

Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease

Fiscal Year 2024 Application Guidelines  
for  
General Joint Research,  
Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations,  
Research Seeds, and  
Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University

The Nagasaki University Institute of Tropical Medicine is the only public research institute for tropical medicine research in Japan under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. It aims to overcome various health problems associated with infectious diseases, the most important aspect of tropical diseases. We are developing activities in this field, including research, international contribution, and education, in cooperation with related organizations. Our comprehensive goals are:

1. Spear-head research in tropical medicine and international health.
2. Global contribution through disease control and health promotion in the tropics by applying new research findings.
3. Cultivation of skilled researchers and specialists in tropical medicine and international health, and related fields.

To collaboratively overcome the above-mentioned problems and achieve our goals, we are seeking the people interested in General Joint Research, Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations, Research Seeds, and Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative for the fiscal year 2024, as part of the Joint Usage / Research Center “Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease” Project of this institute. We look forward to your application.

(Nekken Website: <https://www.tm.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/nekken/en/>)

#### 1. Categories

We welcome applications from researchers, including young researchers, female researchers, and foreign researchers within the research organization, especially as PI's. Graduate students are not eligible to submit applications, but can be included as a member of the research team.

We also actively invite applications to conduct joint research in the area of global health, and cross-disciplinary research. Please refer to the activities of interest in each research field (attached) and consult with the faculty member in charge.

A. General Joint Research

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Target Projects                  | <p>Basic and applied research projects on tropical and emerging infectious diseases and emerging infectious diseases (including global health) at our institute.</p> <p>*If you are not a resident of Vietnam or Kenya, please apply for “B. Joint Research with Overseas Stations” if you wish to conduct research using the Center for Infectious Disease Research in Asia and Africa (Kenya Research Station/Vietnam Research Station).</p> <p>*Vietnam residents can apply to use the Vietnam Research Station, and Kenya residents can apply to use the Kenya Research Station for research that does not include overseas travel.</p> |
| Research Period                  | <p>1 year (Fiscal Year 2024)</p> <p>* You can indicate a research plan for multiple years. However, the same proposal may only be funded for a maximum of three years. The selection review will be conducted annually.</p>   |
| Concurrent application           | <p>1. You cannot apply to both A (General Joint Research) and B (Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations) for the same research project.</p> <p>2. If you apply for A or B, you can apply to C (Research Seeds) for the same research project. If you wish to apply for both, please fill in the required items on Form A. (You do not need to complete Form C.)</p>  |
| Maximum application amount, etc. | <p>1. For research that includes overseas travel (but does not use the Vietnam and Kenya Research Stations), the maximum available funding amount is 1 million yen.</p> <p>At least 30% or more of the amount must be used for travel, including to the partner country or for visiting Japan from overseas.</p> <p>2. For other types of research, the maximum funding is 500,000 yen in principle.</p> <p>3. If only part of the entire research plan is to be implemented with this grant, the source of the supplementary research expenses must be clearly indicated in the application form.</p>                                      |
| Budget execution period          | Fiscal Year within 2024   |
| Eligible expenses                | travel expenses, consumables, etc.  |

B. Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Target Projects                          | <p>Applications for "Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations", which will be conducted in collaboration with the "Center for Infectious Disease Research in Asia and Africa (Kenya Research Station, Vietnam Research Station) of this institute.</p> <p>*Vietnam residents can apply to use the Kenya Research Station, and Kenya residents can apply to use the Vietnam Research Station, but residents of Vietnam or Kenya cannot apply to use the stations set up in their respective countries.</p>   |
| Research Period                          | <p>1 year (Fiscal Year 2024)</p> <p>* You can indicate a research plan for multiple years. However, the same proposal may only be funded for a maximum of three years. The selection review will be conducted annually.</p>  |
| Concurrent application                   | <p>1. You cannot apply to both A (General Joint Research) and B (Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations) for the same research project.</p> <p>2. If you apply for A or B, you can apply to C (Research Seeds) for the same research project. If you wish to apply for both, please fill in the required items on Form A. (You do not need to complete Form C.)</p>   |
| Maximum application amount, etc.         | <p>1. In principle, the maximum available funding amount is 1 million yen for the Vietnamese Research Station Collaborative Joint Research.</p> <p>2. In principle, the maximum available funding amount is 1.5 million yen for the Kenyan Research Station Collaborative Joint Research.</p> <p>3. For both ① and ②, please use approximately 30% or more for travel expenses to overseas bases.</p> <p>4. If only part of the entire plan is to be implemented with this grant, the source of the supplementary research expenses must be clearly indicated in the application form.</p> |
| Budget execution period                  | Fiscal Year within 2024  |
| Eligible Expenses                        | For travel expenses, consumables, etc.   |
| Planned number of projects to be adopted | The number of projects to be selected is approximately 6.  |

C. Research Seeds

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Target Projects                  | Research Seeds applications are intended for discovering seeds for future joint research. We invite projects on tropical diseases and emerging infectious diseases (including global health) that utilize research samples such as pathogens (viruses, bacteria, protozoa, helminths, etc.) stored at this institute, as well as research literature and specimens. |
| Concurrent application           | *For Research Seeds, you can apply for both A (General Joint Research) and B (Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations) for the same research project. If you wish to apply for both, please fill in the required items on Form A or Form B. (You do not need to complete Form C.)   |
| Maximum application amount, etc. | In principle, the maximum available funding amount is 100,000 yen.  |
| Budget execution period          | Fiscal Year within 2024   |
| Eligible Expenses                | For travel expenses, consumables, etc.  |

D. Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Target Projects                                      | <p>We invite proposals for research discussion seminars that will contribute to the consideration and exploration of current issues related to tropical medicine and international health care, the summary and compilation of accumulated research issues, and issues relating to the planning and preparation of new joint research.</p> <p>* The Research Seminar can be held at any location</p> <p>*The Research Seminar can be co-organized with other academic societies.</p> |
| Maximum application amount, etc.                     | <p>1. In principle, the maximum available fund is 1 million yen for the activities that include foreign travel.</p> <p>2. Other than ①, the upper limit is 500,000 yen in principle.</p> <p>3. The applying fund does not fully cover the entire amount, indicate in the application form, the resource which covers the balance.</p>  |
| Research Seminar holding and budget execution period | Fiscal Year within 2024  |
| Eligible Expenses                                    | For travel expenses, venue rental, supply expenses, etc.   |

## 2. Application Requirements

The applicant must be a researcher of a research institution, such as a faculty member of a university, or a researcher who is recognized by the director as having research ability equivalent to that of a faculty member. The research team may include graduate students and researchers from overseas research institutions.

## 3. Application Method

### (1) Meeting with Institute's Counterparts

The principal investigator wishing to engage in joint research or a research seminar is advised to make a thorough coordination with Institute's Counterparts by email etc., before filing application.

The application form must include the comments from NEKKEN Counterpart.

(Refer to the attachment for Institute's fields of research, activities, and contacts.)

### (2) Application Documents

Download the applicable form, either Word or PDF, from <https://www.tm.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/nekken/en/>

A. General Joint Research: Joint Usage/Research Center on Tropical Disease General Joint Research Application Form (Form A)

B. Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations: Joint Usage/Research Center on Tropical Disease Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations Application Form (Form B)

C. Research Seeds: Joint Usage/Research Center on Tropical Disease Research Seeds Application Form (Form C)

D. Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative: Application for Joint Research Seminar / Human Resource Development (Form D)

### (3) Where to submit application documents

① Document needs to be either Word or PDF format.

② Assign the file name "Category name\*\_applicant's name".

\*General Joint Research, Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations, Research Seeds, or Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

③ Please access the URL below and upload your application documents.

(URL for submission)

<https://nudrive.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/public/QAIsAumAhwAF2gf8sa5Ssr2geyfYDOAZ7Xmz0MD2qqp7>

④ After upload, send a upload notice by e-mail:

a) Mail to [soumu\\_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp](mailto:soumu_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp)

Attention to Infectious Disease Research Support Planning Division

b) Mail title: Joint Research/Research Seminar Application / *Applicant's name*

c) Precautions when sending email :

Send the notice from your own mailing address included in the application form.

Ensure your mailer can accept mails from [soumu\\_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp](mailto:soumu_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp) without auto-rejection.

- ⑤ Acknowledgement: After receiving the upload notice, Institute will send you the acknowledgement by 17:00 on the following day, or if the day falls on Sat, Sun, or national holidays, the next business day. If you do not receive it, alert Institute by e-mail.

4. Due date: **Wednesday, January 3, 2024**. Late filing will not be accepted.

#### 5. Acceptance or Rejection

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of March 2024.

#### 6. Reports on Joint Research and Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

Applicants (representatives) for General Joint Research, Joint Research with Overseas Stations, and Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative should immediately submit a report in the prescribed format by email after the completion of the activity to the Infectious Disease Research Support Planning Division General Affairs Officer: [soumu\\_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp](mailto:soumu_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp). The results may be presented at the meeting for evaluation by the Steering Committee.

The report will also be published on the Institute's website. However, for general joint research and collaborative joint research with overseas stations, if you wish to keep the report undisclosed for a certain period of time, please specify the reason in the designated column of the application form. As a general rule, the research will remain undisclosed for 3 years, up to a maximum of 5 years, from the application period.

Research Seed applicants (representatives) are not required to submit the abovementioned report. However, when publishing your research results in an academic journal or other publication platforms, please be sure to indicate in the Acknowledgments section that you have used the facilities of the Institute. (For details, please refer to 8. Acknowledgments for General Joint Research, Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations, and Research Seeds)

#### 7. Handling of Intellectual Property Rights

The handling of intellectual property rights arising from the implementation of these Joint Research or Research Seminar will be governed by the Nagasaki University Joint Research Regulations.

## 8. Acknowledgments for General Joint Research, Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations, Research Seeds, and Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

When publishing your research results in an academic journal or other publication platforms, please be sure to indicate in the Acknowledgments section that these are the results of the conducted joint research or research seminar, and that you have used the facilities of the Institute.

### Supplementary examples

#### A. General Joint Research

This work was partly conducted at the Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (\*2024-Ippan-1, 2024-Ippan-2,...).

or

This work was supported by the Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (\*2024-Ippan-1, 2024-Ippan-2, ...).

#### B. Collaborative Joint Research with Overseas Stations

This work was partly conducted at the Joint Usage /Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (\*2024-Kyoten-1, 2024-Kyoten-2,...).

or

This work was supported by the Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (\*2024-Kyoten-1, 2024-Kyoten-2,...).

#### C. Research Seeds

This work was supported by the Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (\*2024-Seeds-1, 2024-Seeds-2,...).

#### D. Research Seminar / Career Development Initiative

This workshop was supported by the Joint Usage / Research Center on Tropical Disease, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University. (\*2024-Shukai-1, 2024-Shukai -2,...)

Please inform us of your results by e-mail, etc., and submit one copy of the reprint (PDF is acceptable) or one copy of the poster (for Research Seminar) to the Infectious Disease Research Support Planning Division General Affairs Officer General Affairs Section: [soumu\\_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp](mailto:soumu_nekken@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp)

The submitted reports and papers will be published in the Institute's activity reports, annual reports, and the Institute of Tropical Medicine's website, etc. In addition, we plan to publicize outstanding research findings in mass media. When publicizing with the mass media, we will make adjustments after we have inquired in advance whether or not the information can be disclosed. If there are any other publication issues, please let us know so the adjustments can be made.