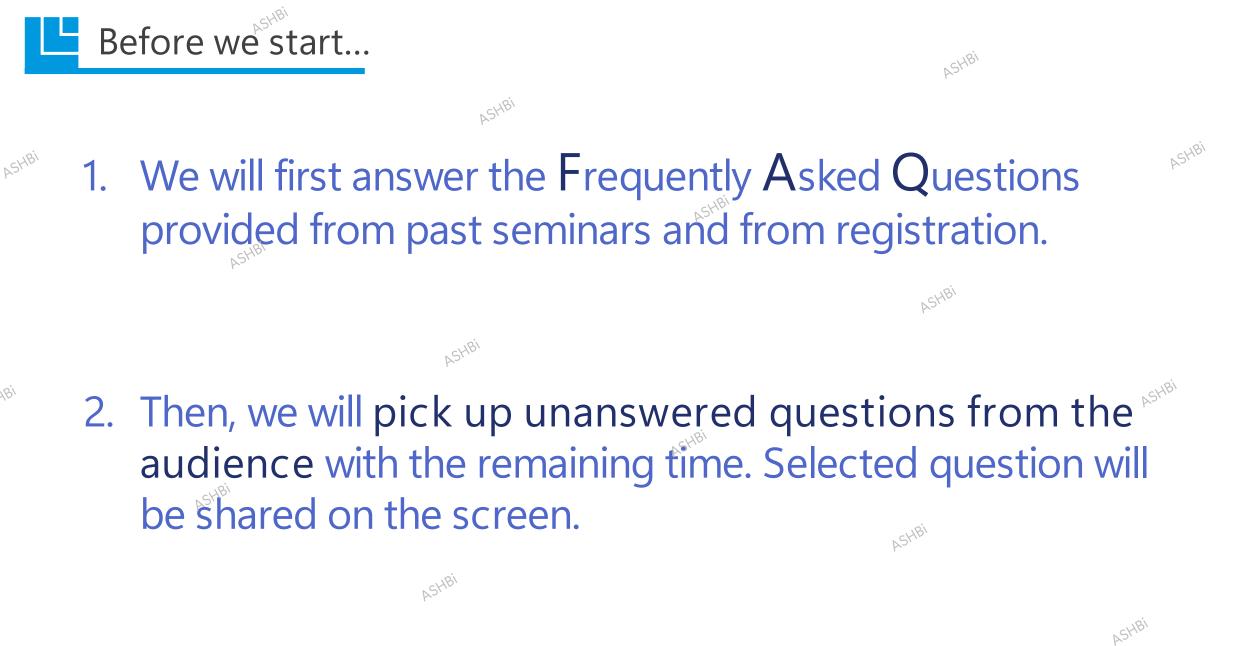
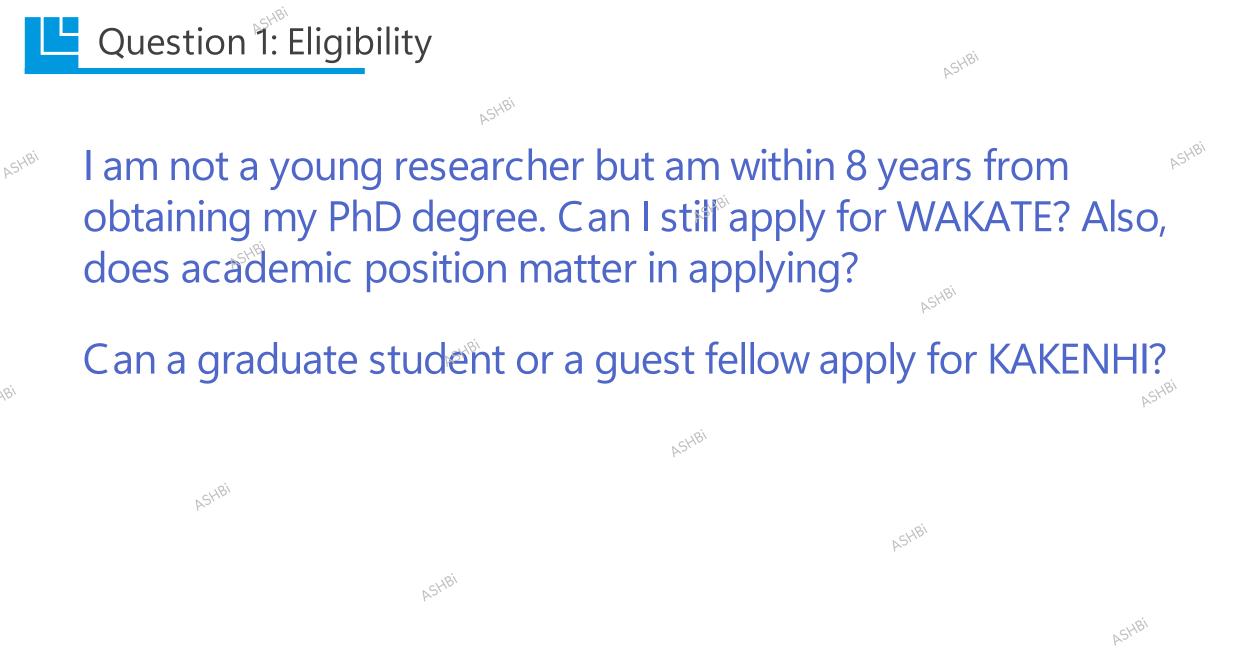


# Q&A Session





## Eligibility: from the Application Guideline

At the time of the proposal submission, a researcher needs to <u>have been approved by his/her</u> <u>research institution as an eligible researcher</u> who meets the Requirements a), b) and c) stated below, and have his/her Researcher Information properly registered in thee-Rad system as eligible for KAKENHI application.

#### <Requirements>

- a. The applicant must be an individual belonging to a research institution with a job assignment including a research activity within the said institution. (Whether the job is paid/unpaid, or full-time/part-time is irrelevant. It is not a prerequisite of eligibility that the research activity constitutes the main part of his/her job.)
- b. The applicant must be actually engaged in a research activity in his/her research institution. (Those who are only engaged in research assisting jobs are ineligible.)
- c. The applicant must not be a graduate student nor any other categories of student. (However, an individual who has a position in a research institution with a research activity as his/her main job (e.g., a university teaching staff, a researcher belonging to a company, etc.) and holds a student status at the same time is eligible.)

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Question 2: Parallel applications

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Can we apply for Wakate and Kiban C at the same time? Are show there other categories which are allowed for parallel applications?

I already have an KAKENHI WAKATE/Kiban C right now and will cover next fiscal year as well. Can I still apply?

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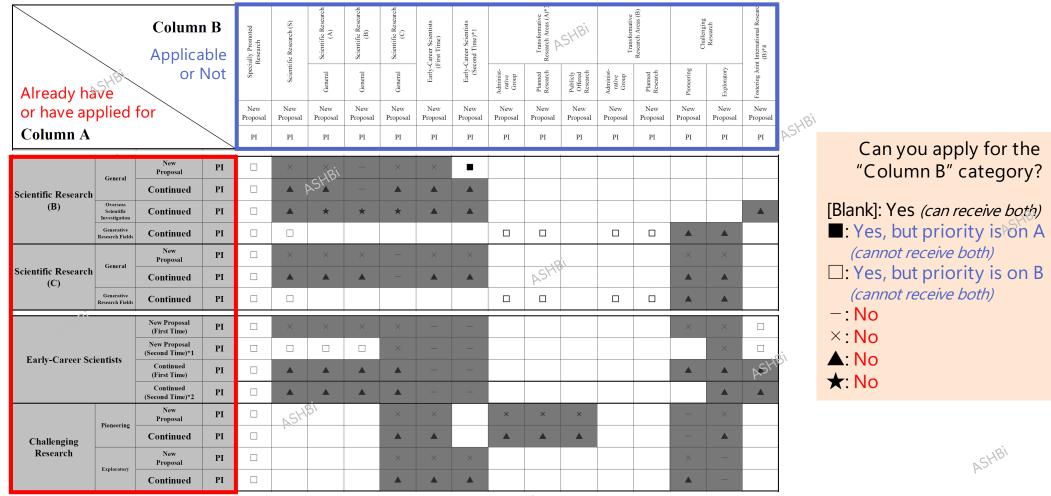
## Restriction on Parallel Grant Application

#### If you wish to apply for multiple categories, check the restriction chart before application

Example of an restriction chart (excerpt from the original chart)

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1-1) Type "Principal Investigator (New Proposal/Continued) (Column A)  $\rightarrow$  Principal Investigator (Column B)"



Original Chart https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/kaken kiban 2023 g730/table\_of\_restriction\_e.pdf

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Question 3: Language (Japanese vs English)

Will the chance of acceptance become better if we write the proposal in Japanese rather than to write it in English?
Would it be worth translating my English proposal into Japanese? Would it increase the chance?

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Is it possible to write some parts such as keywords, phrases, sentences in Japanese?

Question 4: Publication records

Will the publication track record affect the chance of acceptance?

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I have just finished my PhD and have changed my research direction as a postdoc, so I don't have a publication record in that field. Is there anything we can write to substitute publication records?

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## Assessment Criteria: 3 Rating Elements

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[Rating Element 3] Appropriateness of Ability and Research Environment to Conduct Research

(3) Appropriateness of Ability and Research Environment to Conduct Research

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- Judging from the research activities, etc. conducted over the years, <u>does the applicant possess sufficient</u> <u>ability to carry out the research plan?</u>
- Has the applicant secured a research environment that he/she needs to conduct the research plan inefuding research facilities, equipment, and research materials?

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Do I need to describe any pre-experiments or previous studies for the proposal? How much data do I need to show? In other countries, I may put myself in a risk of having the idea copied

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## Assessment Criteria: 3 Rating Elements

## [Rating Element 2] Validity of the Research Method

### (2) Validity of the Research Method

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- Is the research method, etc. specific and appropriate to achieve the research objective? Also, are the research expenditures consistent with the research plan?

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- Is the state of preparation appropriate to achieve the research objective?

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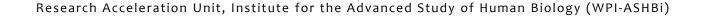
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Which would be better to choose for WAKATE/Kiban C?a) a theme that continues my previous studies orb) an entirely new theme but have supporting works for

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In case of b), what should I write to justify that I'm able to conduct the research?



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My research will fit well for both section XXX and YYY. It uses the method in the field of XXX but the application will be in the field of YYY. How do I choose which basic section to apply for?

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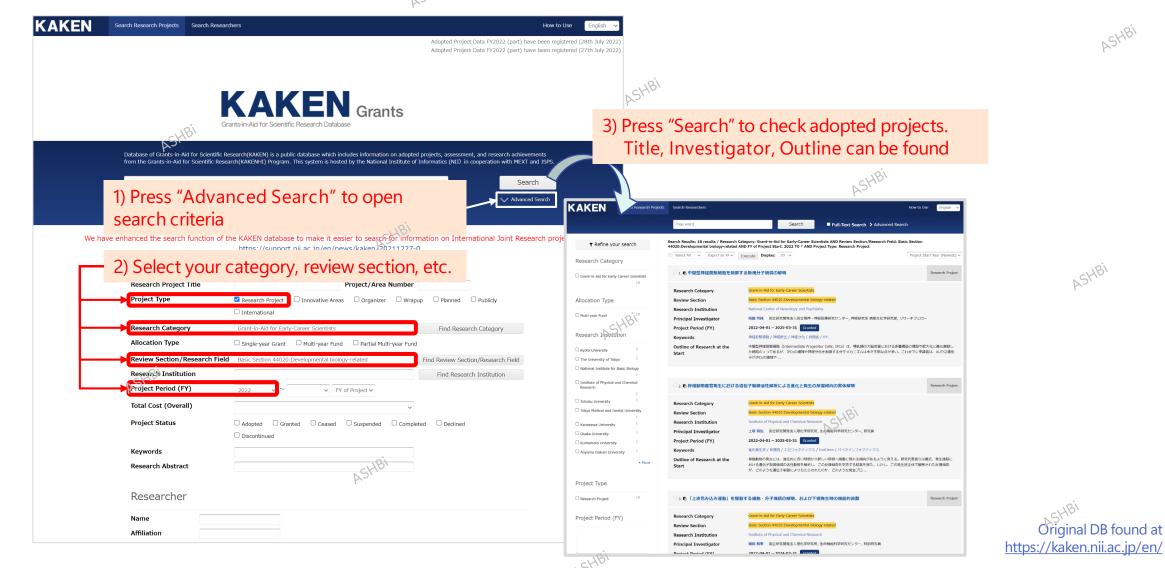
Would the acceptance rate differ between humanities and natural sciences?

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## Past Selection Results: KAKEN Database

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## Past Selection Results: Adoption Data (Numbers, Allocation)

From the chart, you can observe that the adoption rates are similar between "all" Review Sections

#### Acceptance rate for each broad sections (all category combined, FY2022 new adoptions)

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Section	Reseearch Fields	Applications	Accepted	Acceptance Rate	Composition
Α	Philosophy, Literature, History, Geography, Law, Political science, Economics, Sociology, Education, Psychology related fields	16,991	5,368	32%	21%
В	Algebra, Analysis, Condensed matter physics, Plasma science, Particle-/nuclear-/astro-physics, Earth and planetary sciece related fields	5,370	1,459	27%	6%
С	Mechanics of materials, Fluid engineering, Electrical and electronic engineering, Civil engineering, Architecture, Aerospace engineering, Social systems engineering related fields	7,019	1,865	27%	79
D	Materials engineering, Chemical engineering, Nano/micro science, Applied condensed matter physics, Applied physics and engineering, Nuclear/earth resources engineering, Biomedical engineering related fields	5,562	1,359	24%	5%
Е	Physical chemistry, Organic chemistry, Inorganic/coordination chemistry, Polymers, Inorganic chemistry, Biomolecular chemistry related fields	4,187	1,040	25%	49
F	Agricultural chemistry, Agricultural and evironmental biology, Forestry and forest products science, Agricultural economics and rural sociology, Veterinary medical science related fields	5,860	1,517	26%	62
G	Biology at molecular to cellular levels, Biology at cellular to organism levels, Biology at organismal to poppulation levels related fields	4,851	1,254	26%	59
н	Pharmaceutical sciences, Biomedical structure and function, Pathology and infection/immunology related fields	4,612	1,237	27%	5%
I	Oncology, Brain sciences, General internal medicine, Organ-based internal medicine, Internal medicine of the bio-information integration, Surgery of the organs maintaining homeostasis, Surgery related to bioogical and censory functions, Oral science, Society medicine, Sports sciences, physical education, Biomedical engineering related fields	28,818 ASH <sup>BI</sup>	8,467	29%	34%
J	Information science and computer engineering, Human informatics, Applied informatics related fields	3,787	1,026	27%	49
Κ	Environmental analyses and evaluation, Environmental conservation related fields	1,795	452	25%	29
	Total	88,852	25,044	28%	ASHBI

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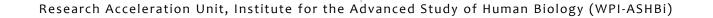


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What should I write for an explanation of the budget plan? How much in detail should we write the budget plan? Should I still ask for the maximum amount although I don't really require that much?

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# Assessment Criteria: Other Evaluation Items (Research Expenditure)

#### Validity of Research Expenditures

In order to ensure effective and efficient allocation of KAKENHI funding, please <u>consider the criteria listed</u> below with respect to the validity and necessity of research expenditure. If you find a flaw in the content of the research expenditure and think that the sufficiency rate should be reduced, assign a "x" to the research proposal. The sufficiency rates for research proposals that were marked "x" by more than one reviewer will be set below the average sufficiency rate.

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- -Is the content of research expenditure reasonable and can we expect that the research expenditure will be used effectively?
- -Are items genuinely necessary for the implementation of the research plan properly budgeted, such as costs for purchasing equipment?
- -If any of the expenditure categories (equipment costs, travel expenses, or personnel cost/honoraria) exceeds 90% of the total expenditure, can we expect that the research expenditure will be used effectively for the implementation of the research plan?