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Joint Usage and Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research,
Hitotsubashi University
Application Guidelines (Supplementary) for Project Research Program

The Institute of Economic Research, 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, including synergistic research results combining theory and empirical evidence, along with broad collaboration between industry, government, academia, and international organizations. In these efforts, we are oriented toward positive research based on the consolidation and enhancement of data and archives and the development of statistical analytical methods. To promote these goals, the Institute of Economic Research is recruiting individuals in project research. This year, we are providing supplementary research grants. Application guidelines are as follows:

1. Definition

The project research program is for research on specific topics in economics by researchers who are not a part of the institute using the research resources of the Institute of Economic Research.

2. Qualifications

Researchers from universities or research institutes, or other equivalent organizations can apply. Research contributors may include graduate students. Please note that principal investigators who have been accepted into this program within the last two years may not apply as the principal investigator, except for the cases in Article 6 below.

3. Number of successful applicants

Up to one million people successfully apply for one research project: Availability limited.

4. Research grants

Research grants of up to ¥1 million per research project are available to assist with expenses necessary for research (such as supplies, travel, honorarium, venue use, and printing) based on the institute’s accounting criteria and are implemented through the research center’s budget. Please note that research grants are implemented and managed through the Institute of Economic Research. Expenses to be covered may be increased or decreased from the requested amount upon review. (Considering the

nature of our budget, computers, tablets, other peripheral devices, and other information processing and communication devices are ineligible. Please refer to the “Research Project Implementation Guidelines, Fiscal 2018” for details.)

5. Research period

This period covers the time from the date of selection for the research program until March 31, 2019. In principle, extensions are not permitted.

6. Continuing application

As one of our main objectives is the effective utilization of resampling data, in spite of Article 5 above, you are allowed to apply continuously for a up to two years using the same title conducted by the same principal investigator. Please note that it is permitted only for research topics using the forms returned to the statistical survey in accordance with Article 33 of the Statistics Act. In this case, you need to attach the scanned file of the consent agreement forms when you apply. The principal investigator must submit the second year’s application as well as the research result report for each fiscal year. The research period of this “Joint Usage and Research Center Programs” project is six years between the academic years 2016 and 2021. Please make note of this period when you apply. The project might be finished earlier than the planned ending date due to various circumstances.

7. Research topics

The Institute for Economic Research encourages joint research in five basic fields of research toward achieving the specific goals of the Joint Usage and Research Center in 2018: (1) economic analysis using government statistical micro data;^{*1} (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. Project research topics consistent with research topics receiving particular emphasis by the Institute of Economic Research are preferable.^{*2}

*1 When using government micro data in the 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. For details, please refer to the “Research Project Implementation Guidelines, Fiscal 2018”.

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

8. Research organizations

A research organization comprises a principal investigator and contributors. A principal investigator is an individual who applies for project research, assumes a leading role in conducting research, and submits a report to the institute on the research organization's activities upon completion of the research period as a principal investigator of the organization. Please note that those who work in the faculty of the Institute of Economic Research (full-time professors, associate professors, full-time lecturers, assistant professors, and adjunct faculty) cannot serve as principal investigators. A research contributor is an individual who conducts project research with the principal investigator; therefore, it is preferable to include those from the faculty of the Institute of Economic Research.

9. Research results

When the members of the research organization present or publish their results, they must clearly acknowledge within their publications that they received a research project grant from the Institute of Economic Research. (For example: This research was supported by the Joint Research Center, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University.)

10. Research results report

The principal investigator must submit a PDF file as well as the Word file, before converting into PDF, of the report of the research results in a format designated by the Institute of Economic Research within one month of the completion of the research period. Portions of the research results report may be published on the website of the Institute of Economic Research.

11. How to apply

After completing the required items of the specified application form, the research applicant must submit an electronic version of the application (PDF file as well as the Word file before converting into PDF) to the email address kyodo-riyou@ier.hit-u.ac.jp from the research applicant's email address. Please refer to the "Research Project Implementation Guidelines, Fiscal 2018" when you apply. After receiving your application, we will contact you. In case you do not receive a response to your submission, you can call us on the number provided below.

Contact number: 042-580-8382 (Ms. Akemi Okayasu, Faculty Support Office)

12. Application deadline

The application must arrive by 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2018, Japan Standard Time. Please take the time difference into consideration when emailing the application.

13. Decision notification

Decisions will be made on the basis of a review by the Joint Usage and Research Committee, and applicants will be notified from the beginning to the middle of June 2018. The research principal investigator must sign and submit a “Written Pledge on the Use of the Joint Usage and Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University” before starting any research project.