Fiscal 2027
Joint Usage / Research Center Programs
at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
Joint Research Program Application Guidelines

The Institute of Economic Research (IER), Hitotsubashi University, has been approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as a center for "high-level empirical analysis of the Japanese and global economies." With a focus on providing an environment for using government micro data, we aim to form an international joint research center on the basis of the development of institutional and policy research, expecting broad collaboration with industries, governments, academia, and international organizations.

To promote these goals, the IER is recruiting participants in the Joint Usage / Research Center Programs. This is a self-financed program. IER does not provide any financial aid but provides the access to facilities of IER. If you need the financial support, we suggest to apply to the project research program (https://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/kyodo-riyou/English/works/project.html).

Application guidelines are as follows:

1. Qualifications

A researcher from a university or research institute, or other equivalent organization, or a graduate student in a PhD program or other equivalent program.

2. Number of adoption

Approximately 20 proposals will be adopted.

3. Research period

From April 1, 2027 (or the date of adoption) to March 31, 2028

4. Research topics

The IER expects the following five research areas as the research topics, however, we also welcome applications for research topics other than those listed below. (1) economic analysis using government statistical micro data[*1]; (2) economic research on business enterprises, household expenses, labor, population aging and declining birth rates, pension, and taxation, using micro data; (3) empirical research using price data; (4) construction of historical and industrial data sets for international comparison; and (5) theory study and empirical research on normative economic analysis, microeconomics, macroeconomics, industrial organization, and econometrics.

[*1] When using government micro data in a project, applicants must be aware of the eligibility requirements stipulated by the relevant authorities. Applicants can use an "onsite facility" (Joint Usage and Research Center Laboratory 1) as well when using government micro data. For details, please refer to the "Implementation Guidelines."

5. Research organizations

Applicants should represent the research organization and carry out liaison and coordination with collaborators. It is preferable to include those from the faculty of the IER in collaborators for administrative reason. These are not required.

6. Facilities and databases of the IER to be used to carry out this research

Please clarify what research resources of the IER you will use.

* Please refer to the following webpage about facilities and equipment available for use.
  https://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/kyodo-riyou/English/siteinfo/facilities.html

*(reference) Databases
  https://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/databases/index.html

7. How to apply

After completing the required items of the application form designated by the IER, the applicant must submit an electronic version of the application (PDF file) to the email address provided below, from the applicant's email address. After receiving your application, we will contact you. If you do not receive a response to your submission, you can make a phone call to the Joint Usage / Research Center Programs Section, IER Administration Office (+81-42-580-8388).

Email address for application: ier-kyodo-riyou@ad.hit-u.ac.jp

8. Application acceptance

Anytime through January 31, 2028.

9. Decision notification

Applicants will be notified of decisions about adoption on a rolling basis.