

18th Hokuriku Bank Research Grant for Young Scientists

Application Guidelines

The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.
Kanazawa University

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 9, 2008,
The Hokuriku Bank and Kanazawa University jointly invite applications for research grants with the aim of contributing to the advancement of fundamental and foundational academic research, as well as industry-academia collaborative research in Japan, through the development of young researchers at Kanazawa university.

We strongly encourage ambitious researchers who are eager to take on new challenges to apply.

1 . Eligible Recipients

(1) Eligibility

Applicants must be researchers who will lead the next generation at Kanazawa university and meet both of the following conditions:

- ① As of April 1, 2026, the applicant must be 39 years old or younger and a full-time faculty member affiliated with Kanazawa university (Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor).
- ② The applicant must be employed at Kanazawa University until the end of March 2027, which marks the conclusion of the research period for this grant, and must be able to complete the proposed research within that timeframe.

(2) Research Subject to Subsidy

This program supports research projects conducted by individual researchers, including basic research and industry-academia collaborative research, across all fields of the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, and life sciences.

(3) Number of Applications

Each applicant may submit only one application.

(4) Restriction on Repeat Awards

To support a diverse range of early-career researchers, the number of times a single researcher may receive this grant is limited to two.

2. Overview of the Grant

(1) Grant Amount

Up to 1,000,000 yen per research project.

(2) Number of Awards

Between 5 and 10 projects will be selected, depending on the available budget.

(3) Research Period

One year (from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

3. Review Categories, Selection Method, and Evaluation Criteria

(1) Review Categories

Applications will be reviewed under one of the following three categories:

- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science and Engineering
- Life Sciences

(2) Selection Method

Final decisions will be made by the Selection Committee at The Hokuriku Bank, following an initial review by the Review Committee.

The Review Committee will be composed of members appointed by Trustee(Research) at Kanazawa University, with observers from The Hokuriku Bank participating.

(3) Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated comprehensively based on the following criteria, including the appropriateness of research topics requiring the protection of human rights and compliance with relevant laws and regulations:

- (a) Academic significance and validity of the research topic
- (b) Appropriateness of the research plan and methodology
- (c) Originality and innovativeness of the research topic
- (d) Potential impact and universality of the research
- (e) Researcher's ability to carry out the project
- (f) Potential contribution to the advancement of basic research or development of industry-academia collaboration

(4) Important Notes

Review committee members may not necessarily be experts in the specific field related to the application. Please prepare your application with the assumption that it will be read by non-specialists.

4. Schedule

Call for Applications Begins	Monday, November 17, 2025
Application Deadline	Friday, December 19, 2025
Review and Selection Period	Early January to mid-February, 2026
Notification of Results	Late February, 2026
Award Ceremony	Monday, March 16, 2026

※ The deadline for submission to the department's administrative office at your department may be set earlier than the deadline stated above.

5. Application Procedure

Please complete the designated application form and submit the electronic data (PDF format) to the Research Promotion Department, Research Planning Division via your department's administrative office.

※ Each department's administrative office should compile the applications and submit them along with an application list (Excel format) to the Research Promotion Department, Research Planning Division by the submission deadline.

(1) Application Form Format: As specified in Appendix Form 1

(Note: The review will be conducted using the electronic version of the application form with color formatting.)

(2) Submission Deadline: Friday, December 19, 2025

※ The deadline for submission to the department's administrative office at your department may be set earlier than the deadline stated above.

6. Research Achievements and Reporting Requirements

Researchers who receive the grant must report on the use of funds, research content, and outcomes of the funded project as follows:

(1) Research Achievement Report

Within 30 days after the end of the research period, submit a Research Achievement

Report (Appendix Form 2).

The report will be published on the website.

(2) Research Outcome Presentation Materials

Within 60 days after the end of the research period, submit presentation materials for a panel display (in both PowerPoint and PDF formats; Appendix Form 3).

These materials will be exhibited at Hokuriku Bank branches.

Since the panel is intended for the general public, please also submit a Japanese translation of the content.

(3) Research Outcome Presentation Meeting

A presentation meeting will be held on campus to share research outcomes. Details will be announced separately.

(4) Publication of Research Outcomes

When publishing papers or presenting at academic conferences based on the outcomes of this grant, recipients must acknowledge the support received from this program, as shown in the following example.

【English】This work was supported by Hokuriku Bank Research Grant for Young Scientists.

【Japanese】本研究は北陸銀行若手研究者助成金の助成を受けたものです。

(5) Other Matters

In the event that the researcher resigns from Kanazawa University during the grant period, the following procedures must be followed:

- If there is any unused portion of the grant, it must be returned to Hokuriku Bank.
- If any portion of the grant has been used, a research progress report up to the time of resignation (Appendix Form 2) must be submitted.

7. Contact Information

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