**Prior Confirmation for the Application to JST’s CREST/PRESTO Programs**

This Prior Confirmation form must be submitted to Japan Science and Technology Agency\*1 (hereinafter JST) in accordance with JST’s Application Guideline\*2 if a lead joint researcher of a CREST research proposal or an applicant of a PRESTO research proposal is affiliated with a Research Institute located outside Japan and plans to perform his/her research work at the overseas Research Institute.

JST and the overseas Research Institute need to conclude Collaborative Research Agreement once a research proposal is adopted. In principle, Collaborative Research Agreement with JST must be concluded by using a contract form stipulated by JST and all the terms and conditions under the contract form need to be agreed by the overseas Research Institute in advance.

Please note that this Prior Confirmation requires to be filled in and signed by a duly authorized representative in charge of Collaborative Research Agreement with JST at the overseas Research Institute.

\*1 JST is a national funding agency established in 1996 under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Government of Japan.

<https://www.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html>

\*2 Application Guideline:

https://www.jst.go.jp/kisoken/boshuu/teian/en/koubo/2022youkou\_1\_en.pdf

1. Applicant Information

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| Program | CREST PRESTO | |
| Research Area |  | |
| Title of Proposed Research Project |  | |
| Principal Investigator \*3 | Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Lead Joint Researcher  (for CREST only) | Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Affiliation |  |

\*3 “Principal Investigator” means “Research Director” in CREST, and “Individual Researcher” in PRESTO.

1. Prior Confirmation

Please review the following conditions that need to be agreed to participate in the Collaborative Research with JST and check boxes to confirm Research Institute’s agreement. JST may amend conditions for which “Agreed” box remains unchecked through negotiation with Research Institute. If the amendment is not agreed, the terms and conditions proposed by JST will govern, or Research Institute will not participate in the Collaborative Research with JST.

The Summary of Conditions below is for convenience only. Please be sure to refer to the terms and conditions of the Collaborative Research Agreement available at the link. \*4 If there is any discrepancy between the Summary of Conditions and the descriptions in the Collaborative Research Agreement, the descriptions in the Collaborative Research Agreement shall prevail.

\*4 Contract form of JST’s Collaborative Research Agreement:

CREST: https://www.jst.go.jp/kisoken/boshuu/teian/en/koubo/agreement\_crest.pdf

PRESTO: https://www.jst.go.jp/kisoken/boshuu/teian/en/koubo/agreement\_presto.pdf

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| Summary of Conditions | Reference (Contract form of JST’s Collaborative Research Agreement\*4) | Check box |
| The Research Institute must be able to properly execute the budget according to JST’s budget execution policy. | Articles 4–6,  APPENDIX 5 | Agreed |
| In spending the Research Funds provided by JST, expenses for Indirect Costs shall not exceed 30% of expenses for Direct Costs. | Article 5.4 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute shall submit to JST an Accounting Report in the form designated by JST setting forth how the Research Funds provided by JST is spent within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year and expiration or termination of the Agreement. | Article 6.2.1,  APPENDIX 4 | Agreed |
| Subject to equal expense sharing, the Research Institute agree to equally own with JST all rights, titles, and interests in Intellectual Property Rights pertaining to Research Results.  (If not, JST owns all Intellectual Property Rights.) | Article 9.1 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute shall disclose to JST each Intellectual Property Right created in performing the Collaborative Research within ten (10) business days. | Article 9.2  Appendix 6 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute and JST expressly reserve the right to use the jointly-owned Intellectual Property Rights only for educational and non-profit research purposes without a prior written consent of the other party. | Article 9.6 | Agreed |
| Each Party has a right to grant in its sole discretion a non-exclusive and non-transferable license, including option of such license, without a right to grant a sublicense under any Intellectual Property Right jointly owned by the Parties to a third party excluding a non-practicing entity and any entity engaged, involved or related to anti-social activities. And Each Party shall not grant an exclusive license including option of such license under any Intellectual Property Right jointly owned by the Parties to any third party without prior written consent of the other Party. | Article 9.7 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute shall acknowledge that the source of the Research Funds is the tax money collected by the Japanese government, and agree that the Research Institute, exclusive licensee and any successors or assigns of Intellectual Property Rights pertaining to Research Results which are not owned by JST are required to grant a royalty-free license to JST with a right to grant a sublicense under such Intellectual Property Rights upon receipt by the Research Institute of a written request of JST only to the extent necessary to improve public welfare and/or promote public interest in Japan. | Article 9.8 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute and JST may transfer its ownership of Intellectual Property Right to a third party with the prior written approval. | Article 9.9 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute and JST shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless from, and defend the other party against, any and all claims, actions, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, taxes, costs, and expenses. | Article 11 | Agreed |
| The governing law of the Collaborative Research Agreement shall be the laws of Japan and the arbitration shall be held in Tokyo, Japan. | Article 14 | Agreed |
| The Research Institute shall accept other terms and conditions stated in the Collaborative Research Agreement. | All articles including appendices | Agreed☐ |
| If any box remains unchecked, please describe why it was not agreed: | | |

**AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY (Duly authorized representative in charge of Collaborative Research Agreement with JST):**

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| Printed Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| Title |  |
| Affiliation |  |