

Application Guidelines for ASHBi Fusion Research Grant

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1. Overview

ASHBi seeks team research project applications for fusion studies (Mathematics-Biology studies, Bioethics-Biology studies, Biology-Biology studies) to uncover the design principles of human beings and disease states. The project must form a research team consisting of multiple researchers from the fields of Mathematics, Bioethics, and Biology.

2. Fusion research categories, Support period, and Support funding

ASHBi seeks fusion research project applications for three categories shown below:

	Support period	Support funding
Mathematics – Biology studies	1-3 years**	< 9 million JPY in total (< 3 million for each year)
Bioethics – Biology studies		
Biology – Biology studies*		

*In case of Biology-Biology studies, ASHBi encourages projects pioneering new research area in human biology or developing new experimental techniques for biological studies.

**In case of multiple-year funding, project may be suspended according to the yearly evaluation.

3. Eligibility and Team member

- The applicant (project representative) must be an ASHBi researcher, not an ASHBi PI, on April 26th, 2024 (the application deadline). Also, he/she must be a full-time Kyoto University researcher and able to continually participate in the project for the entire funding period. If the applicant belongs to an ASHBi PI group but is not an ASHBi researcher, he/she will be assigned as an "ASHBi cooperating researcher" at the time of commencement.
- The applicant can only be the project representative for one project.
- The project must form a research team consisting of multiple researchers. At least two ASHBi researchers from different PI groups must be included to play key roles in the project.
- To maximize the usage of limited funding and the diversity of ASHBi Fusion project, each ASHBi PI groups allows to apply only one project per year.
- ASHBi PI who has a project representative in the group is expected to provide the appropriate guidance to pursue the project goal.

4. Schedule: Application to Commencement of Funding

- Application Period: Friday, March 1st, 2024 - Friday, April 26th, 2024
- Screening: Early to Late-May 2024
- Result Notification: Late-May 2024
- Commencement of Funding: June 2024

5. Submission method & application deadline

Application documents must be prepared in English according to the "Application Guidelines", and submitted as email attachments.

Submit via email to: ashbi-grant@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Deadline: Noon (JST), Friday, April 26th, 2024

6. Screening Process

SCREENING PROCESS

- The screening will be carried out by the evaluation committee comprised for the ASHBi fusion research grant. All the proposals will be reviewed based on the submitted application documents in accordance with the declared fusion research category. After the document screening, the committee members will conduct a discussion on the proposed projects from a broad perspective and finalize the selection.
- The awardee will be limited to only research groups which propose outstanding fusion projects.

NOTIFICATION OF SCREENING RESULTS

- The screening results will be notified to the applicants via the ASHBi Office by email. Also, information of the selected projects will be announced on the ASHBi's website.

7. Requirements of Accepted Projects

ATTENDANCE TO TWO WORKSHOPS

- It is compulsory for the project representative to present their research findings and/or accomplishments in a workshop a year. The workshop will be held as a joint workshop of the three fusion research categories (Mathematics-Biology, Bioethics-Biology, and Biology-Biology). In the individual workshops, the participants will be asked to evaluate other research projects.

SUBMISSION OF A YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT

- It is compulsory for the project representative to submit a yearly progress report at the end of each academic year. All the progress reports will be reviewed by the evaluation committee for the ASHBi fusion research grant. In case of multiple-year funding, project may be suspended according to the yearly evaluation.