

Fiscal 2021  
Joint Usage and 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 and 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 (<http://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, 2021 (or the date of adoption) to March 31, 2022.

4. Research topics

The IER encourages joint research in five basic fields of research toward achieving the specific goals of the Joint Usage and Research Center : (1) economic analysis using government statistical micro data;<sup>\*1</sup> (2) economic research on business enterprises, prices, household expenses, labor, education, population aging and declining birth rates, or pension and taxation, using micro data; (3) empirical research using high-frequency data on asset prices; (4) construction of historical and industrial data sets for international comparison; and (5) basic research on normative economic analysis. Research topics consistent with research topics receiving particular emphasis by the IER are preferable.<sup>\*2</sup>

\*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” as well when using government micro data.

\*2 For further details, please refer to the IER’s webpage for largescale research projects. (<http://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/project/index.html>)

#### 5. Research organizations

We will prioritize joint research by multiple researchers. 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.

<http://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/kyodo-riyou/English/siteinfo/facilities.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 as well as the Word file before conversion to PDF) 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 and Research Center Programs Section, IER Administration Office (+81-42-580-8382).

Email address for application: [kyodo-riyou@ier.hit-u.ac.jp](mailto:kyodo-riyou@ier.hit-u.ac.jp)

#### 8. Application acceptance

Anytime through January 31, 2022.

#### 9. Decision notification

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