

## SP+ Fund 2026 Application Guidelines (General Program)

(Fund to Support International Research Collaboration with Strategic Partner Institutions, Etc.)

### Purpose of the Fund

In order to promote cross-disciplinary research exchange by each of its faculties and departments and promote collaborative research and personnel mobility in new academic fields, Kyoto University has concluded Strategic Partnership Agreements with the five universities indicated below (hereinafter referred to as “SP institutions”) based on agreement at the presidential (executive) level.



The SP+ Fund is intended to further deepen sustainable research exchange with SP institutions and support progressive international research collaboration with multiple institutions centered around each SP institution. The fund has two main programs: **the General Program**, which provides support for international research projects in collaboration with SP institutions, etc., and **the ECR (early-career researcher) Program**, which provides support for ECR exchanges with SP institutions.

These application guidelines are for the **General Program**. As mentioned above, the General Program provides funding support for international collaborative research projects with SP institutions, etc., in the following two categories:

- **Bilateral (Bi)**: Projects conducted bilaterally by Kyoto University and one SP institution.
- **Multilateral (Multi)**: Projects conducted by Kyoto University, an SP institution, and at least one additional overseas institution (three or more institutions in total).

Please refer to the next page for details.

Project Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 2026–March 2027</li> </ul>
Example activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research workshops, academic conferences, roundtables, symposiums, etc.</li> <li>Travel/invitations for joint research or research meetings.</li> </ul>
Eligible applicants	<p>1: Full-time faculty members at Kyoto University (professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors)</p> <p><u>Please confirm the following before applying:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must continue to be employed by Kyoto University for the duration of the project being applied for.</li> <li>Full-time fixed-term program-specific faculty members are also eligible to apply provided they have received permission from their supervisor.</li> </ul> <p>2: The project representative from the counterpart institution must be affiliated with the counterpart institution at the time of application.</p>
Amount of funding award	Up to 2,000,000 JPY per project.
Use of the funding	<p>Travel/invitation expenses for jointly held events and meetings for collaborative research projects, Venue rental fee, hiring of assistants for events, meeting expenses (reception party expenses when holding an in-person event, etc.), Submission/publication fees for internationally co-authored papers, etc.</p> <p>*For uses other than those specified above, the funding amount will be reduced upon selection</p>
Application Procedures	<p>After confirming the terms and conditions on the following pages, please have <b><u>your faculty/department's administrative office</u></b> submit all of the required application documents as <b><u>PDF files</u></b> to the International Relations Section of Kyoto University's International Affairs Office (apply-intl@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp).</p>
Application deadline	<p>Deadline for submission to the International Affairs Office: April 24 (Fri.), 2026</p> <p>*Please note that the deadline for submission of the documents to the administrative office of each faculty/department is earlier than the deadline above. Please be sure to confirm the deadline for submission to your faculty/department's administrative office.</p>
Application documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SP+ Fund 2026 Application Form (General) (applications can be submitted in either Japanese or English)</li> <li>SP+ Fund Application Agreement Forms (General) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For applicants from Kyoto University</li> <li>For representative researchers from overseas institutions</li> </ul> </li> <li>CVs of the applicant from Kyoto University and the representative from the SP institution (and all other institutions in the case of multilateral projects)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>*CVs should be a maximum of two A4 pages per person.</u></b></p>
Selection perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistency and clarity of the application plan.</li> <li>Academic significance and expected outcomes of the project.</li> <li>Continuity of collaborative relationships (participation of early-career researchers, continued activities after the project, joint applications for external funding, etc.).</li> <li>(In the case of bilateral collaboration) Contribution to strengthening the relationship between</li> </ul>

	<p>Kyoto University and the SP institution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (In the case of multilateral collaboration) Necessity of collaboration with the participating institutions, including the SP institution, ripple effects of the collaboration.</li> <li>• Necessity and validity of the expenses applied for.</li> </ul> <p>*For both bilateral and multilateral projects, <b><u>priority will be given to support for collaborative research projects with themes related to planetary health when they involve the University of Hamburg.</u></b></p> <p>For reference:  About Planetary Health (Planetary Health Alliance website)  <a href="https://www.planetaryhealthalliance.org/planetary-health">https://www.planetaryhealthalliance.org/planetary-health</a></p>
Number of funding awards	Approximately 10 projects in total
Announcement of successful applications	Announcement of successful applications: Mid-June 2026

For the ECR Program, please refer to “SP+ Fund 2026 Application Guidelines (ECR Program)”

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