

International Top-Tier Research Institutions Joint Research Projects

▶ Purpose

Through the management of the general project, we aim to foster an environment where researchers (consortia) can focus on their research by facilitating communication between research projects, operating advisory panels, standardizing/optimizing collaboration platforms, responding to domestic and international environmental changes, and planning subsequent projects, as well as supporting strategic business operations.

▶ Eligibility

- **(R&D Institute)** Institutions defined under Article 2, Section 3 subparagraphs (b), (d), (f), (h), (j), and (l) of the "Act on the Promotion of National Research and Development Innovation."

Article 2, Section 3 of the Act on the Promotion of National Research and Development Innovation:
b. Schools as defined in Article 2 of the "Higher Education Act" (hereinafter referred to as "universities")
d. Government-funded research institutes established under Article 2 of the "Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes"
f. Science and technology sector government-funded research institutes established under Article 2 of the "Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes in Science and Technology"
h. Specific research institutes defined under Article 2 of the "Act on the Promotion of Specific Research Institutes"
j. Companies defined under Article 169 of the "Commercial Act"
l. Other institutions and organizations

- **(Principal Investigator)** Researchers above with experience in conducting national research and development projects and international collaboration are preferred.

▶ Application Restriction

- **(Duplicate Application Restrictions)** Applicants or participants in other detailed projects of the International Top-Tier Research Institution Collaboration Hub Establishment Initiative are not eligible to apply or participate.

- **(Participation Restrictions)** Individuals currently restricted from participating in national research and development projects are not eligible to apply. However, those whose restrictions end the day before the application deadline may apply and carry out the project.

- **(Limitation on the Number of Research and Development Projects - Three Roles, Five Projects)** Each researcher may participate in no more than five national research and development projects at the same time, of which no more than three can be led by the principal investigator at their institution.

▶ Application Timeframe and Required Documents

:: Timeframe

Classification	Deadlines
Principal Investigator (Close date of application)	Mon, 18 th ~ Mon, 29th of April, 2024 (18:00)
Lead Research Institution review & confirmation	Mon, 18 th ~ Mon, 30th of April, 2024 (18:00)

:: Required Documents

(1) Research and Development Proposal (For Application/For Agreement)

: A document outlining the proposed research objectives, methodology, timeline, and expected outcomes.

(2) Eligibility Verification Certificate

: A document confirming that the applicant meets the required qualifications for the project.

(3) Personal Information and Tax Information Consent Form and Research Ethics Compliance Pledge

: Forms that require the applicant to agree to provide and utilize personal and tax information for the purpose of the project, and to adhere to research ethics.

▶ Assessment

Assessment Item	Points
Appropriateness of Research Implementation System and Strategy	35
Appropriateness of Research Implementation System and Strategy Expertise and Research Capacity of the Principal Investigator	30
Expected Outcomes and Possibility of Policy Reflection	25
Appropriateness of Budget Size and Execution Plan	10
Total	100

▶ Application

Online registration: <https://www.iris.go.kr>

IRIS inquiry: call center: 1877-2041 / [IRIS online Q&A: https://www.iris.go.kr/contents/retrieveAskRspdListView.do](https://www.iris.go.kr/contents/retrieveAskRspdListView.do)

▶ Contact

- Systems and policies

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- Research project applications

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