

FY2025

FOREST* Program

Instructions for Preparing a Research Application

To make an application, the researcher ID must be registered on the e-Rad.

- (Note 1) Please note that applications uploaded to the e-Rad containing deficiencies that make reviews difficult will not be accepted. "Deficiencies that make reviews difficult" include missing any of the application forms (especially Form 1: Cover of Research Application Document), garbled text that causes difficulty in reading, and significant omissions of items in the application. JST assumes no responsibility for any inadequacies in the application documents that occur before the deadline irrespective of acceptance or rejection of applications. Therefore, please be aware that JST will neither make any amendments to the application upon prior confirmation by the applicant nor request any amendments to the application prior to the deadline. In addition, it is not possible to withdraw the application on the e-Rad after the deadline.
- (Note 2) If the described information of the items common in both the e-Rad and the research application is different, the information in the research application will be considered correct in principle.

* FOREST: Fusion Oriented REsearch for disruptive Science and Technology

FOREST (2024)

Requirements for Completing Research Application (Forms)

A list of documents to be submitted is as follows. Please prepare a research application following the instructions for completing the research application forms on the following pages. Please be sure to use the forms for this fiscal year for your application

Form No.	Document
Form 1	FY 2025 Application FOREST Research Proposal Basic Information (Cover, 1 page)
Form 2	Project Description (2 pages or less)
Form 3	Originality and Excellence of the Proposal (5 pages or less)
Form 4	Objectives and Research Plans (2 pages or less)
Form 5	Achievements
Form 6	Disclosure of Funds
Form 7	Other Important Information (2 pages or less)

* File size should not exceed 3MB.

* For more information on how to submit research applications, please refer to "Chapter 5: Submission via the Cross-ministerial R&D Management System (e-Rad)" in the Application Guidelines.

* To make an application, please be sure to read and understand "Chapter 4: Key Points in Submitting Proposals " of the Application Guidelines.

FY 2025 Application FOREST Research Proposal

※Note: Please delete any blue text (guidelines) before submission

Failure to adhere to the following instructions may result in the rejection of your research proposal.

- Do not change the formatting, style settings, or line spacing of any forms.
- All text in the forms should be no smaller than font size 10.5.

When preparing the documents, please carefully check that the proposal form uploaded to e-Rad is not missing documents (especially "Form 1: Basic Information") or important entry items, and that the text does not appear garbled. Any proposals that are missing items or contains errors that make it difficult to review will be rejected.

JST shall not be held responsible for any issues or defects that may arise with the proposal prior to the application deadline, regardless of whether the proposal is accepted or not. JST will not correct proposal or request proposers to make corrections to their proposals before the submission deadline.

Please note that after the submission deadline, proposals submitted to e-Rad cannot be withdrawn. If the descriptions of items that are both included in e-Rad and the proposal documents do not match, the information in the proposal document will take precedence.

Form 1 Basic Information

※ Fill in form 1 within one A4 page (observed strictly).

Application Panel	Select your application panel ※Please select one of the 14 panels on which you wish to serve as the lead reviewer. For more information on panels, please refer to "Chapter 6: About FOREST Panels" in the Application Guidelines. If the pull-down menu does not appear, Please provide the name of the panel..
Title of Proposed Research Project	※If the title is in English, please include the title in Japanese as well (about 20 characters).
Name of applicant	
Affiliated Institution, Section, Title	※Describe your affiliation and title accurately without any omissions. (i.e., describe Graduate school, Department, Majors, XX laboratory, and project/tenure/associate/assistant professor).
Total research budget	Total budget XX thousand yen (in which Phase 1 budget XX thousand yen) (Do not include a decimal point. Please note that the units are in [thousands of yen]. Make sure it does not exceed the upper limit)
Research location (location to be specified in the JST contract)	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently affiliated institution <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()

Form 2 Project Description

- ※ Fill in form 2 within two A4 pages (observed strictly).
- ※ The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposed project (color usage is allowed).
- ※ Evaluation will be based on the following criterion:
 - The proposal aligns with the purpose of the FOREST Program.
- ※ Please read the application guidelines "2.1 Eligible Research Applications" and "2.9 Selection Perspective".
- ※ In this Form, please provide brief descriptions focusing on the contents corresponding to the item "1. Background and Objectives" of the FOREST Form 3 (Originality and Excellence of the Proposal), and keep the descriptions corresponding to the items 2. to 4. and the FOREST Form 4 (Objectives and Research Plans) to a minimum just sufficient to assist understanding. The scientific and technical evaluation of the validity and feasibility of the research plan is conducted based mainly on the Form 3.
- ※ Please note that unlike Form 3 (Originality and Excellence of the Proposal), you cannot cite the numbers assigned to the papers, etc. in the List of Achievements (Form 5 1. (2) and Form 5 2. (1)).

Form 3 Originality and Excellence of the Proposal

※ Fill in form 3 within five A4 pages (observed strictly).

- ※ The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposed project (color usage is allowed).
- ※ Evaluations will be based on the following criterion:
 - The proposal demonstrates originality and research excellence, both in comparison to current trends and similar research, domestically and internationally.
- ※ Clearly describe the proposal's originality, uniqueness, and excellence, taking into account the current status and trends in related research fields both domestically and internationally.
- ※ Please describe the competing research and provide specific details as needed to support your argument. In addition, please explain the research results of the applicant to date, the facilities and equipment available to support the proposed research, and the preparation status of relevant resources, such as data or preliminary findings.
- ※ In this proposed project, please make sure that the relationship between the applicant's own achievements and the research application is clarified by appropriately citing the contents of Form 5 as necessary. The numbers assigned to the papers/books in Form 5 may be used for citation.

1. Research Background

Please explain the background and circumstances that led you to this proposed project and the reason why you intend to implement it.

2. Future Prospects

Please describe specifically how the outcomes of this proposed project will contribute to the creation of "seeds of disruptive innovation" such as items described in the Application Guideline 2.1. (a)-(e) in the future, and the future prospects you are aiming for through the Fusion Oriented Research having in mind the content of "(1) Research Background" above.

3. Research specifics to be challenged in the FOREST

Please explain specifically what kind of research themes you intend to challenge in this proposed project and the importance of these themes. When describing the research method, please also state why you chose the method in comparison to the existing methods. If there are research participants who are not affiliated with the applicant's laboratory, please describe them separately so that the reviewers can understand what research you will conduct and what research the participants will conduct.

4. Differences and improvements from previous proposals

For researchers who have applied for the FOREST Program before, please indicate the differences and improvements from the previous proposal. If this is your first proposal or if your proposal is significantly different from the previous proposal, please indicate so.

Form 4 Objectives and Research Plans

- ※ Fill in form 4 within two A4 pages (observed strictly).
- ※ The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposed project (color usage is allowed).
- ※ Evaluation will be based on the following criterion:
 - The objectives of the research proposal to be achieved within the Phase 1 period (three years from the start of the research) are well-defined and appropriate for the project.
- ※ Please provide a detailed description of your plans and the methods you intend to use to achieve the research objectives. Clearly outline the overall approach, including specific methods and strategies (addressing anticipated issues and their solutions), as well as the schedule and milestones (key points and achievements during the research, criteria for evaluating the progress of the research, and their timing) that will be implemented.
- ※ Fill in the “1. Research Plan in Phase 1” section within one A4 pages (observed strictly).
Please describe the specific research items to be conducted in Phase 1 and how to proceed (including problems expected and their solutions) for each major research item in the “Research Plan in Phase 1” section. Please explain any preliminary findings/data that may be useful in conducting your research.
- ※ Fill in the “2. Research Schedule in Phase 1” section within one A4 pages (observed strictly).
Please describe the main Research Schedule for Phase 1 using the following example as a reference in the “Research Schedule in Phase 1” section. If there are multiple research items, please describe the schedule for each item as best you can. The position, length, and thickness of the arrows may be changed appropriately.

1. Research Plan in Phase 1

2. Research Schedule in Phase 1

[Example]

Research Subject	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
1. XX-related gene expression analysis				
Identification of XX genes				
XX gene expression analysis				
2. Development and verification of XX-model animals				
Development of XX-model animals				
Verification of XX-model animals				
3. XX imaging analysis				
XX-related data acquisition				
XX software development				
Data analysis				
4. Development of XX diagnostics methods				
Clarification of XX correlation				
Development and verification of diagnostics methods				

From 5 Achievements

※ Evaluations will be based on the following criterion:

- The applicant possesses the required experience and ability to effectively carry out the proposed activities.

1. Applicant

(1) Basic Information

Ph.D. degree information and educational background	<p>Faculty of XX, XX University, 20XX</p> <p>XX Research Department Masters Course Major in XX, XX University Graduate School, 20XX</p> <p>XX Research Department Ph.D. Major in XX, XX University Graduate School, 20XX</p> <p>Ph.D. date: MM/DD/YYYY (X years since doctorate as of the date of application as of April 1,2025)</p> <p>Institution: XX University Graduate School Major in XX, Category: Dr. of XX</p> <p>* If you received your PhD in April 1,2010, it will be counted as 16 years after you received your PhD at the time of this application.</p>
Special remarks on PhD degree	<p>If any of the items (b), (c), or (d) in “2.6.1 Requirements for Applicants (2) Requirements for Applicant: f.” in the Application Guidelines apply, relevant details and reasons must be provided (in case the Ph. D aquation date is before 1st April, 2010). Furthermore, if either of the items (c) or (d) apply, a copy of Mother and Child Handbook, Certificate of Certification of Needed Long-Term Care, etc. must be submitted via e-Rad.</p>
Research history and major awards (Main work history and research details)	<p>Research history:</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Faculty of XX, XX University, 20XX to 20XX</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Researched XX</p> <p>Researcher, XX Research Institute, 20XX to 20XX</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Engaged in XX research</p> <p>Major awards:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">XX Award, 20XX</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Citation: Excellent achievement in the research of XX</p>

<p>CV (Major Work and Research History)</p>	<p>Graduated in 20XX from the Doctoral Program in [Field of Study], Graduate School of [Department], [University] (Supervisor: Professor [Name]) [Supervisor's name must be entered], obtained a Ph.D. in [Discipline] Assistant Professor, Faculty of xxxx of xxxx University from 20XX to 20XX Research about xxxx in Professor xxxx's laboratory Researcher of xxxx Research Institute from 20XX to 20XX Conducted xxxx research in the xxxx laboratory of Professor xxxx ※Please include the laboratory director's name. ※ (Optional) Please list any life events (such as childbirth, childcare, caregiving, etc.) that have impacted your research career and should be taken into consideration by the evaluator.</p>
<p>Information of PI</p>	<p>URL: ※Please provide a link to your researchmap or to a website where your research achievements can be viewed. ※The evaluator will refer to this information as necessary.</p>
<p>Author notation in English papers by the PI</p>	<p>※Please enter the full name accurately</p>
<p>Satisfaction of conditions related to independence</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Being or holding the position of a responsible author on a paper related to one's own research <input type="checkbox"/> Be responsible for, or be in a position to be responsible for, supervising graduate students, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> If you organize a research group to conduct research, be the responsible person of the group <input type="checkbox"/> Have a laboratory *Check all that apply. For details, please refer to "2.6.1 Requirements for Applicants (3) Conditions for Independence" in the Application Guidelines. Enter any supplementary information regarding the independent status in the designated field in Form7 (check only in this field).</p>

(2) List of Achievements/ Research Representation History

[Name of the applicant as it appears as the author of papers in English: (example) Taro Kagaku]
During the document screening, evaluators (FOREST PO, FOREST AD, external experts, etc.) may conduct searches of the papers database and confirm the details of your achievements. For that reason, please enter the [Name of the applicant as it appears as the author of papers in English] above correctly with the full name. You may, however, use an abbreviated form such as T. Kagaku when you state the author in the lists described later.

a. Primary papers, books, patents, and other publications

Please describe according to one of the methods 1-3

Description Method 1

Please transcribe the URL of the "Research Papers" page of researchmap.

(e.g.) https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/published_papers

- If possible, please set up a hyperlink in the URL.
- If the proposer is the first author, please make sure that the first author mark appears in the list of papers on researchmap (check the "First Author" checkbox on the "Research Papers" edit screen.)
- If the proposer is the corresponding author, please make sure that the corresponding author mark is displayed in the list of papers in researchmap. (Please check the "Corresponding Author" checkbox on the "Research Papers" edit screen.)
- If you include researchmap "MISC," "Books and other publications," or "Industrial Property Rights" data in your proposal, please add each in the following format. If possible, please provide a hyperlink to the URL.

MISC (researchmap link): URL of "MISC" list page

(e.g. <https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/misc>)

Books and other publications (researchmap link): URL of the "Books and other publications" list page

(e.g. https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/books_etc)

Industrial property rights (researchmap link): URL of the "Industrial Property Rights" list page

(e.g. https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/industrial_property_rights)

Description Method 2

If you wish to narrow down the list to only those achievements related to your proposal from the "Publications List," "MISC," "Books and Other Publications," and "Industrial Property Rights" pages of researchmap, you may copy and paste the data of the achievement you wish to include (for papers, the title, author, journal name, volume, number, year of publication, and category of responsibility (first author, last author, corresponding author, peer-reviewed or not) from the list of achievements on researchmap directly into the proposal (copy and paste).

- If possible, please leave the hyperlink setting in the title as it is.
- If the proposer is the first author or a corresponding author, please add a note to indicate this as necessary. For example, please refer to [Description Method 3] below.
- If there are many authors, you may follow the instructions in [[Description Method 3] below.
- If there are any award-winning papers, you may mention them.
- Please omit "Books and other publications" and "Industrial property rights" if there is no data to list.
- If there is no data in "Publications", "MISC", "Books and other publications", or "Industrial property rights", please add the data according to [Description Method 3] below.

Description Method 3

If the proposer is not registered in researchmap or does not utilize researchmap data, please describe in the proposal in the following manner. (We would appreciate your cooperation in actively registering your proposal with researchmap.)

[Example of description in the case of a paper].

Title of presented paper, journal, volume number/page/year of presentation, first author's name, research proposer's name (rank/number of authors), last author's name.

- Please describe important achievements such as papers, books, patents, etc. published in academic journals, starting from the present and going back to the past in order of the year of publication.
- Please number your entries consecutively at the beginning of each line. The number can be cited in the description of the research plan (Form 3).
- The following items should be included in papers. (For books, please follow this procedure.)

The order of the items can be freely chosen.

Items to be described

Title of presented paper etc., journal, volume number/page/year of presentation, first author's name, research proposer's name (rank/number of authors), last author's name (*Corresponding author should be marked with *, rank should be first author as 1, or 1/1 for single author).

Example: Taro Kagaku*, Research proposer (3/15), Hanako Souzou

e.g.: Taro Kagaku*, Hanako Souzou*, Research proposer (1/10)

Example: Taro Kagaku*, Hanako Souzou Hanako, Research proposer's name* (15/15)

If you have an award-winning paper, you may state so.

b. Primary invited lectures and other speaking engagements

Please describe according to one of the following methods 1-3.

Method 1

- Transcribe the URL of the researchmap "Presentations" page.
Lectures, oral presentations, etc. (researchmap link): URL of the "Presentations, etc." page (e.g. <https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/presentations>).

- If possible, please provide a hyperlink to the URL.

Method 2

If you wish to list only invited lectures related to your proposal from the "Presentations" page of researchmap, please copy and paste the data from the "Presentations" page of researchmap directly into the proposal form.

Method 3

If the proposer is not registered in researchmap or does not utilize researchmap data, please describe in the proposal in the following manner. (We would appreciate your cooperation in actively registering with researchmap.)

- Please list the year of the presentation in the order of the present time, starting with the present year and working backward.
- Please start each line with a sequential number.

c. Primary awards history

Please describe according to one of the methods 1-3.

Method 1

Transcribe the URL of the researchmap "Awards" page.

Award (researchmap link): URL of the "Award" page
(e.g. <https://researchmap.jp/xxxxxxx/awards>)

- If possible, please provide a hyperlink to the URL.

Method 2

If you wish to narrow down the list of awards from the "Awards" page of researchmap to those relevant to your proposal, please copy and paste the data from the "Awards" page of researchmap directly into your proposal.

Method 3

If the proposer is not registered in researchmap or does not utilize researchmap data, please describe in the proposal in the following manner. (We would appreciate your cooperation in actively registering with researchmap.)

Please describe the major awards received by the proposer, starting from the present and working backward in the year of publication.

Please include the name of the award (e.g., the Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Award for Researchers with Nice Steps, etc.) and put a sequential number at the beginning of the line.

d. Research projects represented by the applicant in the competitive research funding programs, etc.

Please provide either research funding is being received (FY2025) as a representative at the time of the application, or an actual research funding you have received as a representative in the past two years (FY2023, FY2024) in order to confirm the applicant's requirement "2.6.1 (2) g". If you have been unable to receive research funding in the past two years, please explain the reason.

* Please refer to "2.6.1 Application Requirements (2) Applicant's Requirements g" in the Application Guidelines.

* This applies only to the research funding received through a public call. However, the calls targeted only at the researchers in the institution they belong to are excluded.

Program Name	Research Project Title	Research Duration	(1)Research Funds Received (FY2025 plan) (2) " (FY2024 actual) (3) " (FY2023 actual)
		XX/20XX — XX/20XX	(1) 1,000K Yen (2) 500K Yen (3) 300K Yen
<p><Additional instruction for research grants etc. received from sources other than competitive funding programs of the government (including private funds and overseas organizations)></p> <p>*Fill in the information on the website or sources that provides an information on the screening procedure of the grant system and/or how fund was used.</p>			

<p><Reasons for not having been able to apply for research funding in the past two years></p>

[Notes]

- If the information provided is not true, it may be revoked at a later date even if it is selected.
- If you are subject to an interview-based review, you may be asked to explain above items in detail.

e. Ex-post evaluation of the research projects represented by the applicant in the competitive research funding programs, etc.

Please provide a list of the completed projects represented by the applicant for which the results of the ex-post evaluation have been published in the table below (limited to those published in FY2020 or later). If there is none applicable, please delete the table and indicate that it is not applicable.

No.	Program Name	Research Project Title (FY conducted)	URL of the web page where the results of ex-post evaluation are published * If many applications other than your own are listed, please include the page number of your application so that the evaluator can easily identify them.
1			
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2. Applicant's Competence to Execute Research

- ※ In this section “2. Applicant's Competence to Execute Research”, please provide a list of principal papers on **no more than two pages of A4 paper (strictly observed)**. (If it is not strictly adhered to, the research application may not be accepted.)
- ※ You may adjust font size and line spacing.

(1) Summary of principal papers and the contributions of the applicant (3 items or less)

<example in case of papers>

Title of the published paper, Publication, Volume/Page/Year of Publication, Name of the First Author, When the applicant is one of the co-authors (position number/total number of authors), name of the Last Author.

- ※ Select and list no more than three principal papers of the applicant from the Form 5, section “1. (2) a. Primary papers, books, patents and other publications”.
- ※ List the published items in the reverse chronological order from the present to the past.
- ※ Add sequential numbers at the beginning of each line.
- ※ The following items of the paper should be included (in the case of books, follow the same guideline). The order of the items can be chosen freely.

[Items to be included]

Title of the published paper, Publication, Volume/Page/Year of Publication, Name of the First Author, When the applicant is one of the co-authors (position number/total number of authors), name of the last author, (* Indicate the corresponding author with *, the First Author is 1, enter (1/1) in case of single author)

Example: Taro Science*, the Applicant (3/15), Hanako Souhatsu

Example: the Applicant(1/10), Hanako Souhatsu*

Example: Taro Science, the Applicant (10/10)

- ※ Provide a brief description on the following regarding the research for each paper (describe under the descriptions of each paper). Also, please describe the contribution of the applicant in each case.

[Items to be included]

What did the research reveal, what were the difficulties in conducting the research, and how were these difficulties overcome?

(2) Supplementary Information/Appeal Points

- ※ Please provide any supplementary information or appealing points that you would like to make in promoting Fusion Oriented Research.

Form 6 Disclosure of Funds

※ Please list all competitive funding programs (*) or other research funds (including all current research funds for individual research subjects, such as subsidies, grants, joint research funds, contract research funds, etc., including those from overseas) that the applicant is currently receiving, have applied for, or plan to apply for. Fill in the research project name, research period, role, amount of research expenses received by the individual, and the effort needed for the project. Please refer to the Application Guidelines, “2. 6. 1. (2) Requirements for Applicants” and “4.2 Measures against Unreasonable Duplication and Excessive Concentration” for more information.

(*) The "Integrated Innovation Strategy 2020" stipulates that "disclosure of information regarding the receipt of foreign funds, etc., is a requirement when applying for research funding." Please be sure to list all research funding, whether domestic or international, including competitive funding, grants from private foundations, commissioned research expenses from companies and joint research expenses.

※ If the information provided in the research proposal is inaccurate, the research project may be rejected.

※ During the interview screening, we may request application and plan documents submitted to other systems.

※ If you are unable to provide detailed information due to unavoidable circumstances, ex. confidentiality agreement, please provide only the effort. (Please note that this information will be shared with external experts during the review process.)

※ Please list the grants you are currently receiving or have been approved to receive in order of the amount of R&D funding you have received (over the entire period). Then, list the grants you are applying for or plan to apply for.

※ Adjust the number of rows as necessary.

[Example]

No	Program Name	Status	Research Project Title (Name of the Representative)	Research Duration	Role (Primary/Joint)	(1) Research Funds Received (Whole term) (2) " (FY2025 plan) (3) " (FY2026 plan)	FY2025 Effort (%)
(1)	Scientific Research Grant (Fundamental Research C)	Awarded	XX (XX)	4/2023 — 3/2026	Primary	(1) 3,000K Yen (2) 1,000K Yen (3) 0 Yen	20
(2)	XX Foundation XX Research Grant	Applied	XX (XX)	4/2026 — 3/2028	Joint	(1) 5,000K Yen (2) 0K Yen (3) 2,500K Yen	- **

(3)						(1) (2)	K Yen K Yen	
The total amount of funding approved for FY 2025							1,000K Yen	

Fill in the effort percentage in FY 2026 for this program (in the table below).

Program Name	FY2026 Effort (%)
FOREST	〇〇%***

(Please describe as appropriate based on the actual situation.)

[Notes]

(1) Status

Enter one of the following.

Awarded: Currently receiving funds, or has been selected for funding

Submitted: Research projects currently under application or planned for submission

Do not enter effort those with the status of "Submitted" except for this proposal

(2) Role

Enter one of the following.

Principal Investigator:

Received research funding as the representative for that research project

Co-Principal Investigator:

Received research funding in a position other than that of the representative for that research project

(3) Research fund received

Enter the amount of the research fund in thousand yen in a following manner.

(a) Awarded as "Principal Investigator" in the research project

Enter the research funds you, as the Principal Investigator, have received for the team, (excluding those from joint research teams, unless you are the only team member).

(b) Awarded as "Co-Principal Investigator"

Enter the research funds your group received when you were the Co-PI.

(4) Effort

If this proposal is selected, please indicate the allocation of time required for each research project (in percentage), assuming that your total working time in the fiscal year 2026 (including educational and clinical activities, etc.) is 100%. Do not include effort for research projects that are currently under application or planned for submission (those entered as "Submitted").

Please be aware that the total effort for this proposal, along with other ongoing research projects, should not exceed 100%.

Form 7 Other Important Information

※ Fill in form 7 within two A4 pages (observed strictly).

1. Conflict of Interest between the Applicant and Evaluators

- ※ Based on the Application Guidelines, section “2.8.2 Implementation of Conflict of Interest Management”, please declare whether or not the applicant have any conflict of interest (COI). Be sure to refer to the relevant section when describing the COI.
- The following webpage contains additional information about the second generation FOREST POs and ADs.
- (<https://www.jst.go.jp/souhatsu/en/research/index.html>)

Are there any relevant conflicts of interest as stipulated in Application Guidelines, section “2.8.2 Implementation of Conflict of Interest Management” ?

No ☐ Yes ☐

- ※ If “No”, please delete the table below.
- ※ If “Yes”, please give a short description of the reason, including which section it pertains to.
- Evaluators who JST determines to have a conflict of interest based on the described content may be excluded from participating in the selection process.
- ※ The second generation FOREST PO and FOREST ADs on the panel for which you are applying (the panel for which you wish to serve as the primary reviewer) are subject of conflict of interest management. If you select "Humanities and Social Sciences" or "Other" as your research field (major and minor), the Chief FOREST Advisor and FOREST ADs of the "Humanities and Social Sciences Review Team" are subject of Conflict of Interest Management.

No	Relevant Section	Name of Relevant Evaluator / Organization	Reason
1	(1) d	John Smith	e.g. The applicant has been conducting research management and joint research in the XX Project (from 20XX to 20XX) and meets the requirements for conflict of interest under “(1)d”.
2	(3)	XX organization	e.g. The organization to which applicant belongs, XX organization, is JST-funded company.
3	(1) b	Jane Smith	e.g. The applicant was a member of the research team managed by Mr./Ms. XX, who served as an area advisor from 20XX to 20XX and meets the requirements for conflict of interest under “(1)b”.
4	(2) a	XX Corporation	e.g. The applicant belongs to XX Corporation, which was established based on the research and development outcomes of the PI and meets the requirements for conflict of interest under “(2)a”.

※ The requirements for conflict of interest as stipulated in Application Guidelines, “2.8.2 Implementation of Conflict of Interest Management” section are as follows.

(1) Persons Involved in the Selection Process

The following individuals and parties are considered to have conflicts of interest with the 'applicant'. If you suspect any potential conflicts of interest, please describe them in detail in the table above.

- a. Persons, who are relatives of research project applicants:
- b. A person who belongs to the same department, major, etc. at a university or other research institution as the applicant; or a person who is considered to be involved in the management of the university or other research institution to which the applicant belongs; a person who is an officer or other person involved in the management of the university or other research institution; or a person who represents such an institution externally.

Examples: The same department, or division at universities and graduate schools, and the same research department at other public research institutions.

- c. Persons, who belong to the same company as the research proposer or a company that is the parent company of the company to which the person being evaluated belongs.
- d. Persons, who are conducting a close collaboration in a research work with research project applicants. (Examples are persons, who are conducting a joint research project or have co-authored a paper with research project applicants, a researcher pursuing the same research objectives as research project applicants, or a co-researcher of the proposal of research project applicants, and others, being recognized those practically affiliated with a research group with which research project applicants are affiliated.)
- e. Persons in a close teacher-student relationship, or in a direct employer-employee relationship.
- f. Persons who have a direct competitive relationship with the proposed research subject. "Direct competitive relationship" refers to an academic competitive relationship with the proposed research subject or belonging to a company with a competitive relationship in the market.
- g. Persons in other relationships judged by JST to representing conflicts of interest with research project applicants.

(2) Conflict of Interest Management for Research Applicants

If you suspect any potential conflicts of interest, please describe them in detail in the table above.

When a research applicant specifies an "organization in relation to the research applicant" as a participating organization while making an application and if JST allocates some research funding to the "organization in relation to the research applicant," this may lead to some conflict of interest concerning the research applicant. Therefore, to avoid any doubt or the like of any third party, we take the management of such conflicts of interest with respect to the conflicts of interest between such research applicant and such "organization in relation to the research applicant" in an appropriate consideration to the necessity, rationality,

adequacy, etc. of the applicable relation.

An "organization in relation to the research applicant" here refers to any participating organization that comes under any following condition. Note that not only the research applicant but also the spouse and the relatives in the first degree of the research applicant (referred to as "researcher etc." from here) are regarded as the same in items "a" and "b" below.

- a. An institution that is established by a research applicant as a founder or co-founder based on its own research results is considered to be related to the research applicant. Similarly, if an institution is established based on the research and development results of the research applicant, it is considered related to the research applicant, regardless of the degree to which the institution is involved in the research proposer's management.
- b. An organization of which the researcher, etc., are appointed as directors (including CTOs and excluding technical advisors).
- c. An organization of which the research applicant has some stocks.
- d. An organization from which the research applicant has revenues as a license fee.

(3) Conflict of Interest with JST

Please declare whether the affiliated institutions of the research applicant are JST-funded companies. This management is implemented to ensure the fairness and transparency of JST, and receiving funding from JST will not be a disadvantage during the evaluation.

2. Supplementary Information

- ※ If there are any transfers planned, please specify. If it is undecided at this time, please indicate so. This information will be used for administrative purposes.
- ※ If you are required to spend work hours (effort) on special duties (e.g. administrative positions such as or society president), please describe the circumstances and reasons for this requirement.