be published in publications of the Gender Equality Office.
(8)	An applicant must contact the Gender Equality Office when there are changes to her proposal. When contents of a research proposal are found to be false, an applicant may be requested to refund the research cost.
(9)	The Call for Joint Research Proposals under the Initiative to Realize Diverse Research Environment (Leading Type) will end the fiscal / school year of 2021.

10. Contact

Gender Equality Office extension: 3888 e-mail: equality@hirosaki-u.ac.jp