

Academic Year 2026
Joint Usage/Research Center of Advanced Economic Theory
Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University

Information on Applications for Project Research

The Institute of Economic Research at Kyoto University was designated as the "Joint Usage/Research Center for Advanced Economic Theory" by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology in 2010. In response to the ever increasing demands from the research community, the center invites applications for project research. This research involves intensive collaboration over the course of the academic year, utilizing the institute's resources. It is open to both domestic and international researchers for short-term intensive research stays. Successful applicants are encouraged to let their research outcomes known to the general public.

1. Eligibility

- Researchers affiliated with universities or research institutions, including graduate students, can apply. At least one of the co-investigators needs to be a member of the Institute of Economic Research of Kyoto University.
- Here, a member of the institute means a professor, an associate professor, a lecturer, an assistant professor, and a specially appointed professor, a specially appointed associate professor, and a specially designated associated professor.

2. Duration of Research

- From April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

3. Research Themes

- Each proposal should address the main theme of the year or other areas of economics.
- **Main Theme Research Topics:** The main theme for 2026 is "Economic analysis on the growth strategy in the global social system" Applicants are encouraged to propose topics that align well with this theme.
- **General Research Topics:** Applicants may propose topics on areas of economics not covered by the main theme.

4. Organization of Research

- Each project should consist of a principal investigator and co-investigators. The principal investigator must not be a member of the institute. He/She will take a central role in implementing the project research and will be responsible for reporting the research outcomes at the end of the research period. At least one of the co-investigators must be a member of the institute.
- Applications from female or young researchers are particularly welcome.

5. Use of the Grant

- Each successful project is given a grant up to 700,000 Yen. Expenses are approved only if they are deemed necessary to carry out the project. Examples include travel, accommodation, honoraria (research assistants must be a graduate

student of Kyoto University and the co-investigator of the institute must oversee his/her working), conference costs, supplies, and printing costs. All expenses must comply with the regulations of Kyoto University and administered by a member of the institute in the project. The grant may be less than the amount asked for in the application form.

6. Acknowledgement

- When publishing the outcomes of the project in books and journals, the members are required to acknowledge the financial assistance of the project research funded by the Joint Usage/Research Center for Advanced Economic Theory at the Institute of Economic Research of Kyoto University.

7. How to apply

- An applicant must fill out the application form and submit the completed form via email to the Support Office of the Joint Usage/Research Center for Advanced Economic Theory at the Institute of Economic Research of Kyoto University by 9AM (JST) on January 5, 2026.
- If no acknowledgment is received within three working days of submission, please resubmit the form.
- We may publish the contents of the application forms of accepted proposals on our homepage and other outlets.
- It suffices to submit either an English or a Japanese form.

8. Acceptance decision

- All the applications will be considered by the Management Committee of the Joint Usage and Research, and applicants will be informed of the decision by the end of February 2026.
- If there is any false statement on the application form (such as no consent has been given by a co-investigator), the acceptance decision may be invalidated.

[Reference]

Joint Usage/Research Center for Advanced Economic Theory at the Institute of Economic Research of Kyoto University:

<https://www.jur.kier.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>