Research Application via "The Cross-ministerial R&D Management System (e-Rad)"

*Notice: There may be some instructions or menus described only in Japanese, so in that case, please get support from Japanese speakers at your research institution.

1. Registration of research institution and researcher information

If you do not have a login ID or password, you need to register with your research institution's administrative staff.

* Since the e-Rad system is designated for Japanese research institutions, so there is no English manual for research institution registration.

2. Input of information related to research integrity

If you have not registered since the e-Rad system was revised (after March 15, 2022), please be sure to do so. It is not necessary if you have already registered.

3. Obtaining Application Guidelines and Research Proposal Forms

Check the list of open calls for applications on the e-Rad portal site and download the application guidelines and research proposal form.

4. Creation of Research Proposal/Reference Materials

Please create your research proposal PDF with a file size of 3 MB or less.

5. Input Application information to e-Rad

Enter your application information into e-Rad. This operation time is approximately 60 minutes.

6. Research Application Submission

Upload and submit your research proposal.

Reference information

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Registration of research institution and researcher information

Research institutions and affiliated researchers must be registered by the time of application. (If you have already

registered, you do not need to register again).

Please complete the registration process at least two weeks in advance.

*If the applicant is affiliated with an overseas research institution, the research institution will be registered with JST

after adoption. Please proceed to the application screen with no affiliation registered in your researcher ID on e-Rad

system, and enter the name of your affiliated institution in the "Individual Items" tab. However, even in this case, at

first, the applicant must obtain an e-Rad login ID and password as described below.

[Research institution registration]

Your research institution must be registered in e-Rad system by the time of application. Please assign one person at

your research institution to be the administrative representative for e-Rad, and complete the procedures at the

"Application for Research Institution Registration" (https://www.e-rad.go.jp/organ/entry.html --- This application

web site is only in Japanese).

[Registration of researcher information]

Applicants must register their researcher information in e-Rad system and obtain their login ID and Password in

advance. (If you have already registered in e-Rad system for another application, you do not need to re-register.)

The procedure to obtain a login ID and password is as follows. For details, please refer to the e-Rad portal site.

1) Researchers affiliated with domestic research institutions

Please complete the procedure from "How to register affiliated researchers" for research institutions

(https://www.e-rad.go.jp/organ/regist.html --- This application web site is only in Japanese).

Registration Operator: Administrative staff at the research institution

Registration details: Research institution and researcher information

2) Researchers affiliated with overseas research institutions or researchers not affiliated with research institutions

Please follow the procedures for "How to Register (for researchers)"

(https://www.e-rad.go.jp/en//researcher/index.html).

Registration Operator: Applicant himself/herself

Registration details: Researcher information

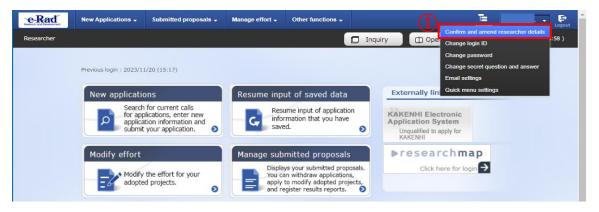
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- 2. Input of information related to research integrity
 - * If you have not registered since the e-Rad system was revised (after March 15, 2022), please be sure to do so., If you have already registered, it is not necessary
 - * When applying to CREST, the PI and all Co-PIs must be registered. Please check with the Co-PIs regarding their registration status.

In accordance with the revision of guidelines regarding competitive research funds on December 17, 2021, for the purpose to eliminate unreasonable duplication and excessive concentration of competitive research funds and ensure appropriate transparency and effort in research activities, call for proposals of competitive research funds, it is required to check the current application and acceptance status of competitive research funds and other research funds (program name, research topic, implementation period, budget amount, effort, etc.), as well as all current affiliated institutions and positions (concurrent employment, participation in foreign recruitment programs, emeritus professorships without employment contracts, etc.).

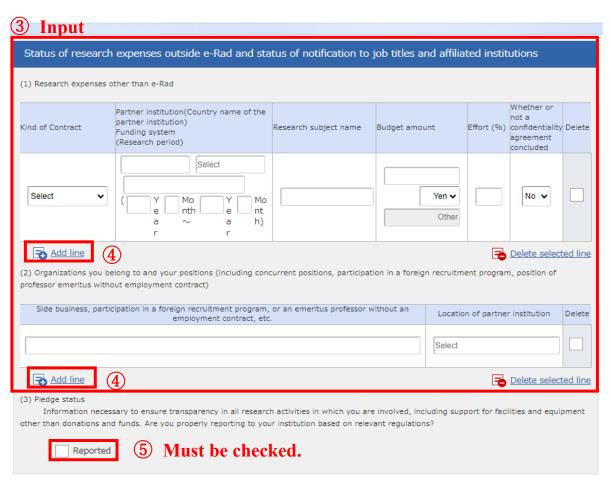
① Select and click [Confirm and amend researcher details] from the pull-down menu on the researcher's name at the top right of the e-Rad top screen.



② Click the [Main research institution] tab on the "Modify Researcher Details" screen appears next.

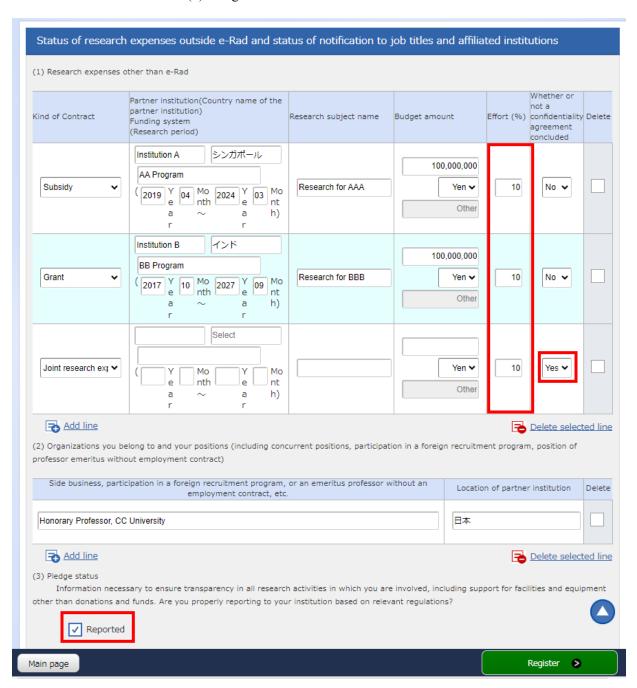


- 3 Please fill in the necessary information in the field for "(1) Research expenses other than e-Rad", "(2) Side business, participation in a foreign recruitment program, or an emeritus professor without an employment contract, etc."
 - * There is no need to enter research funds registered in e-Rad for ongoing projects, research funds currently being applied for, and research funds scheduled to be accepted (adopted).
 - * "Research expenses other than e-Rad" are research expenses that fall under (A) or (B) below.
 - (A): Items that are not competitive research funds.
 - (B): Items that are under competitive research funding but have not been applied for through e-Rad.
- ④ If there are any applicable items, click [Add line] in the "Status of research expenses outside e-Rad and status of notification to job titles and affiliated institutions" section to add a line and enter it.
- After confirming that you have properly reported the above information to your affiliated institution, please check the "(3) Pledge Status" checkbox. If there is nothing declare on (1) or (2), please also check this "(3) Pledge Status" checkbox.
 - * This part is required for everyone, including Co-PIs of CREST. If no check mark, you cannot apply.

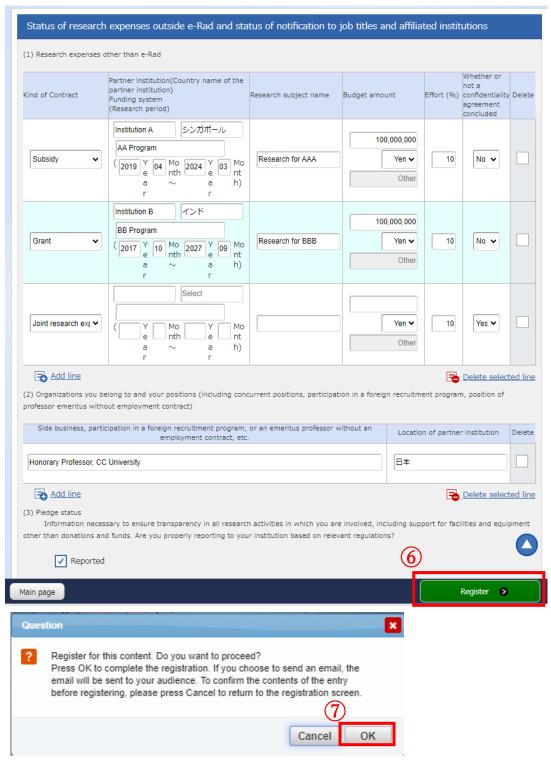


[Input example]

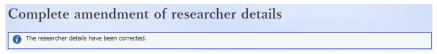
- * If you select "Yes" in the "Whether or not a confidentiality agreement concluded" column, no input other than effort is required.
- * Please make sure that the total effort does not exceed 100%. Also note that there is no problem even if the information does not match, such as less than what is stated in "Information on Other Supports" (CREST Form 8, PRESTO/ACT-X Form 5) in the "Research Proposal". For the effort value, the description in the Research Proposal is treated as the right information.
- * Please be sure to check the "(3) Pledge status" checkbox.



- 6 All information has been entered, click [Register].
- The question "Register for this content. Do you want to proceed?" is displayed, so click [OK].



When the input is completed, "Complete amendment of researcher details" is displayed.



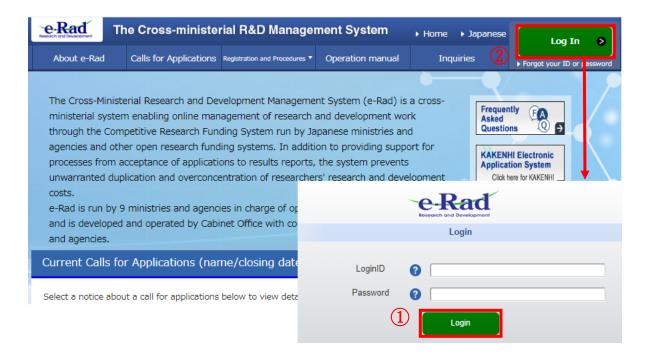
3. Obtaining Application Guidelines and Research Proposal Forms

Application Guidelines and Research Proposal forms can be downloaded from HP of Department of Strategic Basic Research JST:

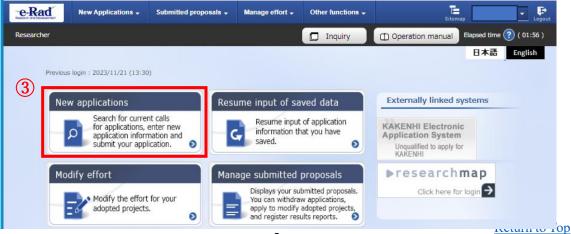
"Call for Research Proposal for CREST, PRESTO, ACT-X" (https://www.jst.go.jp/kisoken/boshuu/teian-en.html)

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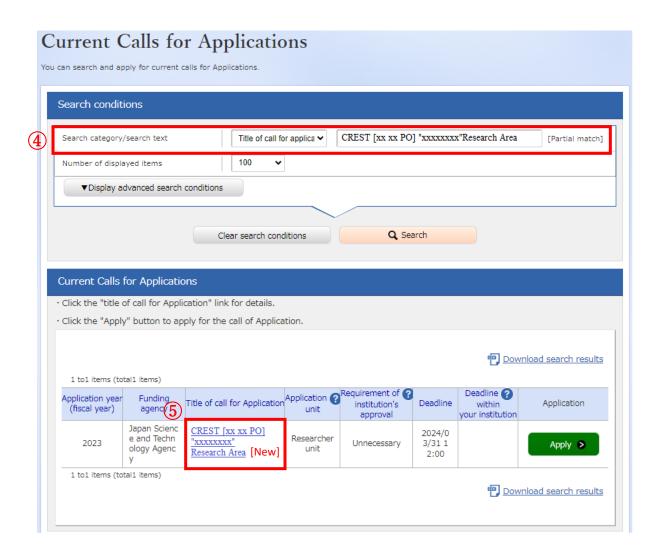
- ① Click [Log In] at the top right of the e-Rad portal site screen.
- 2 Login with the proposer's login ID and password.
 - *After that, the logged-in researcher information will be automatically displayed in the researcher column in the upper right corner.
 - *When logging in for the first time, initial settings are required.



3 Click [New applications] on the quick menu.



- ④ Enter the program name, research area name, research supervisor name, etc. in [Search category/search text] under [Search Conditions] to find the public call which you want to apply.
 - * Please check the public call name, CREST, PRESTO, ACT-X classification, and research area name.
- ⑤ Click on the name of the public call for which you want to apply and move to the " Details of Call for Application" page.
 - Click on the [URL for Details of Call for Applications] and [URL for Application Guidelines] and download the Application Guidelines and Research Proposal Forms from the page you have reached (see next page).
 - * Please be sure to use the format for the research area for which you are applying.



■ "Details of Call for Applications" page



4. Creation of Research Proposal/Reference Materials

- When preparing a research proposal, please carefully check the application guidelines.
- Research proposals must be converted to PDF format before being uploaded to e-Rad. e-Rad has a PDF conversion function for WORD files, so as a general rule, please use this conversion function to convert form files to be submitted. You can convert it to PDF using your own application, but please make sure that the text you copy and paste from the PDF reader screen does not become garbled. When converting to PDF using some applications, the text embedded in the PDF may not have the proper character code.



Points to note when creating

- * For details, please refer to the "Operation manual"
 - https://www.e-rad.go.jp/eRad/manual/kenkyushaEN/index.html?)
 - Please check the confirmed operating environment when logging into e-Rad. The supported operating environments for e-Rad are Firefox, Chrome, Edge, and Safari. (* IE cannot be used.)
 - Please keep the size of the research proposal converted to PDF within 3 MB (files larger than 10 MB cannot be uploaded).
 - Please delete the revision history before converting the PDF.
 - Please do not set a password for the research proposal PDF.
 - Please check whether the page numbers are correctly assigned to the PDF converted file.
 - Be sure to check the converted PDF file. If you use external characters or special characters, the characters may become garbled on a page or file basis.
- In addition, if any of the following apply, you also need to create and upload "Reference Materials". [ACT-X]

If a student becomes a research proposer, please use it as a "Reference Material".

You will also need to upload the <u>"Memorandum of Confirmation" PDF file</u>. Please prepare a PDF version signed by both the student and the supervisor.

[Exclusive Appointment PRESTO Researcher]

If you request to apply as exclusive appointment PRESTO researcher, you need to upload the fully filled out EXCEL file "PRESTO-Researcher (JST employed) <Japanese Only>" as a "Reference Material". The form can be downloaded from the same web page where the proposal form is posted.

[Duplicate Submission for PRESTO "Aging" and AMED PRIME "Aging"]

When apply for both AMED's PRIME "Bridging the fundamental mechanism of aging and the effective treatment of age-related disease associated with impaired functional system" R&D project, and PRESTO's "Fundamental understanding of age-related organismal transformations", it is required to upload <u>"Additional form for Duplicate Application Spanese Only PDF file"</u> as a "Reference Material".

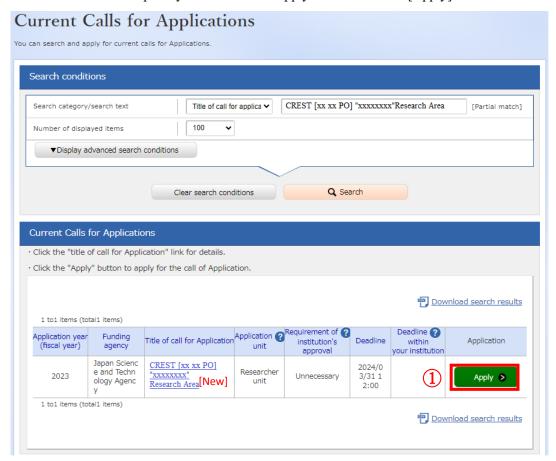
The form can be downloaded from the same web page where the proposal form is posted. Please note that you must convert to PDF format before submitting.

[Joint Call for Proposal CREST-ANR]

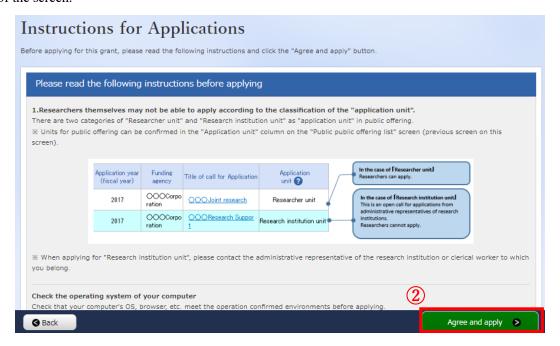
In addition to uploading the Japan-France joint proposal submitted to the French ANR, you also need to upload the <u>"Proposal Summary of Japanese-French Joint Research Proposal <Japanese Only> PDF file"</u> as a "Reference Material." The form can be downloaded from the same web page where the proposal form is posted.

5. Input Application information to e-Rad

① Search for the Call for Proposal you would like to apply for and click the [Apply] button.



2 Please read the notes carefully before applying, and then click the [Agree and apply] button at the bottom right of the screen.



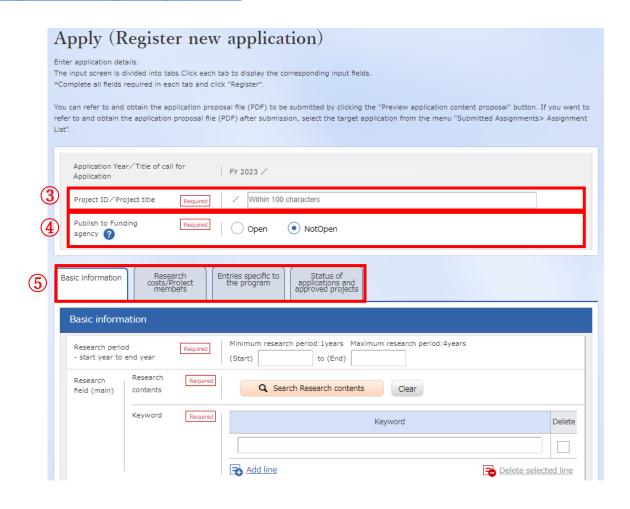
- Enter the various information required to apply.
- ③ Please enter the "Title of Research Project" described in the "Research Proposal (Form 1)" in [Research and Development Project Name].
 - *The research project name will be published when the selected applicants are announced.
 - *If you submit the proposal in English, please also write the Title of the Research Project Name in Japanese. If you are unable to write both due to character restrictions, please write only in English on e-Rad. In that case, please write both English and Japanese in the PDF Research Proposal.
 - *If you are applying for the Japan-French joint proposal call with ANR, please also write the Japanese Research Project Title on the e-Rad.
- 4 Select [Not Open] for "Publish to Funding Agency."
- ⑤ This screen is organized into tabs, and you can move between tabs and enter information by clicking on the tab name.

Entering the "Basic information" tab

Enter the "Research costs/Project members" tab

Input in the "Entries specific to the program" tab

"Status of application and approved projects" tab



"Basic information" tab

■ Basic information

Please enter the information with following the table below and refer to the next pages as well.

Research period (start)	2024 (FY)			
	2026 (FY)			
Research period (end)	*Assuming 2 and half years for ACT-X			
*Research periods may be set for each research area,	2027 (FY)			
so please also refer to "Chapter 6" of the	*Assuming 3 and half years for PRESTO			
application Guidelines.	2029 (FY)			
	*Assuming 5 and half years for CREST			
	Click "Search research content" and select the research			
December of the control of the contr	field/research content that corresponds to the proposal			
Research field (main/secondary)/research content	you are applying for from the search list on a separate			
	screen.			
Research field (main/secondary)/keywords	Please enter one keyword per line. Add rows as necessary.			
D	Please write "Refer to the Research Proposal."			
Purpose of research	*Please do not upload files here.			
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Research summary	*Please do not upload files here.			

■ Security Export Control System

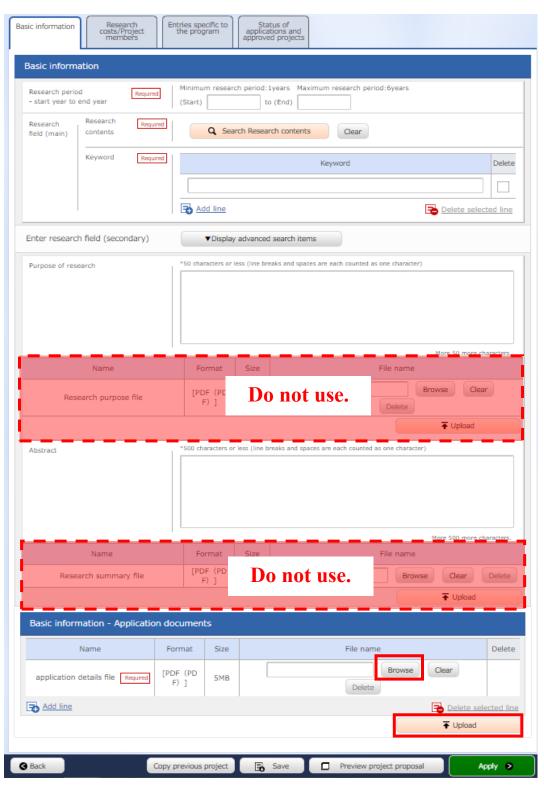
All public solicitations in the FY 2024 will become subject to the requirements of security management.

(The detail of Security Export Control in Japan https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/gaiyou.html)

Please verify the content described in this section. Furthermore, if you answer 'yes' to this section, indicating that the establishment of security export control system is required at your affiliated institution, please consult with the administrative department responsible for such matters at your institution after completing the application submission process on the e-Rad.



- Basic information -Application documents [Application information file]
 - * Please do not upload any files to the red cross-hatched section indicated in the figure below.



Click "Browse", select the proposal PDF, and click "Upload".

[Reference Materials]

If any of the following apply, please upload the Reference Material file created in " <u>4. Creation of Research Proposal/ Reference Materials</u>". In either case, be sure to select the file from the "Browse" button and then press the "Upload" button.

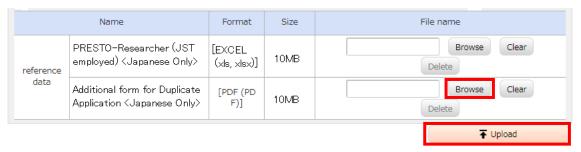
· ACT-X (In the case that a student becomes a research proposer.)



· PRESTO-Researcher (JST employed) < Japanese Only>



· Additional form for Duplicate Application for PRESTO "Aging" and AMED PRIME "Aging" <Japanese Only>



· Proposal Summary of Japanese-French Joint Research Proposal < Japanese Only>



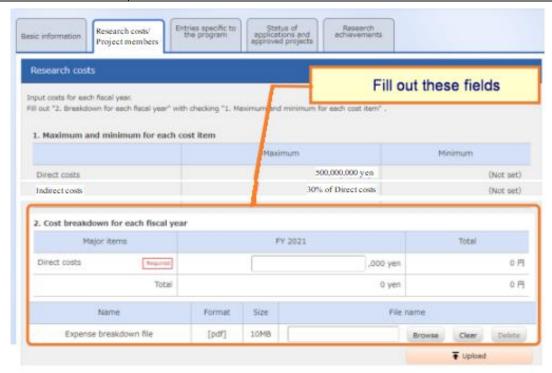
"Research costs/Project members" tab

■ Research Costs

According to the table below, please fill in [2. Cost breakdown for each fiscal year].

- *Please check [1. Maximum and minimum for each cost item].
- *If you do not first enter [Basic information/Research period] in the "Basic information" tab, you cannot be able to enter Research Costs by fiscal year.
- *The frame in [2. Cost breakdown for each fiscal year] is displayed according to the research period entered in the "Basic information" tab. In particular, the CREST frames for the third and subsequent fiscal years may be hidden, so please move the horizontal scroll bar to the right to display them.

Direct Cost	CREST	Total Research Cost for the team as a whole (in thousands of yen for each fiscal				
		year) for the "Research Proposal", "Research Cost Plan" (Form 5), and "Research				
		Cost Plan by Expense Item (Whole Team)."				
	PRESTO	Total Research Cost (in thousands of yen for each year) for the "Research				
	ACT-X	Proposal" (Form 1).				
		*Breakdown of Direct Cost is not required for e-Rad entry.				
Indirect Cos	t	"0" (thousand yen) for all years.				
		*For system reasons, please set it to 0 yen.				
		*Actually, based on the contract research contract, in addition to the Research				
		Costs (Direct Cost), Indirect Cost up to 30% of the Direct Cost will be paid				
		to the research institution according to the Research Contract.				

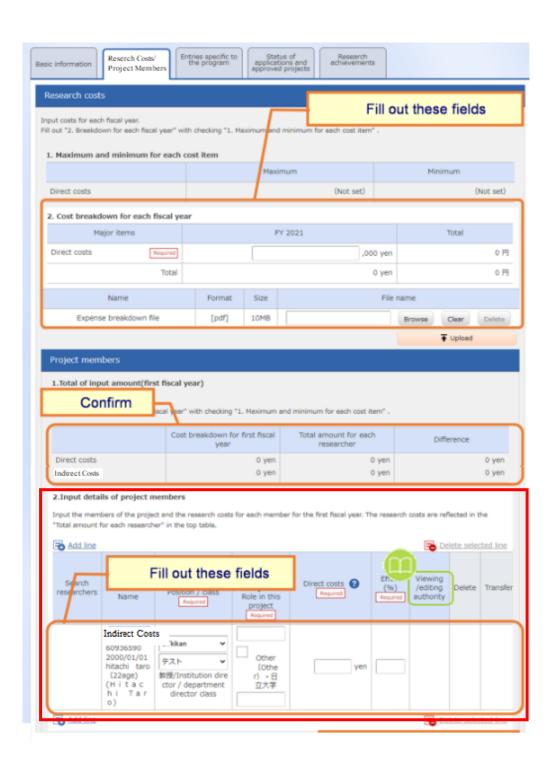


■ Project members

Please fill in [2. Input details of project members] according to the table below.

- * For effort, enter the percentage of time spent for the Proposed Research, assuming that the proposal is adopted and the total work time in the second half of fiscal year 2023 (October 2023 to March 2024) is 100.
- * CREST research applicants should keep in mind the following points when entering their information.
 - If the research team has Co-PIs, click [Add row] at the bottom of the screen and enter the information in the field that appears.
 - If you cannot register your Co-PIs to e-Rad by the application deadline, it is possible to add the costs to the PI's cost provisionally. After completing your application, please contact JST (rp-info@jst.go.jp) immediately with the Co-PIs information that you were unable to enter.
- * If the "difference amount" in [1. Total of input amount (first fiscal year)] is not 0, an error will occur.

Research Institute		If you belong to multiple research institutions or departments,			
		please select the institution or department where the research			
		will be conducted.			
Specialized field		Please enter it simply.			
Degree/ Date of Acquisition		Please confirm that the contents are correct and click the check			
		button.			
	CREST	Enter "PI" and/or "Co-PIs".			
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	ACT-X	Enter "PI".			
	CREST	Research Costs of the Team for the first fiscal year in 2024 in			
		units of 1,000 yen which is along with the "Research Proposal",			
Diverse Coats		"Research Costs Plan" (Form 5) including that of each research			
Direct Costs		group.			
	PRESTO	Research Costs for the first fiscal year (FY2024) (in thousands			
	ACT-X	of yen). * Breakdown of direct expenses is not required.			
Indirect Costs		Enter "0" (thousand yen).			
Effort	CREST	Same value in the "Availability of funding under other systems"			
		(Form 8) in "Research Proposal."			
Enort	PRESTO	Same value in the "Availability of funding under other systems'			
	ACT-X	(Form 5) in "Research Proposal."			



"Entries specific to the program" tab

Please enter according to the on-screen instructions. Put the cursor on a question mark (?) of the input item name to display help for each.

Points to note when entering "specific to the program" tab

- For items marked [Confirm], please check the contents carefully and click the check button.
- For information on programs related to research ethics education, please refer to Recruitment Guidelines 8.32 "Enrolling in and Completing the Educational Program on Research Integrity"

[CREST]

• Please enter information of PI.

[PRESTO: Research Appointment Types]

- Please enter using the table below as a reference.
 - * For details, please refer to "3.2.7 Researcher Appointment Types" in the recruitment guidelines".

	Belonging to their affiliated institutions	Those who belong to universities, national research institutes, national research and development agencies, foundations,			
		companies, etc.			
PRESTO		Those who are not affiliated with either a research institution or a			
	Exclusive appointment	company at the beginning or PRESTO research, or Those who must			
	PRESTO researchers	resign their current positions due to the reason from their affiliated			
		institution			

[ACT-X: Research Appointment Types]

- Please enter using the table below as a reference.
 - * For details, please refer to "4.2.6 Proposal Submission Requirements".

		Those who are master's or doctoral course students at the start of			
	Students	their ACT-X research. (For ACT-X, there is no way to be an			
ACT-X		exclusive appointment researcher employed by JST.)			
	Belonging to their affiliated	Those who belong to universities, research institutes or companies			
	institutions (Non-Student)	at the beginning of ACT-X research.			

[Additional items in ACT-X]

In the "Entries specific to the program" tab, enter the researcher's date of birth, gender, and date of doctoral degree for those who have obtained one. For those without a doctoral degree, enter the date and degree of the bachelor's degree. If you have taken prenatal/postnatal leave or childcare leave, include that period. Additionally, if the actual researcher (student, etc.) differs from the e-Rad ID holder, enter the actual researcher's name (in kanji and furigana). It is crucial to Return to Top

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accurately state the date of degree acquisition, periods of prenatal/postnatal leave, and childcare leave, as these relate to the application requirements. Incorrect entries may result in the cancellation of selection after the application has been accepted. Ensure all information is entered correctly.

"Status of application and approved projects" tab

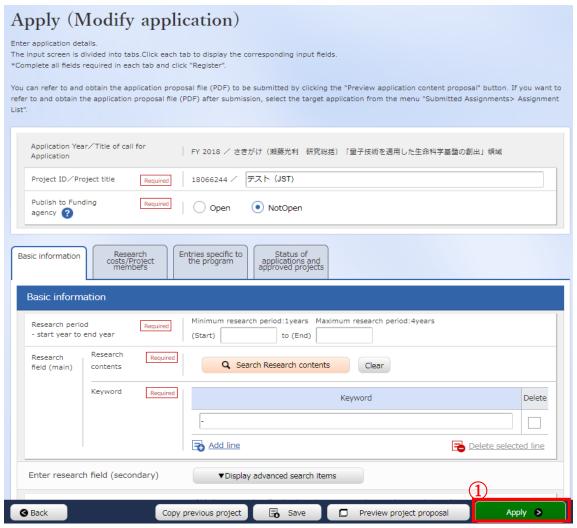
There is no need to input data into e-Rad.

* Please write down into the "Information on Other Supports" of the "Application Research Proposal Form" (CREST Form 8, PRESTO/ACT-X Form 5).



6. Research Application Submission

① After carefully checking the input contents, click [Apply] at the bottom right of the screen.



The following screen will be displayed, so click OK. (It may take some time to complete.)

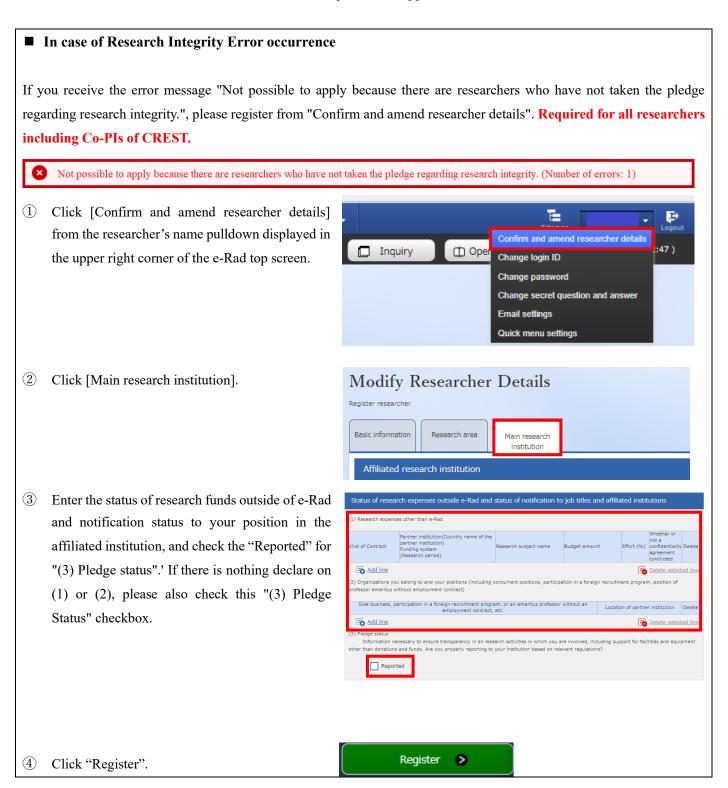


3 After ①, an alert may appear saying "The total amount is 100 million yen or more. Please check that the units of the amount you entered are correct.". If there are no mistakes, click the [Apply] button again.

⚠ Total cost amount exceeds 100 million yen. Please check the unit of the cost amount to make sure it correct.

Once the submission is complete, you will see the message "Application submitted successfully". The research proposal has now been submitted to JST. After submitting, please confirm that your application has been successfully completed as described in "Checking the application information status" as follows.

Please note that CREST, PRESTO, and ACT-X do not require e-Rad approval from the affiliated institution.



Application Information Status Check

Please check the application type (status) of the submitted proposal from the quick menu [Manage submitted proposals]. If submitted successfully, the status will be displayed as "In process of funding agency processing". (There may be a time lag due to e-Rad processing.)

Research proposals that do not become "In process of funding agency processing" by the application deadline will be invalid. If the status of your application does not change to "In process of funding agency processing "despite the correct operation, please be sure to contact the contact information listed at the end of the application guidelines by the application deadline. If you contact us after the deadline, your application will be considered not to have been submitted and will not be considered for review, regardless of the reason.

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■ About Temporarily Saving Application Information and Resuming Input

1. Temporarily Save

If you would like to temporarily save your application information while entering it, please click [Save] at the bottom of the screen.

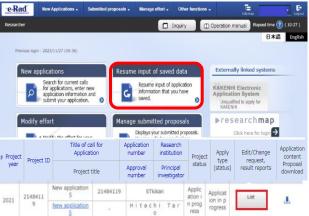
2. Resume

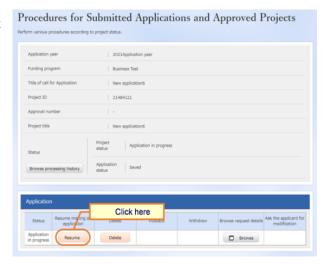
Click [Resume input of saved data] on the quick menu and search for the application you wish to apply for.

Click [List] button at Edit/Change request, result report to display the application information (editing) screen.

Please check the application project information and click [Edit].







■ About "Pulling Back" for Submitted Application Correction

You can pull back and revise your research proposal up until the day before the application deadline.

* Please do not "pullback" on the day of the application deadline.

Click [Manage submitted proposals] button on the quick menu.

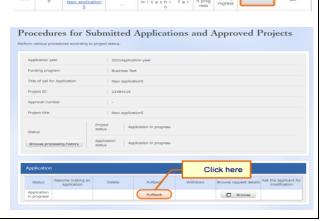


Click here

Search for the submitted assignment and click [List] button at Edit/Change request, result report.

When the "Procedures for Submitted Applications and Approved Projects" screen is displayed, click the [Pullback] button.

Once the pullback is complete, the proposal will be in a "Temporary Save" state. For information on re-entering from temporary save, see "About Temporarily Saving Application Information and Resuming Input".



Acceptance of Research Proposal by JST

After the application deadline, if JST accepts the research proposal, the status of the application project information will change to "Accepted". It may take several days from the application deadline date to be marked as "Accepted".

