



iPS Academia Japan Grant

Prospectus

Ever since the discovery of iPS cells over 20 years ago, numerous research results have been produced and reported around the world, including methods for reprogramming iPS cells, inducing differentiation, and isolation and purification of iPS cells. Starting with the first human clinical trial in the world using retinal pigment epithelial cells derived from iPS cells in Japan in 2014, significant progress has been made toward practical application for therapeutics use of iPS-derived cells. Recently, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan has granted conditional and time-limited marketing approval in the world for iPS cell-derived dopaminergic neural progenitor cell product (Amcchepry®) for the treatment of advanced Parkinson's disease and iPSC-derived cardiomyocyte sheet therapy (RiHEART®) for the treatment of severe heart failure. Japan has been leading the world with experiments using disease iPS cells to elucidate the pathogenesis of intractable diseases and to discover novel therapeutic candidates for intractable diseases, and research activities in the field of iPS cells are continuously expanding rapidly.

In the fiscal year of 2018, our company established the "iPS Academia Japan Grant" to commemorate its 10th year anniversary. This grant is intended to contribute to the advancement and development of the iPS cell field and to provide grants to young researchers currently active in this field. iPS cell technology is one of the epoch-making research results that originated in our country that has the potential for widespread practical application in the field of healthcare, and further research is expected.

We hope that the "iPS Academia Japan Grant" will support research activities in the iPS cell field by the recipients of the grant while encouraging creative research by young researchers.

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Application Guideline

Version 1

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1. Objective

The objective of this program is to support outstanding researchers and further spread iPS cell technology by providing financial aid to the research activities of young researchers who are willing to engage in highly creative basic and/or applied research in the iPS cell field at universities and public research institutes in Japan and those who are expected to achieve outstanding results.

2. Target research field

Basic and/or applied research in Japan in the iPS cell field (iPS CELL TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY THEREOF)

3. Eligibility

- 1) Applicants must belong to a Japanese university or a public research and development organization and must be engaged in research and development in the target research field
- 2) Applicants must have a Ph.D. at the time of application.
- 3) Applicants must be either,
 - (i) Born on or after April 2, 1986 (Foreign nationality is allowed)
 - (ii) Under 45 years of age and must be within 5 years after receiving a Ph.D. (As of April 1, 2026) (Foreign nationality is allowed) *1

* 1: Those who have taken maternity leave or childcare leave may add the total period taken to the age of eligibility or to the "5 years after the completion of the degree".

To be eligible to apply, applicants must qualify for both 1) ,2) and 3).

4. Amount and number of grants

2 million yen is given per grant, and about five grants will be offered.

5. Application Process

Please download the designated application forms (Application Form 1 (Japanese or English) and the letter of recommendation Form 2 (Japanese only)) from our company's website and fill out the necessary information. Please submit the application form by email to the following email address, with the word file to PDF versions attached (total: 2 files). For the letter of recommendation, please scan it with the seal of the recommender. Please



specify the subject of the email as "Grant application"

Application forms (word file):

申請書 (様式 1) Application (Form 1) (Japanese or English)

推薦書 (様式 2) (Letter of recommendation (Form 2)) (Japanese only)

Contact address (Email) : josei@ips-ac.co.jp

*Once we have received your application materials, we will send you a confirmation email within three business days. If you do not receive a response within this period, please do not hesitate to contact us.

6. Application Period

From September 1st, 2026 to October 30th, 2026 17:00

* All application materials must be received by us by October 30th, 2026 17:00, without fail.

7. Selection Method

A selection committee established within our company (including members from outside) will carefully select applicants based on the application documents, taking into consideration not only the originality of the applied research subject and the future potentials of the research results, but also the applicant's past research achievements and their attitude toward research activities.

Please refrain from sending inquiries about the process and content of the selection.

8. Notification of Selection Results

The results will be announced on our website and will be sent by post at the late December 2026.

9. Award Ceremony and Research Presentation for Fiscal Year of 2026

Date: March 8th, 2027

Place: Facilities on the Kyoto University Campus

Address of Kyoto University: Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto JAPAN

* We will get in touch with each grant recipients about the detail.

Grant: Grants will be transferred to the account specified by the recipient.

Also, the research results of the researchers selected in the fiscal year of 2025 will be presented at the ceremony.

10. Obligation of Recipients

1) (Publication of research results) Where the results of supported research are to be made public, clearly state that support from "FY 2026 iPS Academia Japan Grant" has been received, and if anything is to be published, a copy thereof shall be submitted to our company.

2) (Use of grant) Recipients shall not use the grant for any purpose other than for the research activities covered by the grant. The period of use of the grant shall be from the date the result is received to the end of December 2027, and if any part is remaining, the balance shall be refunded.

3) (Research results and financial reports) Recipients shall submit the research results and financial reports to our company by the end of January 2027.

4) (Attendance and presentation at the Award Ceremony and Research Presentations for the fiscal year of 2026) Recipients shall present their research plans at the Award Ceremony and Research Presentation to be held in March 2027 (Research results of the researchers selected in the fiscal year of 2025 will also be presented at the ceremony).

5) (Attendance and presentation at Research Results Presentations) Recipients shall attend the Research Results Presentations to be held in February or March 2028 and present their research results. (Details of the Research Results Presentations will be notified separately to the Grant Recipients.)

11. Rescission and return of subsidies

If the following issues are found, the Company may request the cancellation and return of the grant.

- 1) If the submitted application contains false information.
- 2) When the research activities supported by the grant are suspended.
- 3) When the "obligations of the recipient" stated in the application guidelines for this grant are violated.
- 4) Otherwise, when the selection committee finds that it is not appropriate in accordance with the purpose of this subsidy and the description of the use of the subsidy in Q & A.

12. Other

- 1) Before applying, please refer to the Q & A on FY 2026 iPS Academia Japan Grants on our company's website.
- 2) Submitted application documents will not be returned in any case.
- 3) The outline of the research, names of recipients, and the organizations which they belong to may be posted on our company's website.
- 4) Personal information obtained through applications will be handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and related laws and regulations.