April 15, 2024

JDC Foundation Inc.
Research Grant Application Guideline (2023-2024)

1. Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of this grant is to largely contribute to lead our society to be more splendid through supporting researches of construction technology that aims to achieve the United Nation's SDGs goals by 2030.

2. Grant Target

Subsidies will be provided for the following research topics related to construction fields (civil engineering, construction, environmental protection, machinery, information-science, etc.), which will contribute to the achievement of SDGs in 2030 and contribute to the creation of an affluent society.

1: Science and technology to realize a sustainable society, such as carbon neutrality, resource recycling, and the development and utilization of highly functional materials

2: Science and technology for upgrading disaster resilience, including disaster prevention, disaster mitigation, restoration and reconstruction, and disaster avoidance

3: Science and technology that responds to the declining population (a declining birthrate and an aging population) and labor shortage, such as improved productivity and/or working conditions, and promotion of DX

4: Science and technology that contributes to the global environment through energy measures such as reducing energy consumption in buildings by using energy conservation technologies

5: Other research topics that are consistent with the subsidy of the Foundation described in "1. Purpose of the Grant"

3. Applicant Eligibility

1: An individual applicant: must be an academic staff or a researcher who is affiliated with universities, national colleges of technology (KOSEN), technical colleges or research institutes in Japan. Graduate students and major students are excluded.

2: A research group applicant: A principal researcher must be corresponded to above. Graduate students and major students are excluded.

3: Language for the deliverables should be English or Japanese.

4: A researcher who is under the research grant provided by JDC foundation Inc. or received it in previous year cannot apply.

5: Applicants shall belong to universities, national colleges of technology, technical colleges, or research institutes during the period of the research grant.

4. Number of Adoptions, Amount of the Grant, and the duration
    1: Approx. 5 adoptions per one year

    2: Up to JPY 5,000,000 per adoption for one year

    3: Duration: Starts on October 1, 2024, and ends on September 30, 2025
    The project can be extended up to three years by specifying its reason on your application of the first year, however the Foundation will review your project each year.

5. Application Period
        May 15th, 2024 – July 15th, 2024
        (Application must be postmarked no later than July 15th)

6. Application Form
    Download the application forms from the research grant section of JDC Foundation Inc. website and fill it out in either English or Japanese. Your application should be sent to the Foundation by postal mail. If it will be sent by email, we do not accept. Please note that the application forms will not be returned. They will be used only for the purpose of screening and selecting for the grant application of the Foundation.

https://www.jdc-miraizaidan.or.jp/guide/gakujutsukenkyu.html

7. The Addressee of the Application Forms and Contact Information
    Please send the application documents to the address below by registered mail.

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        Tel: 090-6725-3699 / 03-6316-3798 (9:00am- 5:00pm on weekdays)
        Email: akiko.chuma@n-kokudo.co.jp

    *It is difficult for us to response your inquiries of arriving, we recommend you send the documents by registered mail such as 'Letter Pack.'

8. Selection Process and Notice of Results
    After the screening by the Selection Committee, the Board of Directors will finalize the decision. The results will be sent by postal mail to all applicants in the mid of September 2024. We will not disclose the reasons for selection.

9. Payment of Funds
        Scheduled on October 1st, 2024

10. Main Duties of the Recipients

1: The recipients should attend and give presentation at the Debrief Session (held in November) every year during the period of research grant. The research results will be opened on the website of the Foundation. We kindly ask for your cooperation to provide some materials for the session and the website.

2: Income/Expenditure Statement and Report of Research Results should be submitted within a month after completion of the project.

3: The recipients are required to acknowledge the Foundation's support in all online and print materials related to the funded research result.

11.Others

1: An applicant should not be an Anti Social Force or be engaged in a relationship with any Anti Social Forces. In the event that the Foundation discovers that a selected applicant is in breach of this statement, the grant should be returned to the Foundation.

2: Once any changes occurred, applicants should notify them to the Foundation and will follow the necessary procedure with no delay. In the case of false or no information, the grant will be cancelled or requested to return to the Foundation.