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To whom it may concern,

Earthquake Research Institute Joint Usage/Research Program  
Call for Registration of Project for Specific Research Programs  
for the Academic Year 2021

I would like to extend my earnest gratitude for your interest and cooperation in the “joint usage/research program” of the Earthquake Research Institute.

The Earthquake Research Institute conducts various types of joint usage/research programs. Of these, we invite registration of projects for Specific Research Projects (A), (B), and (C). Later, we will advertise the registered projects and invite researchers nationwide to participate in them. Registration of projects for specific research programs is conducted as follows as a part of the joint usage/research program for 2021 (please refer to “Remarks” for descriptions of Specific Research Projects (A), (B), and (C)).

Registration of Projects

1. Projects: We invite registration of research project titles for Specific Research Project (A), Specific Research Project (B), or Specific Research Project (C).
2. Eligibility for submission: Faculty members and researchers of national, public, and private universities, or national and public research institutions and their equivalents are eligible.
3. Project Registration: Please fill out Form A-1-E, B-1-E or C-1-E depending on the category of research projects and submit it online. These forms can be downloaded from the Earthquake Research Institute's joint usage/research page.  
(The Electronic Application System) <https://erikyodo.confita.atlas.jp/en>  
(Forms) <http://www.eri.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/joint-usage-top/>  
※Please refer to the link.  
Users Guide (Q&A) : <http://www.eri.u-tokyo.ac.jp/kyodoriyou/qa/> (Japanese only)
4. Application Deadline: 7/31, 2020 (Fri)

(Remarks)

1. Category of research projects
  - a. Specific Research Project (A):

This category is intended for projects with the support of a budget other than joint usage/research funds such as the Promoting the Second Earthquake and Volcano Hazards Observation and Research Program (Earthquake and Volcano Hazard Reduction Research). Travel funds will be supported for participation in registered projects. The period of research is one year.

b. Specific Research Project (B):

This category is intended for exploratory research projects that do not currently have the support of large scale project-funds such as Earthquake and Volcano Hazard Reduction Research and commissioned research but are aiming for future development into large-scale projects. They will be implemented in research groups comprised of participants from multiple institutions, and applications are expected for international research projects or interdisciplinary research projects that cover many fields of research. The period of research is one year and may continue for a maximum of 3 years, following review.

The annual research fund for a project in this category is less than ¥2,000,000 per year. Funding shall be provided for travel, consumables, and services.

To foster the next generation of researchers and to support career development, submissions from young researchers will be evaluated with special consideration. If the Principal Investigator is 39 years old or younger, or it passed eight years\* or less after he/she obtained a doctoral degree as of April 1 of the first year of the research duration, please check the checkbox on the form B-1-E.

(\*)Individuals who are in the prospect of acquiring a doctoral degree are also eligible. The period of maternity leave and childcare leave can be excluded from the years after he/she obtained a doctoral degree.

c. Specific Research Project (C):

This category is intended for joint research projects operated with solely funded by except our joint usage fund. There will be no disbursement from joint usage/project funds. The period of research is one year.

2. Procedures for Adopting Registered Research Titles

- a. Registered research project titles will be advertised in a “call for proposals/participants for Earthquake Research Institute Joint Usage/Research programs to the academic year 2021” booklet. The booklet is sent to related institutions nationwide and also posted at ERI's homepage at the beginning of September this year.
- b. Researchers nationwide will be publicly invited to participate in the registered projects. An applying participant will propose specific research conducted within a project. Also, the applicant will require funds to conduct the research.
- c. The Earthquake Research Institute will summarize the application documents and send them to the principal investigator of the project. Principal investigators will, in turn, summarize requests by the applicants and submit a project proposal to the Earthquake Research Institute Research Support Team.
- d. The adoption of program proposals will be decided through examination by the Joint Usage/Research Committee.

3. Handling of Personal Information

- (1) The applicant's personal data, such as name and address obtained through this call for proposals, will be used only for the management of our joint research programs. The Institute is required to share some of your data and statistics with MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology), such as for mandatory surveys such as the Progress Reports and Annual Reports that the institutes are obliged to carry out.

Your data may also be shared with the University of Tokyo to conduct surveys.

- (2) In principle, without obtaining the prior consent of the applicant, the personal information is not offered or disclosed to a third party, with the exception of the circumstances outlined below.
- (a) The University of Tokyo uses retained personal information within the University only to the extent necessary for executing the business provided by laws and regulations, and there are reasonable grounds for the use of that retained personal information.
  - (b) The retained personal information is provided to the public administrative agency, in which the person who receives the information uses it only to the extent necessary for executing the processes or business under its jurisdiction provided by laws and regulations, and there are reasonable grounds for the use of that retained personal information.
  - (c) The retained personal information is provided exclusively for statistical purposes or academic research purposes when the provision of the information to others is obviously beneficial to the relevant individual, or there are other special grounds for providing the retained personal information.
- (3) In accordance with the rules and regulations regarding personal information, and within a reasonable period of time and scope, the University will swiftly handle requests received from individuals for the disclosure, correction, suspension of use or deletion of their personal information collected through the University's site, once the University has confirmed the individual's identity.

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