

PROVIDING QUALITY RESEARCH SUPPORT

Specialist Administrative Support for Researchers

Kyoto University has established the Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation, a support system for university ventures, and the University Research Administrator (URA) system of administrative support for researchers.

HELPS ON COLLABORATION

SACI WEB www.saci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

The Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation.

The Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation (SACI) performs Industry-Academia Collaboration and Technology Transfer and Innovation Activities as the following functions:



- 1. Launch and promotion of national projects**
- 2. Launch and promotion of industrial liaison programs based on university seeds**
Matching university research seeds with industrial needs.
- 3. Administration of intellectual properties and promotion of technology transfer**
Patents, clinical data, materials, copyrights, software and contents. With Kansai Technology Licensing Organization, iPS Academia Japan, Shirankai, etc..
- 4. Protection of Kyoto University's rights and project stability through proper contracts**
Legal negotiation and support for research contracts and basic IP contracts.
- 5. Education on business literacy and entrepreneurship**
For undergraduates and graduate students.
- 6. Supporting start-up companies and venture companies related to Kyoto University**
Establishment of venture funds and development of investment schemes (detail issue is below).
- 7. Contribution to general education and establishment of research internship programs**

As shown in Fig.1, applications for international patents are increasing. SACI also assists with external funding, collaborative research with industry, and research sponsored by the public sector (Fig.2).

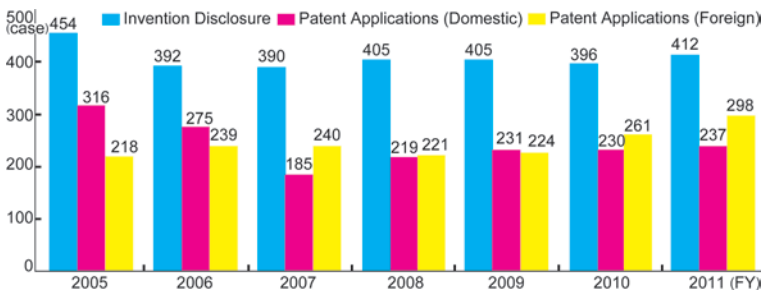


Fig.1 Intellectual Property Management

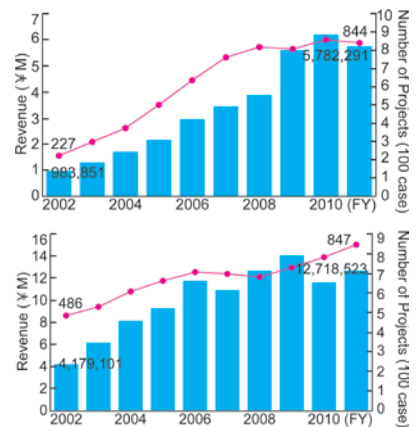


Fig.2 Collaborative Research [Industry] (top) and Sponsored Research [Public Sector] (bottom)



HELPS ON BUSINESS

Promoting Entrepreneurship

At Kyoto University Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation (SACI), Endowed Research Chair Innovation Management Science has been established with primary focus for the study and promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation at Kyoto University and its community.

- Builds connections between students and the entrepreneurship, business community, and sponsors and supports entrepreneurship research.
- Focus on the entrepreneurs and how to empower them.
- Creating a broad-based ecosystem for entrepreneurship centered on the institution.
- Providing education to familiarize students with concepts and skills of entrepreneurship.
- Helps inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs to make their ideas and concepts more commercially successful. This early stage support is pivotal to success of new technology companies in what is often seen as a high-risk section of the investment spectrum.



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In order to promote and nurture university spin-offs, a venture capital called KUVF (Kyoto University Venture Fund) has been established in 2007 with amount of 4.5 billion JPY (or approximately 45 million USD). At the end of FY 2012, KUVF has an investment portfolio of 16 companies.

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Example Kyoto University Entrepreneurs



● **Aucfan** A web-based services provider successfully concluded IPO (initial public offering) in April 2015. Services include comparison of multiple platforms to auction sellers.

WEB aucfan.com



● **Green Lord Motors** A manufacturer of EV (Electric Vehicle) sports cars. Its unique concept of crush safety and vehicle design has been known to the public by wide range of media coverage. The company already started production in April 2015, and the vehicle is currently showcased at newly opened Grand Front Osaka.

WEB greenlordmotors.co.jp

HELPS ON RESEARCH

The Kyoto University URA Network

Supporting Kyoto University Researchers.

As part of a new national government initiative, the Kyoto University Research Administration Office (KURA) was officially launched in April 2012 as an organization to provide consistent research support for project planning, obtaining research funds, project execution, and public relations by providing a well-organized research support network.



The Kyoto URA Network

Several measures have recently been taken to strengthen the network. In autumn 2012, the university hired twenty-one new university research administrators (URAs) for seven newly established offices that work in close collaboration with the KURA main office. Each of the offices acts as a headquarters for designated graduate schools, research institutes and centers, and intensively works to support the researchers with a deep understanding of their needs and demands. The Kyoto University Research Administration Network, which is formed by the KURA main office and the seven new URA offices, seeks to be a pioneering model for university research administration in Japan, and to contribute to the generation of world-class knowledge.

WEB www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/img/english.pdf