

## Grant Call Frequently Asked Questions

(Note)The below answer is general. The details may be discussed based on the individual status of the application.

- What is the purpose of this Grant Call?

Its objectives are to create new opportunities for industry-academia collaboration by matching research ideas held by researchers at universities, companies, research institutions, etc. who promote research activities in Japan with research issues held by pharmaceutical companies, and to contribute to the development of a robust healthcare ecosystem in Japan by addressing issues for overcoming hurdles in the social implementation and commercialization of research ideas.

- What are the characteristics of this Grant Call?

In addition to the research funding from the sponsor company, the awardees will obtain mentoring support by researchers at the sponsor company and access to facilities and services at the Shonan Health Innovation Park for up to three years. In addition, the above mentoring support will also be provided to the finalists prior to the final selection.

- Has the stage level of the research proposal that this Grant Call will seek been determined?

Stages of research proposals to application are not particularly limited, but research activities have been accumulated to date, and those for which technologies to solve issues and pathways to their social implementation are clear (or concrete discussions are possible) are assumed as main subjects. However, this is not necessarily the only requirement, so we would appreciate it if you could consider applying even if it is not the case above.

- What is “Mentoring Support ”?

Mentoring Support refers to comprehensive support provided by sponsor-company researchers, including scientific advice on refining research plans and implementation, support for preparation of presentations for final selection, and sharing of know-how and introduction of internal networks for social implementation. We have an image of a system where applicants and sponsor company researchers work in tandem toward the goals specified in a research plan.

- Is the number of awardees decided?

The number of awardees has not been decided, and we will decide after strictly reviewing the proposals submitted. Please note in advance that the awardee may not be identified as a result.

- Is the Application Form completed in English only?

Please fill out the Application Form in English. However, in the section of “Presentation Slide ” in this Form, it is possible to submit Japanese slides as reference information in addition to English slides.

- I have multiple ideas. Can all of these be submitted?

You can apply. In that case, please apply for each idea.

- There are some unclear points in how to fill out the Application Form. Who should I ask?

Please contact the following contact points by e-mail.

Office of the Grant Call [incubation-program@shonan-ipark.com](mailto:incubation-program@shonan-ipark.com)

- We are considering applying for an idea related to cancer. Do we need to select either Takeda or Janssen?

Yes. On the entry screen of the Application form, the applicant is asked to select “renal cell carcinoma ” or “ cell therapy for oncology ” by Janssen or “oncology ” by Takeda. At that time, the other company will also review an application that are not selected in the review of the first-reviewing company selected by the applicant.

- When attaching slides, are the contents and amount specified?

To the extent that the information is NOT confidential, we ask that the slides contain the following points. The approximate number of slides is 10 -20.

- Information on issues to be resolved, unmet medical needs, etc.
- Technical information behind the proposal: Advantages in comparison with existing technologies and competitive research, your own research results to date, status of patent applications, etc.
- Target achievement items in the 3-year research period, and experimental plans, major milestones, schedules, and budget plan to achieve them
- Investigator information (including joint researchers at other institutions)

- Are there any restrictions on how the research fund can be used? Can I use it to hire research assistants or purchase equipment?

The use of the research expenses shall be limited to those deemed necessary for the implementation of the

research plan agreed in advance with the sponsor company. If agreed with the sponsor company, there is no problem with using the research expenses to hire research assistants or outsource the study to an external CRO. We would like to individually discuss the necessity of equipment purchase and handling of equipment after purchase.

- If the applicant's university or research institution has indirect costs, will those costs be applied?

In light of the purpose of this project, we hope to use the provided funds as research expenses as much as possible. The funds to be provided are up to 10 million yen per year as a model case, and we would like you to understand that this includes indirect expenses. If your university or research institution has some guidance about indirect expenses, we would like you to prepare and submit a research plan taking into account such expenses.

- Is it possible to receive research assets (e.g., tool compound, data, etc.) from the sponsor company?

We will consider it by the sponsor company as case-by-case basis after individually proposing it. If it is determined that it can be provided, we may propose individual conditions for handling of research results, etc. based on contributions from the sponsor company.

- What kind of support will Shonan iPark provide to grant winners?

Research space (laboratory space and office desks) in the Shonan Health Innovation Park will be leased, if necessary, for up to three years at no cost to the awardee. The laboratory is equipped with specifications for general synthetic and biology experiments, and various shared equipment can be used free of charge. The space provided as free of charge will be for one person for each research team (for either one biology or chemistry researcher). If you wish to conduct an animal experiment, the rent will be free, but the actual cost for animal maintenance will be paid.

You can also use Shonan iPark's planned and operated services, e.g., science mentoring by researchers conducted with tenant companies, regulatory consultations, intellectual property consultations, etc.

- We would like to use special laboratory equipment and facilities. Is it possible to conduct such an experiment at Shonan iPark?

We would like to hear your request individually. Please contact the following contact.

Email address: [incubation-program@shonan-ipark.com](mailto:incubation-program@shonan-ipark.com)

- Is use of Shonan iPark mandatory for application?

Admission to Shonan iPark is not a prerequisite. However, even if you do not move in, please kindly cooperate

with the following activity.

- Join Shonan iPark regular membership (at no cost)
- Research presentations at science seminars, etc. (approximately once a year)
  
- What happens if the study does not progress as planned?

This is contingent on the research plan being agreed upon between the awardee and the sponsor (Takeda or Janssen Pharmaceutical). If there is a significant gap between the research plan and actual progress, we may ask you to discuss changes in the plan or termination of the collaboration during the term of the contract with the sponsor.

- Image of 3 years later (after completion of the research period)

Upon expiration of the research term of the collaborative research agreement, the collaboration under this Grant Call will terminate. However, if any useful results are generated from this collaboration, we will separately make proposals and consult with the sponsor (Takeda Pharmaceutical or Janssen Pharmaceutical) on the possibility of conducting further collaborations.

- How do you handle research results?

We assume that data and inventions, etc. subject to intellectual property rights which will be obtained as research results will belong solely to the awardee, and that the awardee and the sponsor company (Takeda Pharmaceutical Company or Janssen Biotech Inc.) can use the research results generated by the grant at free of charge after both parties discuss and agree to use them (the sponsor company will use them non-exclusively). After the end of the grant period, if the sponsor company wishes to do so, the sponsor company will have a right for a negotiation period during which the sponsor company will first discuss an exclusive license regarding the research results with the awardee.

In addition to the above, the details of handling of research results will be communicated to the awardee after the final selection by presenting a draft agreement (joint research agreement) from the sponsor company, separately. In doing so, please note that depending on the individual contents of the application, we may propose the handling of research results partially different from the above.

- Is it possible to present research results at academic conferences or in journals?

If you wish to publish research results obtained from this project, please consult with the sponsor company in advance.

- If joint researches are already being conducted with other companies etc. regarding the applications

submitted to this Grant Call, can such applications be accepted?

We will discuss this matter on a case-by-case basis after receiving the details. If it can be judged that the sponsor company's rights to the results generated by this Grant Call (see the preceding paragraph) can be secured, it may be adopted.

- We submitted the same proposal for other grant programs. What will happen if it is adopted there?

If the proposal is adopted in a program other than this Grant Call, it will be excluded from the applications for this Grant Call.

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