

V4-Japan V4-Japan International Collaborative Research Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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I Regarding the call text and application form

- 1. The call text lists some specific examples of research topics related to advanced materials. Do the research topics need to apply any of these? If any of these apply, will it be advantageous in review and evaluation?**

The listed topics are only major examples. Proposals are NOT limited to the listed topics as far as they are considered being in the field of 'Advanced Materials.' In addition, even if it simply falls under these categories, it does not mean that it gives advantage in review and examination.

- 2. Will a Work Package (WP) be owned by each country of the consortium?**

Basically, the participating countries of the consortium are expected to have one WP each, and the principal investigator (PI) of the country in charge of each WP should be the leader of that WP.

- 3. What is the difference between the consortium "Leader", "Partner", "Collaborator" and "Member"?**

The research participants that make up the consortium are all "Members" of the consortium.

Of the "Members", the leader of each WP is called the "Partner" (or "Project Partner"), and the principal investigator of each country usually becomes the "Partner".

In addition, the representative of the consortium among the "Partners" is called the "Leader" (or "Project Leader"), and the consortium needs to assign two persons, the "Principal Project Leader" and the "Secondary Project Leader". It is necessary to select one of them from V4 countries and the other from Japan.

"Collaborator" is a consortium "Member" and research collaborator who is not eligible to receive funds from participating funding agencies in V4 countries. Also, "Collaborator" cannot be the leader of a WP. However, it is possible to apply for "On-top" funding from IVF if certain conditions are met.

- 4. Is it possible for researchers from third countries, excluding V4 countries and Japan, to participate as "Collaborators"?**

Although it is possible to participate, it is not possible to receive funding from the funding organizations participating in the call, so they need to secure the funds required for the research themselves. Also note, a "collaborator" cannot be a WP leader.

- 5. Do "Collaborators" of V4 countries count toward the number of V4 countries for project model eligibility?**

No, "Collaborators", even if they are v4 researchers and receive 'on-top' funding, do not qualify as project partners and they do not count toward the number of V4 countries for the purpose of determining the project model.

6. In the 6. Budget Plan (1) table of the Application form, does the budget for each WP need to show a member-by-member statement?

It is not necessary to show the detailed budget per participating member of a WP, but in some cases, their tasks and the budget required for them may be organized more clearly.

7. Should I enter the amount in euros in the “TOTAL PROJECT COSTS” at the bottom of the 6. Budget Plan (1) table on the Application form?

In the “TOTAL PROJECT COSTS” row, please enter the total amount of the WP budget converted to euros. In that case, please enter the conversion rate at the time of entry in the margin.

8. What will happen to the travel expenses for various workshops related to this program?

The events of various workshops including kick-off is not decided at this time, but if the workshop is held, the travel expenses for participation will need to be paid from the research expenses, so please consider it in the budget plan. Note the events may be held online in consideration of the situation of COVID-19.

II Regarding the application and submission

9. I applied for the first call of advanced materials in 2015 and my proposal was adopted. Can I still apply to the second call of the same subject this time?

Yes, you can apply.

10. How do I submit the application form?

On application, please apply by e-Rad on behalf of the consortium regardless of whether you are a Principal Project Leader or a Secondary Project Leader. Please note that applications submitted by other means such as e-mail or fax are NOT accepted.