



**Handbook on the Use of Research Funds**  
(For the Appropriate Use of Research Funds)

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## Please Note:

- While some of the chapters in this booklet are exclusively concerned with the use of research funds, all other chapters apply to the use of all funds.
- While every effort has been made to achieve the highest possible accuracy in translating this document from the original Japanese language version, due to the nature of translated documents, accuracy is not guaranteed. This English version is produced for reference only, and its contents are not legally binding. The original Japanese language document shall always take precedence over this translated version.

# 1. Introduction

- ◆ Kyoto University's accounting system has been established systematically. Its regulations, an FAQ, manuals, and other materials are available on the university website. This handbook is a compilation of important points and items requiring particular attention from the accounting rules that are essential when utilizing competitive research funds, etc. Please note that the Kyoto University accounting rules described herein are not limited to the use of competitive research funds, but also apply to all expenses at the university, including university operating expenses, donations, and expenses for research collaboration with partners in the private sector.
- ◆ The publication of this handbook aims to provide a more accessible and clearer presentation of the university's accounting rules and the use of funds. It is intended to improve faculty members' understanding of the rules in order to prevent inappropriate and illegal use of competitive research funds and other research funds due to an inadequate understanding of accounting procedures.
- ◆ This handbook should be kept available at research labs and offices at all times to confirm the appropriate procedures when purchasing items, etc.
- ◆ Please be aware that public funds in the form of competitive research funds and other research funds are provided using money from taxpayers, and any violation of the rules and regulations, including inappropriate and illegal misuse, is strictly prohibited.

## 2. Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc.

The Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc., at National University Corporation Kyoto University was issued to guide faculty and staff in their use competitive research funds. When using competitive research funds, always adhere to the code of conduct detailed below.

### **Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc., at Kyoto University**

Determined on September 28, 2021  
By the Head of Administration

The academic research conducted at universities is supported by public trust and the mandate of society. The misuse of competitive research funds, etc., is a serious violation of that trust and confidence, and will impact not only the institution with which the perpetrator is affiliated, but also the promotion of science and the development of research in Japan.

From this perspective, Kyoto University (hereinafter referred to as “the university”) has established this Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc., to ensure the reliability and integrity of academic research, and to secure public trust in operations related to academic research as follows.

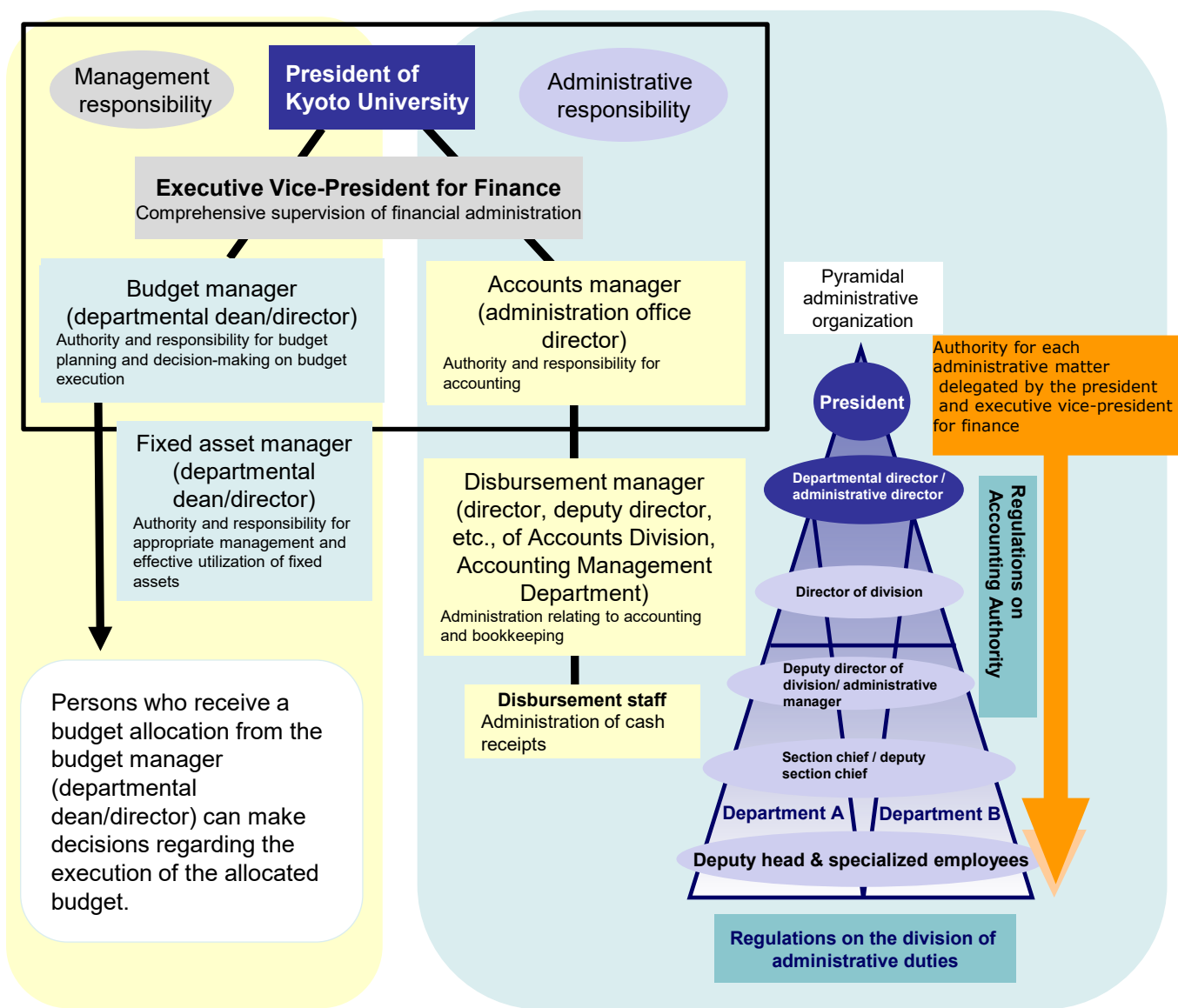
Whenever faculty and staff members use any funds managed by the university for its education and research activities, they must use such funds with integrity.

- 1. Faculty and staff members must recognize that competitive research funds, etc., are public funds managed by the university. They must be aware of their own mission and duty of accountability, and use such funds in a conscientious and efficient manner.**
- 2. When using competitive research funds, etc., faculty and staff members must comply with all relevant laws, notices, university regulations and rules, and they must follow the required administrative procedures.**
- 3. Faculty and staff members must use competitive research funds, etc., in a systematic and appropriate manner, and must follow the appropriate administrative procedures.**
- 4. Faculty and staff members must ensure mutual understanding and close cooperation among themselves to prevent the misuse of competitive research funds, etc. If a problem relating to the usage of such funds is identified, it must be rectified.**
- 5. When using competitive research funds, etc., faculty and staff must conduct all dealings with external companies and traders appropriately, so as not to cause any public distrust or suspicion.**
- 6. Faculty and staff must actively participate in training and explanatory sessions on the use of competitive research funds, educate themselves with regards to the relevant laws and regulations, and ensure that they understand the relevant administrative procedures and usage rules.**
- 7. If there is any suspicion of misuse, faculty and staff members must not tolerate it, and must take appropriate action, such as consulting with the consultation service immediately.**

In criminal cases, Kyoto University faculty and staff members will be classified as equivalent to public servants (“quasi-public servants”). The acceptance of money or goods from suppliers, etc., is likely to be prosecuted as the acceptance of a bribe.

# 3. Structure of Financial Administration Authority at KU

- ◆ As depicted below, the financial administration authority at KU is organized in a pyramidal structure with the President at the top.
- ◆ In order to clarify responsibilities, responsibility for budget execution is delegated to each department's budget managers (departmental directors), and responsibility for accounting procedures is delegated to the accounts managers of each accounting unit (administration department directors).
- ◆ Under the supervision of the accounting supervisor and in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations, accounting staff conduct inspections and provide researchers with advice on the use of research funds.



Faculty members are also responsible for accounts administration when engaged in accounts-related work, such as order placement and acceptance inspections.

# 4. Contract System at KU

## Concluding contracts

- ◆ As a general rule, contracts at KU are concluded through **open tender**. However, negotiated contracts are authorized as exceptions in the following cases.  
(Article 30, Statement of Operational Procedures / Article 41, Accounting Regulations)
  - When competition cannot be allowed due to the nature and the objective of the contract
  - When the scheduled contract value is under ¥10 million, etc.  
(Article 37, Regulations on Contract Administration)
- ◆ Facility procurements with a projected cost of ¥10 million or more require the appointment of specifications planning personnel to define the specifications of the facility to be purchased. The person planning the procurement of the facility cannot be appointed as either specifications planning personnel or technical inspection personnel.  
(Articles 2, 7 and 11, Guidelines on Specification Planning, Etc., Pertaining to Procurement of Large Facilities, Etc.)
- ◆ If the contract value is under ¥5 million, the production of a contract may be omitted.  
(Article 43, Regulations on Contract Administration)
- ◆ In the case of negotiated contracts with a projected cost of under ¥5 million, the production of a statement of projected cost may be omitted.  
(Article 39, Regulations on Contract Administration)
- ◆ In the case of negotiated contracts with a projected cost of ¥5 million or more, but under ¥10 million an **open counter-estimate comparison** is required.  
(Article 37, Regulations on Contract Administration)
- ◆ In the case of contracts with a total value of ¥2 million yen or more, it is necessary to obtain an estimate based on an oral inquiry or conduct a market price survey.  
(Article 17, Regulations on Contract Administration)

Depending on the type of competitive research fund, etc., the procedures for contracts may differ from those established in the KU regulations. In this case, please follow the stricter regulations.

### Important Points for Faculty and Staff regarding Contracts

#### **(1) Care must be taken to avoid imbalance in the sources of information used for procurement.**

When applying for grants-in-aid for scientific research or when actually procuring goods, do not provide information to specific suppliers only when seeking information about the goods scheduled for procurement. Additionally, do not disclose the amount of the budget when conducting a fair market value survey prior to posting a public notice for open competitive bidding.

#### **(2) Do not permit suppliers involved in the formulation of specifications to participate in the bidding.**

It is strictly prohibited for suppliers involved in the formulation of specifications to participate in the bidding as it hinders fair competition, except in cases where fairness and non-discrimination are ensured (such as cases in which all suppliers participating in the bidding were involved in the formulation of specifications).

#### **(3) Personnel for specifications planning shall work on creating fair specifications.**

Personnel engaged in specifications planning must verify that the specifications proposed are necessary for the intended purposes of the researcher, and do not exceed the requirements of the intended purpose, as that may impede fair competition.

#### **(4) Ensure fairness and objectivity in the selection of goods.**

When procuring goods, the person selecting the goods is responsible for explaining the reasons for their selection, so they must compare and consider multiple products and be careful not to favor any particular manufacturer.

**(5) When requesting an estimate, provide suppliers with written specifications that describe the order requirements in detail.**

When requesting an estimate, provide suppliers with written specifications that describe the order requirements in detail. If explaining the specifications verbally, be sure to confirm that the order details are clearly described in estimates provided by the suppliers.

**(6) Do not receive a supplier's estimate via a different supplier.**

For orders requiring competitive quotes, it is necessary to receive quotes directly from multiple suppliers.

**(7) Do not divide an order into multiple orders.**

Create an appropriate business plan and make a bulk purchase if it is more cost-effective. Do not intentionally divide an order for a set of goods/services into multiple orders to avoid competitive quotes or open tenders.

**(8) Do not hold meetings with suppliers in a closed room.**

Meetings should always be held in an open space to avoid the appearance of collusion between the faculty/staff members and the suppliers. If necessary, meetings should be attended by multiple faculty/staff members.

**Contract methods for different contract costs**

Contract procedures Projected cost	Contract type				Creation of: - Contract request - Statement of projected cost - Contract	Bid form/Quotation
	Purchase of goods/Lease	Services	Construction	Services for construction		
2 million	Discretionary contract permitted				May be omitted	May be omitted
5 million						Discretionary contract permitted (Public call for competitive quotes)
10 million	Contract under open tender				Required	Estimate
20 million						Government procurement
90 million						
900 million						

\*The standard amounts for government procurement are applicable to procurement contracts concluded from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

\*Please note that the amounts indicated are the total estimated prices including consumption tax and local consumption tax, not the price per item.

**When concluding contracts, be sure to coordinate appropriately with administrative staff to ensure that all procedures are followed correctly.**

# 5. Prohibited Conduct

Researchers must be particularly careful regarding the four types of prohibited accounting conduct listed below.

Causing the university to use research funds inappropriately by creating fraudulent documents, or using research funds for purposes not related to the research project are deemed to be fraudulent uses of research funds, even if the funds are not used for personal purposes.

Furthermore, the use of research funds, including competitive research funds, in violation of laws and regulations, the university's accounting rules, or the funding organization's rules, may also be deemed as fraudulent use.

## I . Fraudulent salary or compensation payments

## II . False business trips and padded travel expenses claims

## III . Use for purposes other than the intended purposes

## IV . Fraudulent order placements or deposit payments

### I. Examples of fraudulent salary or compensation payments

- The working hours of research collaborators are falsely increased when entered in the attendance log in order to increase the salary or compensation payments and misappropriate research funds.
- Salary or compensation payments based on false information are paid to students and the money received is returned to the research office or lab (as a "kickback") for use as maintenance or management expenses.
- An employee submits an attendance record showing more hours than they have actually worked in order to receive a larger salary or compensation payment. This is facilitated by the negligence of the supervisor, who does not appropriately verify the actual working hours of employees under his/her supervision.
- A professor hides the fact that a part-time lecturer did not actually work on several days by affixing his seal on the attendance record. The professor then has the employee return the illicitly received funds to the professor.
- A faculty member signed and stamped seals on the work attendance logs of student employees without their consent. Compensation was paid to the students based on the work attendance logs.

Recovery (forced collection) of all or part of the salaries or compensation paid to students or others on the instruction of a faculty or staff member who is abusing their supervisory position is socially inappropriate conduct. Such acts are prohibited at KU.

If the dates of classes (including practical sessions) by part-time lecturers change, it is necessary to report the changes to the administrator in charge, even if the number of lectures does not change.

In addition, it is also prohibited for a person other than the employee to stamp seals on the employee's work attendance record or attendance log for an entire month at once. The attendance record or attendance log must be stamped personally by the employee on a daily basis.

## **II. Examples of false business trips and padded travel expenses claims**

- Even though travel expenses for a business trip are provided by another organization, a travel expenses claim is also submitted to KU for the same trip in order to receive a double payment.
- A faculty member purchases discount airline tickets, but they ask the service provider for an estimate and receipt for a normal fare in order to receive additional travel expenses. The additional travel expenses are then used for the conference attendance costs of the faculty member's students.
- The travel itinerary of a business trip was changed from a one-night stay to a day trip, but the travel expenses claim was made based on the original itinerary in order to fraudulently receive more money.
- Although the business trip was cancelled, the employee submitted a false report, fraudulently claimed travel expenses, and used them for another trip unrelated to the research to which the original claim pertained.
- A false travel expenses claim is made to KU to finance a personal trip (returning to one's hometown, a university seminar excursion, etc.).
- Although the employee booked a package combining airfare and hotel expenses, the full amount was reported as the airfare costs only.
- An accommodation expenses claim was made for the standard amount for hotel accommodation. However, the accommodation used was paid for using air mileage points accumulated through business travel. The employee did not declare this fact and fraudulently received the accommodation expenses.
- A researcher, who lives separately from their family, stayed at their family home during a business trip. However, the researcher claimed accommodation expenses for the trip, receiving money even though no accommodation costs were entailed.
- A researcher who has changed address does not report the change of address to the university, and as a result receives the incorrect amount of travel expenses, salary, or benefits, which continue to be calculated based on their previous address.

If there is a change in the business destination, date, or time, you must apply to change the business trip details, even if the amount of travel expenses remains the same. You must also check that there are no errors in the application details and then approve the claim yourself in the business travel management system.

## **III Use for other purposes**

- ◆ Payments were made to a contractor for facility renovation work for which the use of competitive research funds was not permitted. The payments were made by requesting the contractor to create invoices and other documents that did not reflect the actual work performed.
- ◆ A part-time staff member employed with competitive research funds was made to engage in work not related to the research project.
- ◆ Travel expenses for business trips completely unrelated to the research project were paid with competitive research funds.
- ◆ Research equipment was purchased with competitive research funds, but was not used for the research project.
- ◆ Research equipment was purchased for the research project, but was not used at all during the research period.

The use of competitive research funds for purposes other than intended purposes may be determined to be misuse. In addition, the act of having contractors create false documents (changing the name of products, delivery dates, etc.) is also prohibited.

## **IV. Fraudulent order placements or deposit payments**

- In order to keep unused research funds, a false order is placed with a supplier, who accepts the funds as a deposit, which is then used to pay for the delivery of laboratory animals, reagents, etc., in the subsequent financial year.
- A researcher instructed a supplier to deliver goods at a higher price than usual, paid with research funds, and made them manage the difference as a deposits.

Even if it is for research purposes and not for personal gain, never place false orders or deposits.

## **V. Other prohibited conduct**

### **Prohibition of personal bookkeeping of research grants from foundations, etc.**

Even when funding is granted to an individual, as a general rule, all funds that pertain to activities at KU must be placed under the accounting control of the university. The same applies to funds raised through crowdfunding.

### **Inappropriate use**

- Purchasing a large amount of items for the following year's research due to surplus research funds at the end of the fiscal year

Check whether a carryover system can be used, and if not, return the funds. Returning research funds that cannot be used within the fiscal year will not negatively impact future project selection.

## **Column**

- Efforts to prevent research funding fraud

### The 5th Revolving Campaign to Prevent the Misuse of Public Research Funds

As part of its efforts to prevent the misuse of research funds, the university conducts a “revolving campaign,” whereby the executive vice-president for research integrity visits several faculties and departments. This year marked the fifth time that the campaign has been conducted, and it visited 11 departments that had not yet been visited since the appointment of new departmental directors.

The revolving campaign consists of two components: a discussion with departmental executives and a discussion with young researchers and laboratory secretaries.

During the discussions with departmental executives, the participants shared issues that had come to light in the previous campaign (such as the importance of communication), and confirmed the current situation and initiatives being conducted by each department.

As with the previous campaign, laboratory secretaries also participated in the second part of the campaign's discussion with early-career researchers and laboratory secretaries, enabling them to provide their perspective as liaisons between researchers and administrative staff. The early-career researchers and laboratory secretaries were able to freely voice their opinions and requests, which facilitated meaningful discussions with the executive vice-president for research integrity.

To prevent the misuse of research funding, it is vital to foster an open organizational culture and promote active communication. The university will continue to take measures, including the revolving campaign, to prevent funding misuse throughout the university.

# 6. Salaries

Salaries: money paid as compensation for work under an employment contract (not protected by labor-related laws)

## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance

- (1) Advance explanation of contract details to prospective employees, including the job description, employment period, possibility of contract renewal, working hours, salary details, place of work, etc.
- (2) Confirmation of the prospective employee's willingness to undertake the work.
- (3) Before the employment commences, an employment application form, work schedule, and other necessary procedures must be prepared and completed by the deadline set by the department in charge.
- (4) Provide the employee with an employment contract before they commence work.
- (5) Ensure that the employee logs their working hours on the attendance log or other attendance management system (by affixing their personal seal or using the online system).

## Salary payment procedures

Supervisor  
(Researcher)



Explain job description, etc.  
Confirm willingness to work.

↓  
Prepare employment application materials.  
Confirm necessity of "My Number" submission.

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Issue employment contract.

↓  
Confirm that the actual working hours are logged on the attendance log or attendance management system.

- If the supervisor is not present when the daily work is being confirmed, **the employee must report the start and end of their working hours to their supervisor by email, etc., or a faculty or staff member entrusted by the supervisor must confirm the work, or the supervisor must confirm it later based on a report from the faculty or staff member.**

\* Please save the emails, etc., so that you can confirm or explain the circumstances later.

- When employing staff (including part-time workers), researchers should ask for their resume, etc. (in the case of a student, a copy of their student ID).

- **Prior to employment**, an employment application must be submitted to the relevant administrative office **by the designated deadline**.
- If employees have not submitted their "My Number," they must submit it via the appropriate procedures to the staff in charge of salaries in the relevant office/department.

- The researcher (employment supervisor) must confirm the working days and hours of the employees, noting when they are absent from the worksite for personal reasons and **manage their working hours daily**, using a work attendance log, online attendance system, etc.
- Please confirm that actual working hours are correctly recorded on the attendance log, etc.

- Submit the attendance logs to the appropriate administrative office by the designated deadline, or verify the working hours using the attendance management system.

Administrative office, etc.



Submission of relevant documents

Salary payment

Confirmation of actual working hours by the administrative office.

Employees



Staff members  
Students, etc.

- Research support work should be managed by either the relevant administrative office (by means of a work attendance log, etc.), or **in consultation with the employees**, as appropriate. The actual details of the work should be confirmed appropriately to ensure that the work management **is not carried out by the research lab alone**.

- If employing students as fieldwork assistants (for the purpose of collecting materials, etc.), prior to executing the fieldwork, the supervisor must explain to the students **the difference between working as assistants and engaging in fieldwork as a regular student**.

# 7. Compensation Payments

Compensation: money paid for a service rendered upon request (not protected by labor-related laws)

## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance

\*Compensation payments to students are permitted only in unavoidable circumstances and when no suitable person other than a university student can be found to undertake the work. (As a general rule, students must be employed as a part-time staff members.)

- (1) Prior explanation to prospective workers (explanation of the work contents, working dates and times, and details of the compensation payments).
- (2) Confirmation of the prospective worker's willingness to undertake the work (if the worker is a student, written confirmation is required).
- (3) Prior to beginning the work, the necessary employment materials must be completed and submitted to the relevant department by the deadline (In the case of compensation for research assistant work, etc., which is paid based on the hours worked, the materials must include a work schedule, etc., showing the scheduled working dates and times.)
- (4) Confirmation of the daily work hours on the attendance log (affix seal or sign at the end of the month).

## Compensation payment procedures

Project manager  
(researcher, etc.)



Description of work content, etc.  
Confirmation of willingness to work  
(Confirmation in writing is required in the case of a student)

↓  
Production of work execution request  
Submission of work schedule (compensation for labor)  
Check/submit "My Number"

↓  
Confirmation of actual conditions with  
work attendance timetable  
(work checklist, etc.)  
Production of compensation payment  
inquiry & completion report

If the project manager is not present when the daily work is being confirmed, **the worker must report the start and end of their working hours to the project manager by email, etc., or a faculty or staff member entrusted by the project manager must confirm the work**, or the project manager must confirm **it later based on a report from the faculty or staff member**.

\*Please save the emails, etc., so that you can confirm or explain the circumstances later.

- When assigning work (including research support work), etc., researchers should ask for the worker's resume, etc. (including a copy of their student ID in the case of students).

- A work implementation application must be submitted to the relevant administrative office **by the designated deadline**.

- If the worker has not submitted their "My Number," they must submit it via the appropriate procedures to the staff in charge of salaries in the employer's office/department.

- The project manager must confirm the work days and hours of the workers, noting when they are absent from the worksite for personal reasons, and **manage their working hours daily**, using a work attendance log, etc.

- Please confirm that actual working hours are correctly recorded on the attendance log, etc.

- After completion of the work period, submit the compensation payment paperwork and completion report to the relevant administrative office, etc.

Administrative office, etc.



Inspection of actual conditions by the administrative office, etc.

Submit the necessary documents

Compensation payment

Workers



Persons other than university students

- Research support work should be either managed by the relevant administrative office (by means of a work attendance log, etc.) or **managed in consultation with the workers**, as appropriate. The actual details of the work should be confirmed appropriately to ensure that the work management **is not carried out by the research lab alone**.

- If, due to unavoidable circumstances, students are employed as fieldwork assistants (for the purpose of collecting materials, etc.), prior to executing the fieldwork, the supervisor must explain to the students **the difference between working as assistants and engaging in fieldwork as a regular student**.

## \*Compensation payments other than those described above

Compensation payments other than those described above (for research guidance, lectures, etc.) require evidence of the work performed, such as a project report (completion report), lecture meeting pamphlet, etc.

# 8. Travel Expenses

## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance:

- (1) In principle, business travel applications and arrangements for tickets, etc., should be made through the Business Travel Application Portal.  
**\*Business Travel Application Portal = Business Travel Management System (application for travel, report, and application for travel expenses)+Ticket arrangement system (ticket arrangement, etc.)**  
**\*You are permitted to arrange tickets by another means if there is a lower price ticket available or if you cannot make the arrangements through the system.**
- (2) The travel order authorizer must **order, approve, or request the travel in advance**.
- (3) Submit **proof of the actual travel** by means of a business travel report, etc.
- (4) Submit **proof of the actual travel expenses** with substantiating documents. (Reimbursement of actual travel expenses: in addition to receipts for flights, package tours, trains, etc., for overseas business trips, receipts must also be submitted, if faculty, staff, or students use the Shinkansen or JR express trains.)

## Travel expense payment procedures

### Business Travel Management System

Business travelers (researchers, etc.)

#### 1 Business Travel Application

#### 2 Business Travel Report

**\*The report must be made within two weeks after the completion of the business travel (within 14 days from the day following the day on which the business travel is completed).**

#### 3 Applying for Travel Expenses

**Approval via the Business Travel Management System (confirmation of travel expenses calculation) / submission of receipts, etc. (when the ticket is arranged without using the system)**

Customer copy: Express Train Reservation and Receipt  
 Total amount: ¥●●●●  
 Date / Name of train / Type of ticket / Section travelled /  
 Purchase date / Amount of fare

Central Japan Railway Company

Administrative office, etc.

#### 4 Payment of Travel Expenses



#### 1 Business Travel Application

- Apply for the business trip through the business travel management system, etc., and receive the travel order/approval **in advance** from the person authorized to issue the travel orders.
- Please note that the business travel application **must include the name of the person/organization being visited, the destination location, a detailed description of the purpose of the travel, etc.**

#### 2 Business Travel Report

- Depending on the type of competitive research funds, etc., being used, it may be necessary to submit a business travel report in addition to the documents required by the university.
- For Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI), etc., to which the KU regulations apply, prepare an expenses claim and settlement report for the trip using the forms designated by the university.
- Please note that depending on the type of competitive research funds used, a detailed business travel report may be required. For this reason, be sure to retain documents such as the business travel request form, symposium pamphlets, documents detailing research results, etc., as evidence of the travel.

#### 3 Applying for Travel Expenses

- When using an airplane, Shinkansen, JR express train, etc., be sure to submit the tickets, receipts, etc. (see below for details)** to verify the payment amount and verify that the transportation was actually used. Please note, however, that **you do not need to submit the tickets, receipts, etc., if the ticket was purchased through the ticket arrangement system.**
- The person who went on the business trip must personally confirm the contents of the travel expenses claim and **submit it for approval via the Business Travel Management System.**
- To ensure that there will be no excess or duplicate payments, **make sure that the contents of the travel expenses request are accurate, including any changes to the itinerary and whether or not the expenses will be partially provided by another institution, etc.**

#### 4 Payment of Travel Expenses

- The details of the business trip will be checked for accuracy by an examination of the business trip report, etc., and, if necessary, by confirming with the party that was visited.
- The actual expenses will be confirmed based on the documentary evidence submitted.

## Documents to be submitted as evidence for travel expenses claims **when the ticket is arranged by means other than the system**

Type of travel expenses		Documents required
Transportation	Shinkansen/JR express	Receipt, etc. (If the receipt does not show the date and points of departure and arrival, that information must also be provided.)
	Domestic flight	Receipt, air ticket stub, etc.
	International flight	Receipt, itinerary, air ticket stub, etc.
	Overseas business trip (train, bus, etc.)	Receipt, etc.
	Taxi/rental car/university car	Receipt, etc. (claim for reimbursement)
	Own car	Report of use of own car for business trip, receipt, (claim for reimbursement for expressway tolls)
Miscellaneous expenses		Receipt, etc.

◎ See the university travel expenses regulations for details of the documents to be submitted together with Form 2 (travel expenses for a visit by invitation).

**A statement of reasons for the trip and other documents may also be required.**

# 9. Ordering, Acceptance Inspections, and Detailed Inspections of Purchased Goods, Etc.

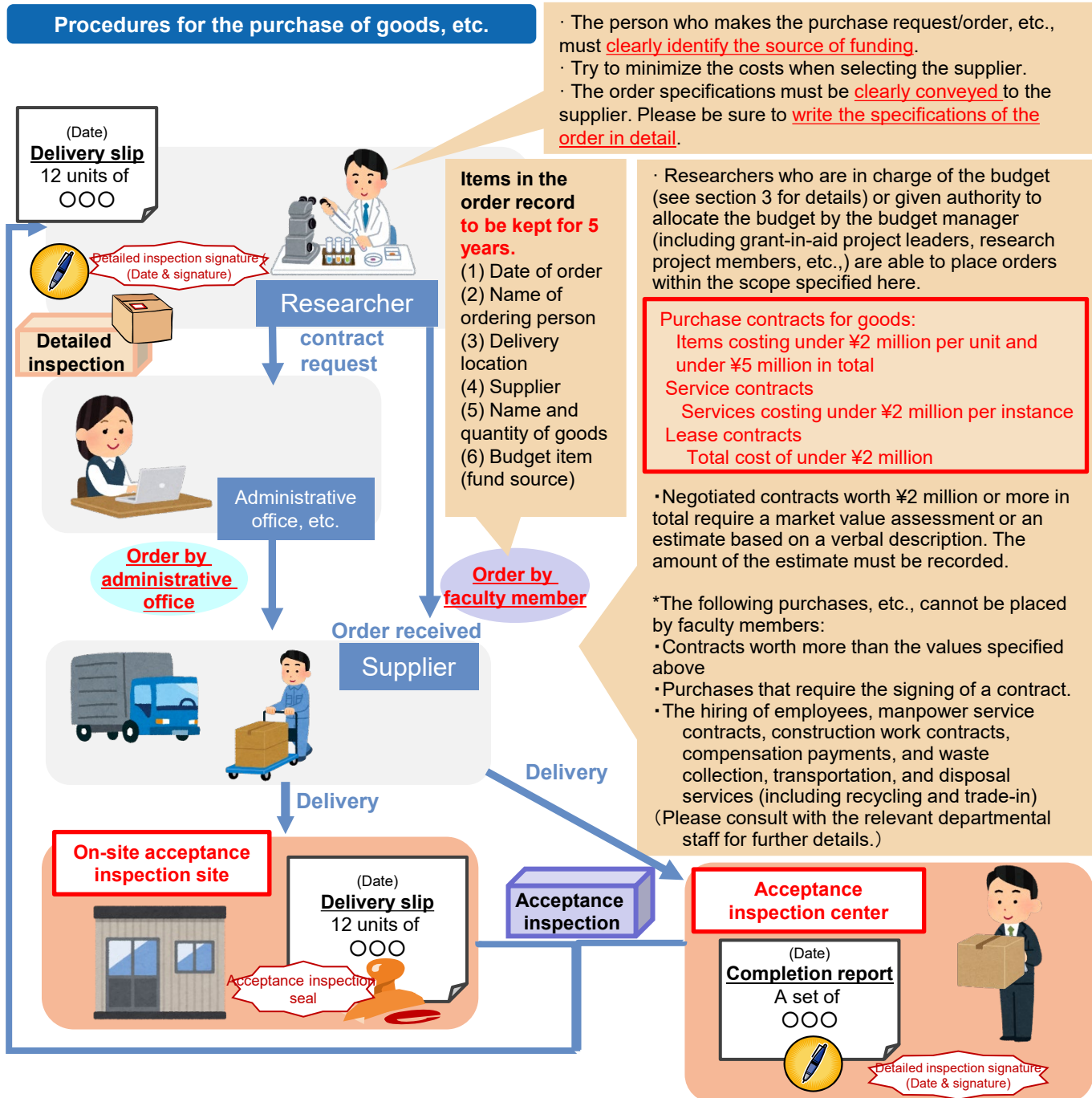
## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance

- (1) Identification of the source of funds used for the contract request/order.
- (2) Confirmation of the actual goods/services by implementing both an acceptance inspection and detailed inspection to confirm that the goods/services were properly delivered.
- (3) Storage of the order record\* (even if the order was placed without the use of the order form designated by the university).

\*Please ensure that you are able to promptly respond to requests to present such records.

\*Regarding the items in the order record, in the case of orders placed by faculty, the order can be communicated through the secretary or faculty/department office, etc. However, since the ordering party is ultimately the faculty member who received the budget allocation, the name of the person in charge of the budget, etc., must be recorded in the order record.

### Procedures for the purchase of goods, etc.



- The person who makes the purchase request/order, etc., must **clearly identify the source of funding**.
- Try to minimize the costs when selecting the supplier.
- The order specifications must be **clearly conveyed** to the supplier. Please be sure to **write the specifications of the order in detail**.

- Researchers who are in charge of the budget (see section 3 for details) or given authority to allocate the budget by the budget manager (including grant-in-aid project leaders, research project members, etc.) are able to place orders within the scope specified here.

**Purchase contracts for goods:**  
Items costing under ¥2 million per unit and under ¥5 million in total

**Service contracts**  
Services costing under ¥2 million per instance

**Lease contracts**  
Total cost of under ¥2 million

- Negotiated contracts worth ¥2 million or more in total require a market value assessment or an estimate based on a verbal description. The amount of the estimate must be recorded.

\*The following purchases, etc., cannot be placed by faculty members:

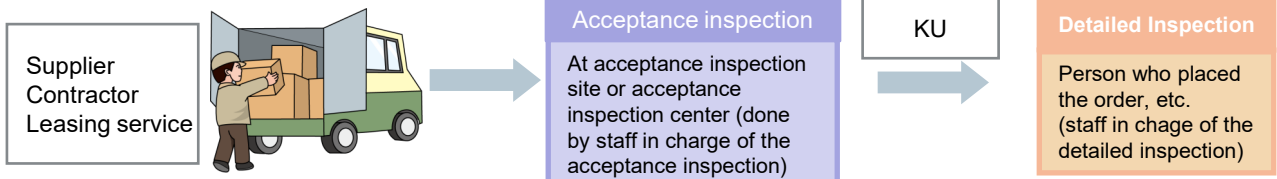
- Contracts worth more than the values specified above
- Purchases that require the signing of a contract.
- The hiring of employees, manpower service contracts, construction work contracts, compensation payments, and waste collection, transportation, and disposal services (including recycling and trade-in) (Please consult with the relevant departmental staff for further details.)

## Acceptance Inspection and Detailed Inspection

Prior to making a payment for the delivery of goods, services, or leased items, it is necessary to **check** whether the delivery has been completed properly **by means of an acceptance inspection and detailed inspection.**

**Acceptance inspection: confirmation of delivery / completion of service / etc.**

**Detailed inspection: confirmation of quality, specifications, quantity, performance, etc.**



### Scope of purchases inspected at

#### **acceptance inspection sites**

Goods purchase contracts, printing services, or cleaning services worth under ¥5 million in total.

#### **Items for which the acceptance inspection is not conducted at an acceptance inspection site**

- Laboratory animals, gases, isotopes, dry ice.
- Books and other publications (including magazines) delivered to the university library and department libraries.
- Pharmaceutical products, medical materials/devices, etc., covered by KU hospital medical treatment expenses.
- Goods purchased in bulk by the Central Administration (PC paper, envelopes, florescent bulbs, toilet paper, alcohol products, etc.)
- Goods purchased at stores (inspection optional).
- Goods delivered by courier services, postal services, private mail delivery services.

Goods outside the scope of purchases that are inspected at acceptance inspection sites are inspected at an acceptance inspection center

### Scope of purchases inspected at

#### **acceptance inspection centers**

- (1) Goods purchase contracts, printing, and cleaning with a total value of ¥5 million or more.
  - (2) Service contracts (other than construction, printing, or cleaning).
  - (3) Lease contracts.
- \*For deliveries that must be made after business hours or on holidays, inspections that would normally be conducted at an acceptance inspection site should be conducted at an acceptance inspection center. However, such exceptions should be minimized to the extent possible.
- \*Inspections for contracts with a total value of ¥5 million or more must be conducted by administrative staff in charge of acceptance inspections, even if they are conducted at an acceptance inspection center.

## Acceptance Inspection

### Acceptance inspection sites

Located on the North, Main, Medicine, University Hospital West, Uji, Katsura, Kumatori, and Inuyama Campuses.

### Acceptance inspection centers

Goods received must be inspected by the staff other than those who placed the order.

\*As a general rule, staff performing the inspection must be from outside of the research lab, etc., with which the ordering party is affiliated.

- ◆ KU's **acceptance inspection sites** (located on the university's major campuses) and **acceptance inspection centers** (located in each department) serve as the entry points for purchased goods and the confirmation of deliveries, etc.

Deliveries, etc., to KU that do not pass through an acceptance inspection site or center will not be recognized as having been delivered.

- ◆ After confirming that the delivery has been completed as described in the delivery slip (or completion report), the staff conducting the inspection should **affix a seal or signature and the date of the acceptance inspection.**

## Detailed Inspection

### Staff Responsible for Detailed inspection

- For orders placed by administrative staff:  
The inspection should be conducted by the person who requested the contract (excluding construction contracts).

• **For orders placed by faculty:**  
**The inspection should be conducted by the faculty member who placed the order.**

- Construction contracts, etc.:  
A staff member authorized by an accounting supervisor in accordance with the regulations for accounting authority (see page 3 for details).

- In the case of an individual appointment:  
A staff member appointed by an accounting supervisor (or a dean in the case of an order made by a faculty member)

- ◆ After the delivery, confirm whether the delivery has been completed as specified in the contract by checking the delivery details (quality, standard, quantity, and performance [including a comparison with contracted specifications, plans, and designs]) **within 14 days** from the day after the date on which the completion report was received.
- ◆ After the detailed inspection, the staff member who conducted the inspection should **affix their signature (to be circled to distinguish it from an acceptance inspection signature)** and **enter the date of detailed inspection on the delivery slip**, etc. However, in the case of orders placed by faculty members, if an acceptance inspection has already been completed at an acceptance inspection site or center prior to the detailed inspection, no signature is required. **(Please note that the detailed inspection procedures themselves cannot be omitted.)**

## Responsibilities and authorities of employees engaged in placing orders, acceptance inspections, and detailed inspections

	Faculty members	Administrative staff members, etc.		
Permitted scope of orders *1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under 2 million yen per item, and under 5 million yen in total for goods purchase contracts</li> <li>- Under 2 million yen per incidence for service contracts (Excluding construction work)</li> <li>- Under 2 million yen in total for lease contracts</li> </ul>	- Items other than those listed on the left <b>Note: It is possible for an order to be placed by a staff member, even if it could potentially be placed by a faculty member.</b>		
		Under 2 million yen	2 million yen or more, but under 5 million yen	5 million yen or more
Acceptance inspections *2	Performed at an acceptance inspection site* or acceptance inspection center (by laboratory staff/administrative staff in charge of acceptance inspections)	Performed at the acceptance inspection site or acceptance inspection center (by <b>administrative staff</b> in charge of acceptance inspections)	Performed at the acceptance inspection site or acceptance inspection center (by <b>administrative staff</b> in charge of acceptance inspections)	Performed at the acceptance inspection center (by <b>administrative staff</b> in charge of acceptance inspections)
Detailed inspections	Performed by the person who placed the order (as a general rule) *Signature and date of the detailed inspection may be omitted.	Performed by the person who requested the contract (as a general rule) *Signature and date of the detailed inspection may be omitted.	Performed by the person who requested the contract (as a general rule) *Must affix their signature and the date of the detailed inspection.	Performed by the person who requested the contract (as a general rule) *Must affix their signature and the date of the detailed inspection.

\*1 • Faculty members cannot conclude contracts for purchases that require the signing of a contract, staff employment, temporary staff employment, construction work, compensated work, waste collection, transportation, or disposal services (including recycling and trade-in), regardless of the cost.

Please ask relevant the administrative office for details of the correct procedures.

\*2 • If the delivery is to be made directly to another organization, an employee of that organization shall be assigned to conduct the inspections if necessary.

- For construction work, only a detailed inspection will be conducted. An acceptance inspection will not be conducted.

\*3 An inspection signature is not required for the following items:

- Bulk contracts by the central administration for the following:
  - (Provided the total individual invoice amount is less than 2 million yen)
    - Liquid nitrogen, dry ice, feed for research animals, collection of isotope waste
  - PPC paper, toilet paper, mat and mop rental, information input/output support services
- Temporary staffing contracts

The person who placed the order, the staff in charge of the acceptance inspection, and the staff in charge of the detailed inspection, are all authorized to perform accounting duties (in the process of concluding a contract). However, that comes with accounting **duties and responsibilities.**

### Kyoto University Regulations for Accounting Duties and responsibilities in accounting work

#### Article 50

1. The university's executives and staff members shall perform their duties with due care and in compliance with the laws and regulations relating to finance and accounting work.
2. The university's executives and staff members shall be responsible for the payment of compensation if they cause damage to the university due to willful misconduct or gross negligence with regards to the preceding paragraph.

**Please ensure that the placing of orders, acceptance inspections, and detailed inspections are conducted appropriately and in compliance with the university accounting regulations.**

# 10. Management of Goods

Goods purchased using the university's budget must be used with due care.

<b>Fixed assets</b>	Items with an acquisition cost of 500,000 yen or more, which are planned to be used for one year or more.	An asset label must be affixed to the item
<b>Low-value assets</b>	Items with an acquisition cost of 100,000 yen or more, but less than 500,000 yen, which are planned to be used for one year or more.	
<b>Supplies (goods redeemable for cash)</b>	Computers, tablets, digital cameras, video cameras, televisions, recording equipment, and unmanned aerial vehicles weighing 100 g or more with an acquisition cost of less than 100,000 yen.	
<b>Supplies (excluding goods redeemable for cash)</b>	Items that are planned to be used for less than one year, or items with an acquisition cost of less than 100,000 yen.	It is not necessary to affix an asset label to the item

## Fixed assets/low-value assets (with an acquisition cost of ¥100,000 or more)

- The person in charge of use is responsible for the use of fixed assets under their charge, as well as the daily management of those assets.
- The items must be appropriately managed, including the affixing of an “asset label” to the items, and the monitoring of their usage and storage with a usage log.
- An Inspection of the items and a confirmation of their usage status (crosschecking between the usage log and actual items) must be conducted once per fiscal year to confirm the management status of the items and accuracy of the usage log.

## Goods redeemable for cash

Asset labels must be affixed to goods redeemable for cash to ensure that they are managed appropriately and to prevent fraud. A physical verification of the items must be conducted once per fiscal year.

● If it is no longer necessary to retain the items



Appropriate disposal procedures (based on the disposal procedures for assets that may be used by other departments, etc.)

**A report must be made promptly in the case of loss, a reduction in quantity, damage, or theft. A damage compensation payment will be required if the university incurs a loss, due to an intentional act or negligence.**

● In the case of loss, reduction in quantity, damage, or theft



Report to the fixed asset manager

Damages liability (based on the degree of the losses incurred)

**Warning:** Laptop computers have been stolen in the following situations:

- When the user leaves their laboratory without locking the door.
- When the user takes a laptop computer outside of the campus for education/research work, and momentarily takes their eyes off the bag that it is in.

Be sure to take precautions such as locking the laboratory door when no one is present, and constantly keeping an eye on laptop computers when using them off campus.

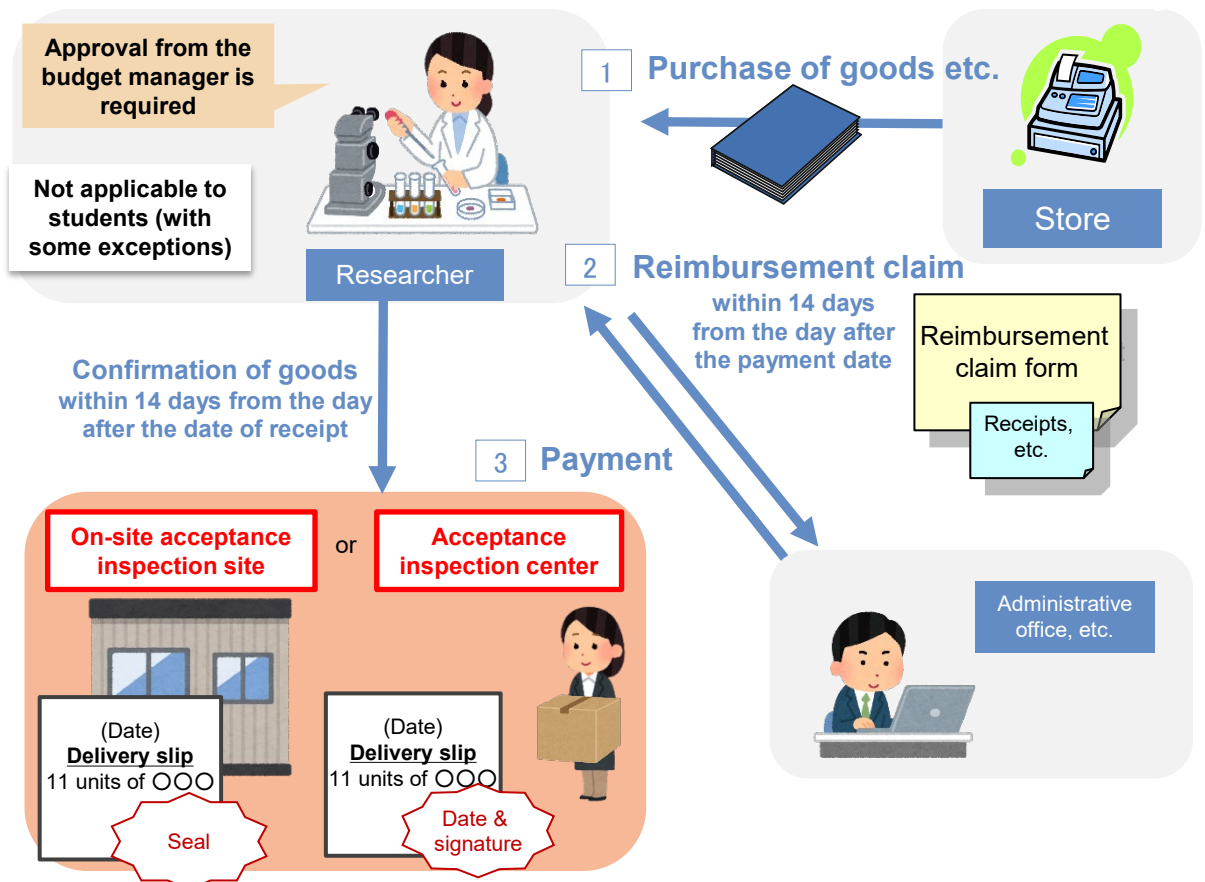
# 11. Reimbursement

- ◆ If a KU faculty or staff member, or a person appointed by a budget manager, concludes a contract worth less than ¥500,000 for the purchase of goods, a loan, subcontracting, etc., which is necessary for the performance KU activities or operations, and pays the costs themselves, the amount paid may be reimbursed to the faculty or staff member upon approval by **the relevant staff member in charge of the budget**. In the case of payments in excess of ¥500,000, it is necessary to obtain approval from the accounting supervisor in advance. (Article 24, Guidelines for Contract Administration)

## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance

- (1) Approval is required from the budget manager (see p. 3) or the person who has received a budget allocation from the budget manager (including principal investigators and co-researchers for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, etc.).
- (2) In principle, payments can only be made for sums less than ¥500,000 (reimbursements of ¥500,000 or more require approval in advance from the accounting supervisor). However, as an exception, approval in advance is not required for the costs of academic paper submissions, etc. (submission fees, publication fees, reprint fees, open access fees), regardless of the amount.
- (3) A reimbursement claim form must be submitted **within 14 days** from the day after the date of payment, together with receipts, etc. (for example, if the date of payment is April 1, the reimbursement claim form must be submitted by April 15 [as the date of payment is counted as Day 0]).
- (4) The goods or services purchased must be inspected at an acceptance inspection site or acceptance inspection center.
- (5) Please note that at Kyoto University the payment contracts are generally made after fulfillment, and advance payment is permitted only when absolutely necessary.

## Reimbursement procedures



# 12. Corporate Credit Cards



- ◆ The corporate credit card system was introduced to reduce the financial burden caused to faculty and staff members by the university's reimbursement system, which requires individual faculty and staff members to temporarily make payments from their own personal funds.
- ◆ Some departments are not able to utilize the corporate credit card system. Purchases made using a corporate credit card must be verified in same way as purchases made using the reimbursement system.

## Items requiring special attention and strict compliance

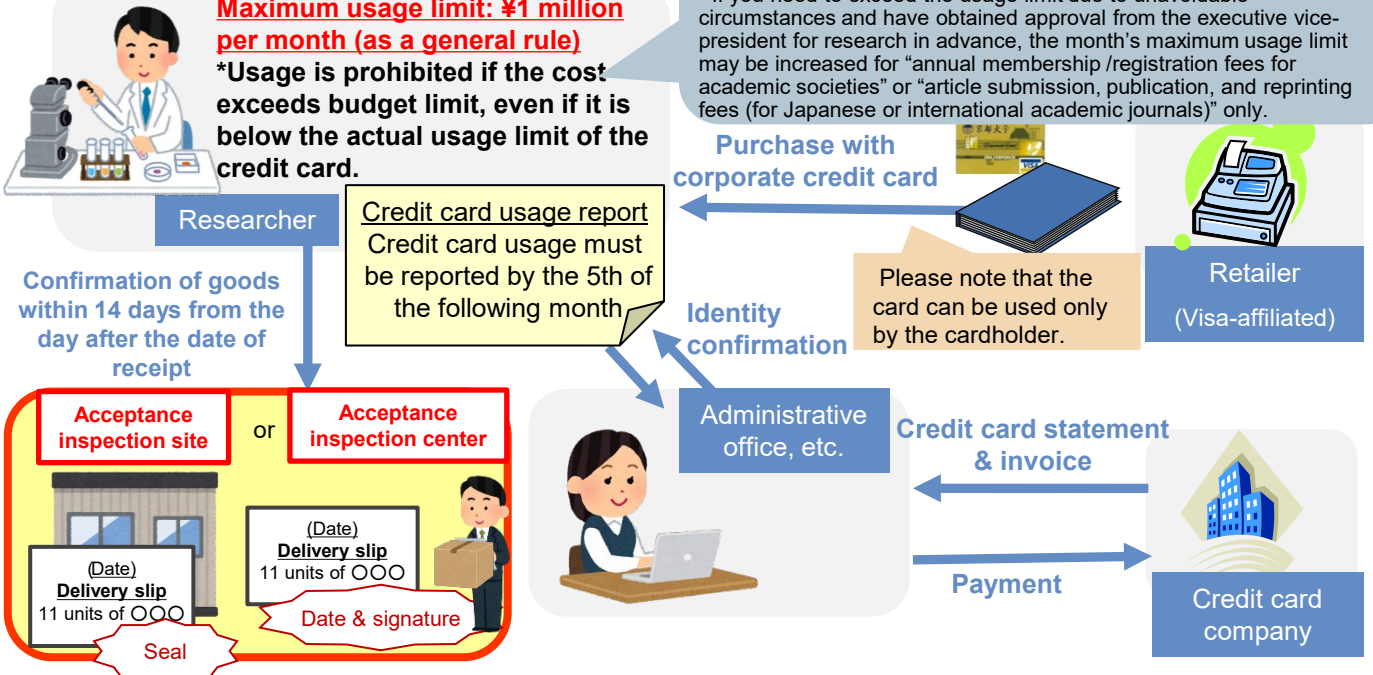
- (1) Restriction on the use of corporate credit cards at the end of the financial year for expenses to be covered by competitive funds.
- (2) Use to pay transport and accommodation costs provided as travel expenses is prohibited.
- (3) Use to pay for conference participation fees that include the costs of meals, reception parties, etc., is prohibited.
- (4) Goods must be confirmed at an acceptance inspection site or center.

## Corporate credit card usage procedures

**Maximum usage limit: ¥1 million per month (as a general rule)**  
**\*Usage is prohibited if the cost exceeds budget limit, even if it is below the actual usage limit of the credit card.**

- Care must be taken regarding restrictions on the use of competitive research funds, etc., at the end of the fiscal year, as the rules for the use of competitive research funds may vary depending on the types of expenditure.

- If you need to exceed the usage limit due to unavoidable circumstances and have obtained approval from the executive vice-president for research in advance, the month's maximum usage limit may be increased for "annual membership /registration fees for academic societies" or "article submission, publication, and reprinting fees (for Japanese or international academic journals)" only.



## Permitted and Prohibited Usage

- Purchase of goods (items worth less than ¥500,000 each).
- Charges for car rentals, expressway tolls and gasoline during business travel (except when using one's own vehicle).
- Academic conference participation (provided the fee does not include meal/reception expenses).
- Submission, publication and printing fees for academic papers.
- Payment to overseas parties that can be made by credit card.
- Cloud service fees and other internet-based service fees.

Please note that credit card usage may be suspended or canceled in case of inappropriate use.

- Personal use.
- Transportation, air ticket, and accommodation costs which will be provided as travel expenses.
- Items worth ¥500,000 or more each.
- Internet auctions (the use of internet auctions is prohibited whether using a corporate credit card or not).
- Reception/banquet fees (including academic conference participation fees that include meal/reception expenses).

# 13. Food Service Expenses Criteria

- ◆ Food Service Criteria for Meetings, Etc., Organized by Kyoto University (March 1, 2013, enacted by the president)

## **Maximum Allowed Expenses**

**¥10,000 per person, per meeting**

\*In the case of multi-day meetings, the maximum amount of food and beverage expenses for each day is 10,000 yen per person.

## **Criteria for Food-Service Expenses at Meetings, Etc.**

Simple food and drinks may be served **if absolutely necessary** for the conducting of the meeting, etc.

- (1) Beverages and snacks at meetings, etc., held at KU.
- (2) Food and beverages buffet served at events attended by a large number of persons.
- (3) Food and beverages other than those described in (1) and (2) served at meetings, etc.
- (4) Food and beverages served during administrative work for the university entrance examination administration when room entry and exit controls are in effect.
- (5) Food and beverages served at awards and other ceremonies involving faculty, staff, or students.
- (6) Food and beverage expenses for meetings, etc., attended only by KU faculty or staff members will not be covered, except in cases described in (4) and (5), above.
- (7) Food and beverage expenses will not be covered when they include alcoholic beverages.

- \* The project manager will be held accountable for the expenditure for food and beverage expenses.
- \* Expenditure should be within the scope deemed unavoidable in accordance with generally accepted social norms, and taking into account the content of the event and accountability both inside and outside the university.
- \* If compliance with the aforementioned standards is difficult for extraordinary reasons, the approval of the head of the department, etc., must be obtained by providing a detailed report of the matters requiring special approval and the reasons.
- \* The standards herein shall not apply if the source of the relevant research fund imposes restrictions on food service expenditures.

A food service expense coverage request must be submitted **prior to the meeting, etc.**

- The accounting officer (see page 3 for details) must confirm the details with the relevant persons or suppliers, etc., as necessary.

## 14. Rules for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc.

- ◆ Each competitive research funding program (for direct expenses) has different expense items and modes of use for which the use of the funding is prohibited. When using competitive research funds, be sure to reconfirm the terms and conditions of the program which provided the funds.

### Conditions that apply to all competitive funds, etc.

#### **(1) Use for purposes other than the intended purpose is prohibited.**

Competitive research funds, etc. can only be used to pay for costs which are directly necessary to achieve the objectives of the research.

#### **(2) Use outside the term of the research project is prohibited.**

Funds are granted for use within the period specified as the term of the project, and they must be used for research activities.

#### **(3) Use in combination with other funds (as a combined total) is prohibited.**

As a general rule, using multiple competitive research funds due to funds being insufficient is prohibited. (In some cases facilities used for multiple projects may be divided among the project funds.)

#### **(4) Use to purchase alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, or other nonessential goods for personal use is prohibited.**

### Purposes for which the use of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) is prohibited

#### **(1) Expenses related to facilities such as buildings, etc.**

Excludes minor installation expenses for items purchased with grants-in-aid for scientific research.

#### **(2) Expenses required to deal with accidents or disasters that occur in the course of the subsidized project.**

#### **(3) Labor costs or financial rewards for the leading researcher or other research project members.**

#### **(4) Combined usage of direct expenses and other expenses with usage restrictions.**

The use of grants-in-aid for scientific research in combination with other funds is possible if the percentage of the total costs covered by the grants-in-aid for scientific research and the reasons for the expenses, etc., are explained in writing.

#### **(5) Expenses that are more appropriately funded as indirect expenses.**

# 15. Temporary Advance Payment for Expenditures Prior to the Receipt of Funding

- ◆ Under this system, KU provides a temporary advance payment of research funds to cover expenditures prior to the receipt (payment) of a grant which has been unofficially approved, a grant which is continuing from the previous fiscal year, etc., in order to facilitate the smooth and continuous implementation of research.

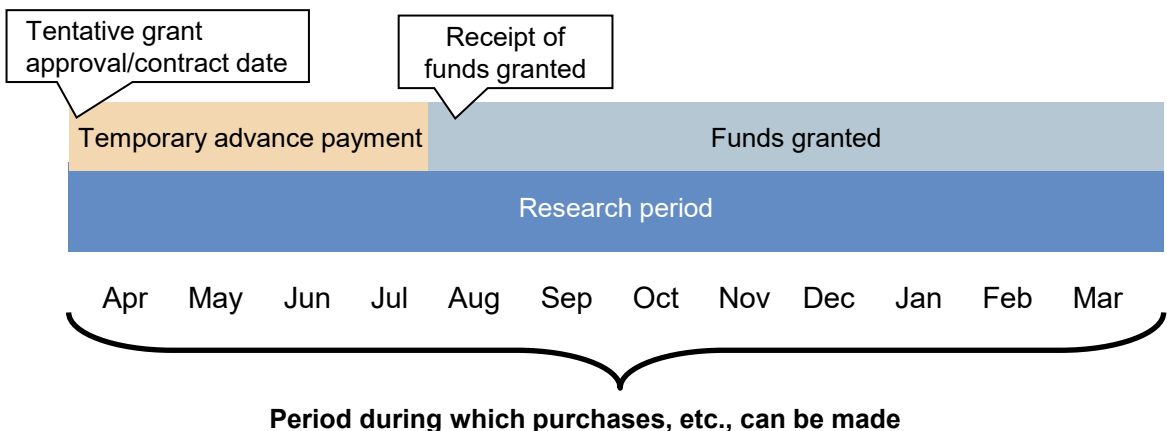
## Eligible researchers, etc., to whom a temporary advance payment can be granted

- (1) A principle researcher, etc., who has received a tentative approval for a new grant or subsidy.
- (2) A principle researcher, etc., who has been notified that a grant or subsidy which they currently receive shall continue for the subsequent term.

## Eligible grants, etc., for which temporary advance payments can be provided

Grants, commissioned research expenses, etc., from the national government, local governments, independent administrative agencies, and other public-interest organizations.

## Temporary Advance Payment available prior to receipt of grant\*



\*(Temporary advance payments cannot be granted if the subsidizing entity is a private business, etc.)

# 16. Use of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) in the Following Fiscal Year

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) are classified into the following two categories.

1. Funding allocated as **multi-year funding**

E.g.: Scientific Research (B, C), Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists

2. Funding allocated as **a series of single-year grants**

E.g.: Specially Promoted Research, Scientific Research (S), and Scientific Research (A)

## ◆ **Multi-year funding** (including multi-year funding provided as part of partial multi-year funding)

A monetary grant allocated as multi-year funding does not require any carryover procedures, provided the year of use falls within the research period. If the necessary extension procedures are taken during the final year, the grant may be used in the following fiscal year.

## ◆ **A series of single-year grants** (including a series of single-year grants provided as part of partial multi-year fund)

A monetary grant allocated as series of single-year grants to which carryover provisions or the adjustment fund system applies may be used in the following fiscal year by competing the required carryover procedure (by submitting a statement of reason form).

### **Application of the carryover system**

The expenses that can be carried over to the following fiscal year are those related to the subsidized project that became difficult to complete within the fiscal year due to unavoidable circumstances that were not foreseen at the time of the grant award. Note that the amount of funding from a series of single-year grants remaining after the completion of the research plan (surplus money) is not eligible to be carried over.

### **Example of Reasons for Carryover**

#### **1. Difficulty in conducting the preliminary survey for the research**

When unexpected circumstances require a review of preliminary research.

#### **2. Difficulty in determining the research methods**

When unexpected circumstances require the adoption of a new research method.

#### **3. The contents of the research plan**

When an unexpected problem arises and the research must be postponed until it is resolved.

#### **4. Difficulty in obtaining materials**

When unexpected external factors make it impossible to obtain research materials as planned.

#### **5. Circumstances in the country of a partner institution**

When unexpected circumstances in the country of a partner institution involved in the research require the postponement or suspension of the original plan.

#### **6. Weather conditions**

When unusual weather conditions, such as heavy rain or snow, require the postponement or suspension of the original plan.

### **Adjustment Fund System**

The adjustment fund system can be utilized if the requirements for the carryover system are not met, or when a reason for carryover arises after the carryover application deadline.

# 17. Disciplinary Action, Etc., for the Misuse of Funds

- ◆ In cases of the misuse of funds, disciplinary action is not only taken against the individuals involved in the fraudulent use. The funding organization may also impose penalties on their affiliated research institutions.

## Disciplinary action against the individuals involved

### Disciplinary action by KU

Disciplinary action may be imposed in the form of a **punitive dismissal, resignation request, demotion, suspension, salary cut, or reprimand** under Article 48 of the KU Work Rules for Faculty and Staff. Even if such disciplinary action is not taken, the individual in question will receive an official warning of appropriate severity in accordance with Article 50 of the Regulations. The supervisors (including the heads of administrative departments) of persons who use funds fraudulently, or who are indirectly involved in or tolerate fraudulent use, may also be subject to punitive measures.

\*When disciplinary action is taken, careful consideration will be given to the specific measures stipulated in the Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds and the impact of any measures taken on the university by the funding organization or other parties due to the fraudulent use of research expenses.

### Disciplinary action by the funding organization

Each competitive research fund has its own **penalties, such as the suspension of permission to apply for grants, and the return of research funds received together with an additional fine**. Please see the regulations of each competitive research fund program for further details. **Regardless of whether the misused research funds were used for personal purposes** or whether it was a subsidy paid to the university, **the researcher guilty of the fraudulent use is held liable for compensation**.

### Legal action

KU and the funding organization may file a criminal complaint or litigation under the Japanese civil code.

## Disciplinary action against departments

A department in which an improper use of research funds, etc., has occurred shall be subject to a suspension of allocation of indirect costs from competitive research funds in the subsequent fiscal year.

## Disciplinary action against the research institution

The following penalties may be imposed on the research institution.

- (1) If there was deemed to be malicious misuse due to inadequate expenses control, the research institution will be subject to an assessment for reduction in indirect expenses, etc.
- (2) There may be suspension of competitive research fund disbursement.
- (3) Following a university corporation evaluation, funds other than competitive research funds may also be reduced.

## In addition to disciplinary action:

**As a general rule, in cases of fraudulent use, the name, position, and institution of the researcher responsible is disclosed by the investigative committee.**

**Serious damage is caused to both the researcher and their university, in terms of the significant time and costs incurred by the investigation, as well as the loss of social trust due to media coverage, etc.**

## 18. Funding Eligibility Restrictions

- ◆ As specified in the Guidelines for the Appropriate Implementation of Competitive Research Funds (amendment approved by the liaison meeting of offices and ministries concerned with competitive funds on December 17, 2021).

(1) Restriction on funding eligibility in the case of fund misuse for personal purposes:

10 years

(2) Restriction on funding eligibility in the case of fund misuse for purposes other than personal use:

1-5 years

Determined by the details of the misuse.

(The eligibility restriction will reflect the amount misused, number of years for which the misuse was carried out, etc.)

(3) Restriction on funding eligibility in case of lack of due diligence.\*

2 years maximum

\*Definition of "lack of due diligence"

Cases in which the manager of research funds was negligent in their responsibilities, even if the manager is not personally involved in the fraudulent use of funds.

### Column

#### **Lack of Due Diligence**

If you are the representative researcher for a grant-in-aid for scientific research, but do not properly manage or understand the way in which the grant is being used, you may be responsible for a lack of due diligence if a colleague or partner is involved in the fraudulent use of the grant.

For example, if a research project member is assigned to make an official trip, but does not report any results or feedback upon their return, and are found to have falsified the trip, you may be accused of a lack of due diligence, and may be subject to certain funding eligibility restrictions, even if you were not personally involved in the fraudulent use of funds.

# 19. Fund Misuse Cases at KU

During the period 2007–2016, the university discovered cases in which travel requests that were required to be submitted in advance were repeatedly submitted after the business trips by several faculty and staff members who repeatedly fabricated multiple travel requests for the preceding month at once, and submitted them just before the submission deadline for business trip procedures. Furthermore, it was found that all of the faculty and staff members used the fraudulently obtained funds for personal use. The incidents were determined to be violations of the rules for the use of competitive research funds (including false business trips and use for private purposes), and were reported to the funding organizations.

**Action 1: Suspension of public research grants for 10 years (by the funding organization)**

**Action 2: Return of the full amount deposited, combined with payment of a surcharge and arrears**

\*In the case of a misuse of grants-in-aid for scientific research, the surcharge and arrears are determined in accordance with the Act on the Regulation of Execution of Budgets Pertaining to Subsidies, Etc.,

The surcharge rate is 10.95% per annum

The amount of arrears is also 10.95% per annum

## Reference

Falsification of accounts



Discovery of accounting irregularities (10 years later)



A one-year delay in returning The misused funds results in...

A more severe penalty

Amount used fraudulently:  
¥1,000,000

Reimbursement includes not only the amount misused but also

Amount	Indirect expenses		<b>Surcharge</b>
¥1,000,000	+ ¥300,000	+ (¥1,300,000 × 0.1095 × 10 years)	
<b>= ¥2,723,500 (amount to be reimbursed)</b>			

Amount	Indirect expenses		<b>Surcharge</b>
¥1,000,000	+ ¥300,000	+ (¥1,300,000 × 0.1095 × 11 years)	
<b>Arrearage</b>			
+ (¥2,723,500 × 0.1095 × 1 year)			
<b>= ¥3,164,073 (amount to be reimbursed)</b>			

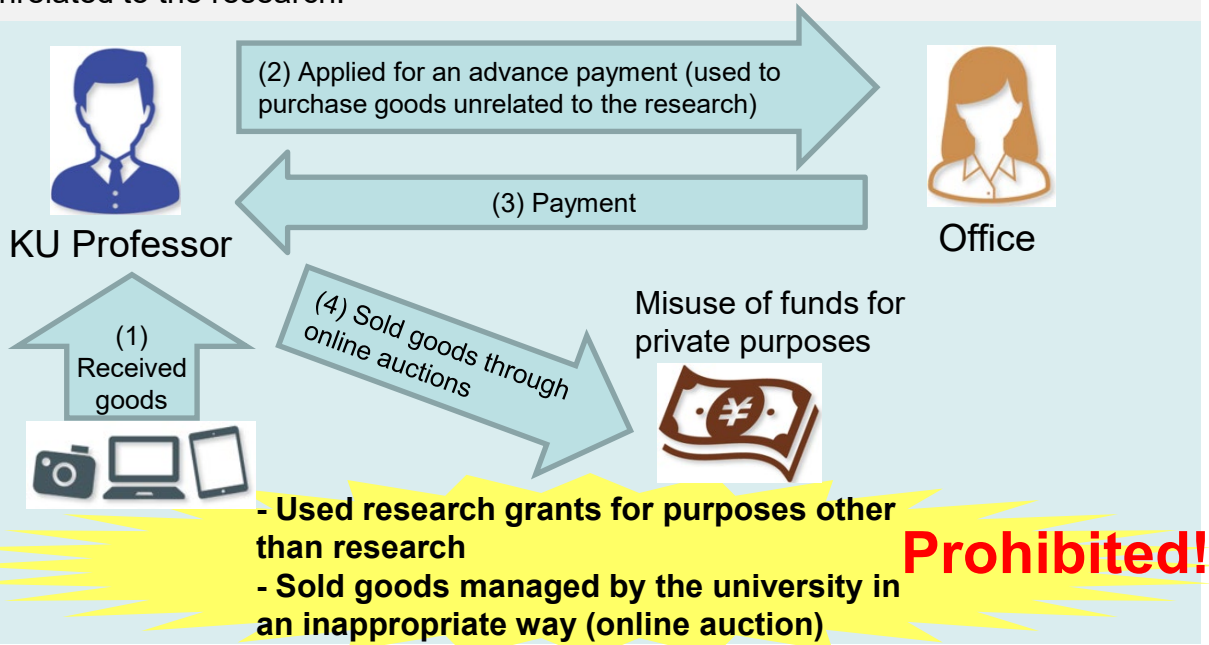
Arrears

Even after retirement from KU, penalty charges will be determined, and the perpetrator may be required to return their retirement allowance. As a general rule, the name of the perpetrator will be disclosed.

# ◆ Case study of a recent fraud case at KU

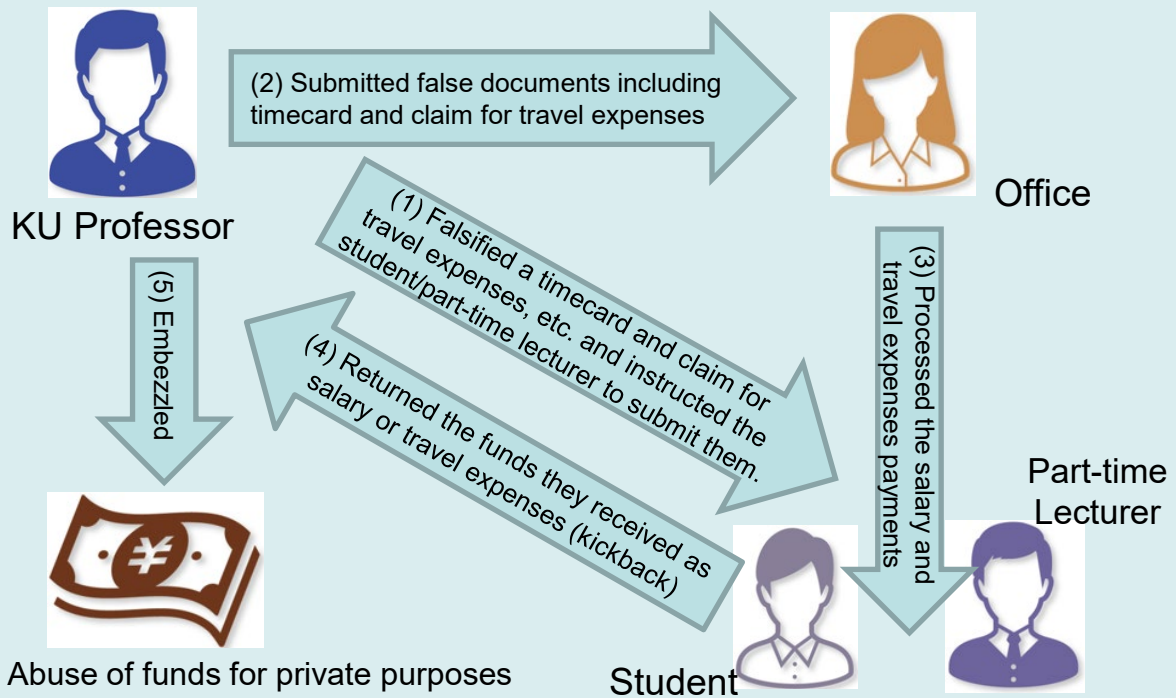
## (1) Inappropriate purchase of goods

Laboratory operating funds and research grants were used to purchase goods unrelated to the research.



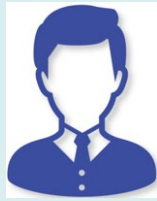
## (2) False business trip and salary payment, kickback, and the use of grants for other purposes

A professor claimed travel expenses for a false business trip by a student, and salary for fictitious work by a part-time lecturer. The professor then had them return the funds to him/her. The professor also claimed travel expenses for a fictitious business trip by him/herself, and used grants for purposes other than the intended use.



(3) Inappropriate payment of compensation

A professor signed an employee's (student's) name and affixed their seal without the student's consent (falsified a document), and paid compensation based on the timecard signed and sealed by the professor.



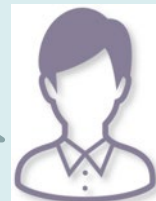
KU Professor

Did not provide the student with an explanation of the details of the work

I can't sign my name or affix my seal myself.

Lack of communication

I have to pay an appropriate compensation for the work



Employee (Student)

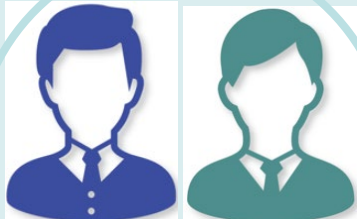
Suspects it may be inappropriate to receive the compensation

- Paid the compensation without the student's consent
- Violated the university's accounting regulations

⇒ **Misuse of funds!**

(4) Fake transactions, excessive spending, use of funds for other purposes, impeding bidding processes

A vendor involved in the formulation of specifications participated in the bidding. Furthermore, after signing a contract, the professor changed the specifications, and made payments to the vendor using fake transactions.



KU Professor Vendor

Close relationship for a long time

Drew up inadequate specifications, and then changed the specifications without following the appropriate procedures.

⇒ Delivered goods/services that did not satisfy the requirements of the specifications (excessive spending caused an unnecessary loss for the university)

Faked deliveries and fake order placements

⇒ Made payments to the vendor (using fake transactions)

The professor requested the vendor to draw up the specifications for the bidding.

⇒ The vendor or another vendor who was provided the information in advance participated in the bidding (impeding bidding processes)

\*In addition, it was also discovered that the grants were being used for other than their intended purposes.

- Relied on a specific vendor in order to implement their research
- Favoritism for a specific vendor
- Disregarded the accounting system

**Factors in the misconduct!**

# 20. Making a Report

- ◆ Reports on the fraudulent use of competitive research funds, etc., managed by KU can be made to the following office.

## Office at which to make a report

### Compliance Department Kyoto University

Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku  
Kyoto 606-8501

Tel.: 075-753-5139

Email: [kc-madoguchi@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:kc-madoguchi@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

URL: <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/research/rule/public/competitive/tsuho/contact>

### Telephone reception hours

10:00–15:00 (closed for lunch 12:00–13:00)

Closed on:

- Saturdays and Sundays
- Public holidays
- New Year holidays (December 29–January 3),
- June 18 (Kyoto University Founding Day)
- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August

- ❖ When reporting a case of misconduct, the person making the report is requested to **provide their name**, if possible, as well as **the name of the person(s) engaging in the misconduct**, a description of **the misconduct**, and must submit **documents, etc., providing objective and reasonable proof** to the Office of Audit and Integrity.

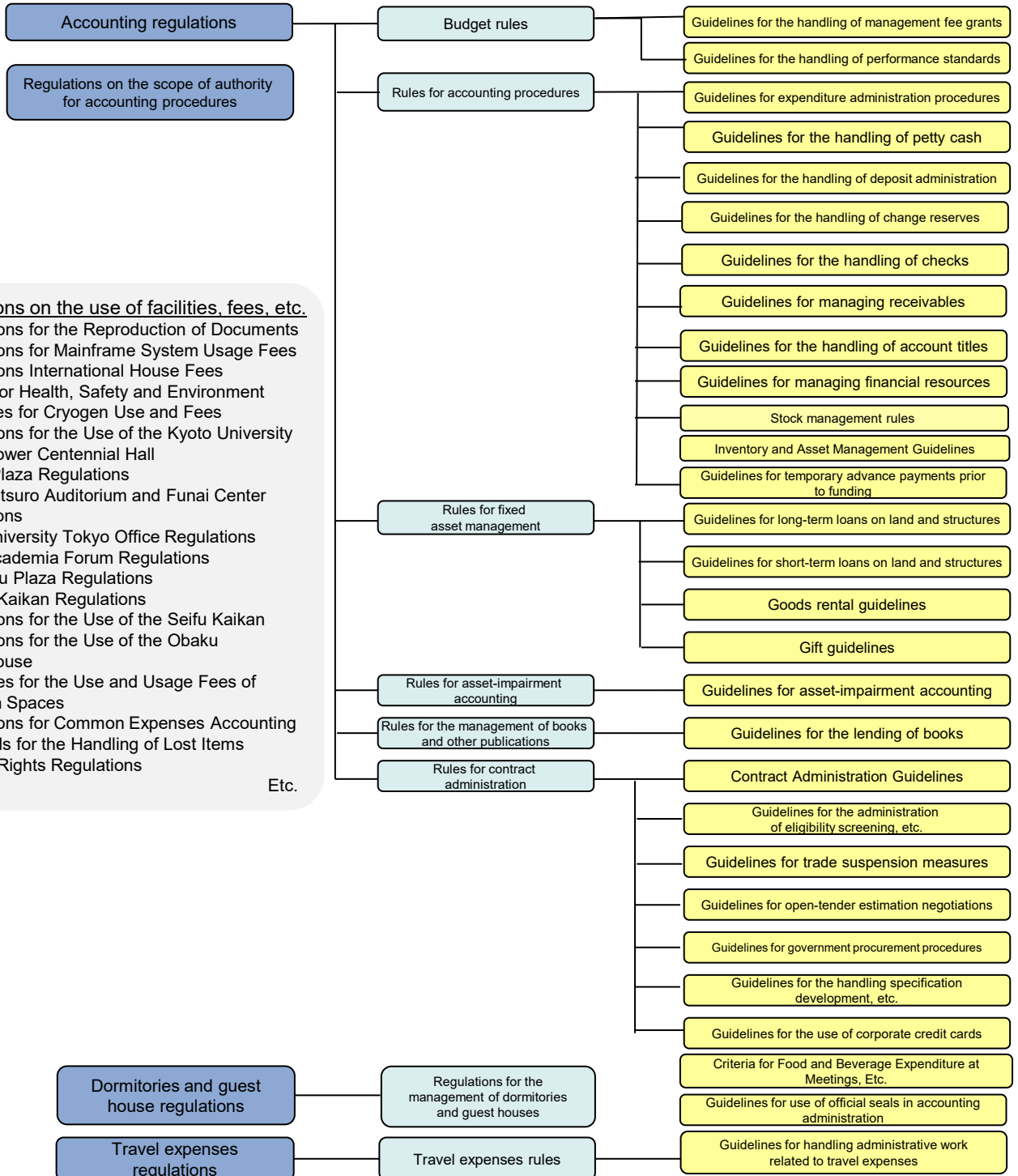
❖ **Kyoto University and its faculty and staff are prohibited from discriminating against individuals who have reported or sought advice regarding the misuse of competitive research funds (Article 21, Paragraph 1 of the Regulations on the Appropriate Management of Competitive Research Funds, Etc., at Kyoto University). Violations of the regulations may result in disciplinary action.**

❖ **If a person self-reports about their own past misconduct, the circumstances may be taken into consideration in any resulting disciplinary action, etc. (See Item 6, Article 3, of the KU Regulations on Disciplinary Action).**

❖ **Personal information, such as the name, etc., of the person making the report, will be protected appropriately, and will only be used to enable the office to contact the reporting person, and for other purposes relating to the report and the investigation.**

# 21. Accounting Regulations at Kyoto University

- ◆ Accounting at Kyoto University is governed by the rules, regulations, and guidelines listed below. Be sure to comply with the appropriate regulations and follow the correct accounting procedures.
- ◆ These regulations can be viewed on the Kyoto University website:  
URL: [https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/uni\\_int/kitei/reiki\\_menu.html](https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/uni_int/kitei/reiki_menu.html) (available in Japanese only)



# 22. Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds (Version 10)

(Revised December 2024)

\*These guidelines apply to all public funds, etc.

National University Corporation Kyoto University (“the University”) has established these Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds (“the Guidelines”) in accordance with the Regulations on the Appropriate Management of Competitive Research Funds, Etc. at Kyoto University (“the Regulations”) and the Basic Policy of Fraud Prevention Measures formulated by the Chief Administrative Officer as Specified by Article 4-2 of the Regulations (“the Basic Policy”), and in line with the Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, Etc., at Kyoto University (“the Code of Conduct”) for the purposes of ensuring the appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, and preventing any misuse.

\*The term “Faculty and staff members” in the Guidelines means “executive officers, faculty and staff members, and all other persons at the university who are involved in the administration and management of competitive research funds, etc.,” as specified in Article 3-4 of the Regulations.

\*The Guidelines shall apply mutatis mutandis to all funds managed by the university or used for the university’s education and research activities.

## 1 Clarification of Responsibilities within the University (Governance)

To eradicate any misuse of research funds, the University shall implement fraud prevention measures under the strong leadership of the Chief Administrative Officer. The University shall also clarify the scope of responsibility, authority, and roles of each responsible person, define the roles of the university and departments, and establish an effective fraud prevention system.

### 1. Scope of Responsibility in Administration and Management of Competitive Research Funds

#### ① Chief Administrative Officer

The university shall appoint a Chief Administrative Officer with the authority to supervise the University to ensure appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, etc. The President shall be assigned to this position, as specified in Article 4-1 of the Regulations.

#### Roles

- Formulation of a basic policy and dissemination of the policy to faculty and staff members.
- Appropriately exercising leadership to ensure that the Chief General Controller, Departmental Management Officers, etc. can responsibly and appropriately administrate and manage competitive research funds and provide compliance education.
- Present the Guidelines and Annual Implementation Plan to the Departmental Management Officers and Administrative Headquarters.
- If necessary, instruct the Departmental Management Officers to make improvements for the appropriate implementation of their departmental action plans, based on a monitoring of their implementation.
- Instruct the Central Administration to make improvements to the implementation of the Annual Implementation Plan, in accordance with the current status of implementation.

## ② Chief General Controller and Deputy General Controller

A Chief General Controller shall be appointed at the university as the person who assists the Chief Administrative Officer, and who has the authority and responsibility for supervising the University to ensure appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, etc., and for compliance education. The Executive Vice-President for Finance shall be assigned to this position, as specified in Article 5 of the Regulations.

A Deputy General Controller shall be appointed to assist the Chief General Controller. The Executive Vice-President for General Affairs shall be assigned to this position, as specified in Article 5 of the Regulations.

### Roles

- Ensuring that the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office checks the details of departmental action plans, and instructing the Departmental Management Officers to improve their plans, if necessary.
- Based on the departmental evaluation reports and annual implementation plan evaluation report, the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office will review the implementation status of the departmental action plans and the Central Administration's annual implementation plan (hereinafter referred to as "departmental action plans, etc.") and report the results of the review to the Chief Administrative Officer.
- When the Chief Administrative Officer issues instructions to improve the implementation status of the departmental action plans, etc., the Chief General Controller and Deputy General Controller shall receive improvement reports from the Departmental Management Officers and the Central Administration and report the status to the Chief Administrative Officer.

## ③ Departmental Management Officer and Deputy Departmental Management Officer

A Departmental Management Officer shall be appointed in a department as the person responsible for the appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, etc., and for compliance education in the department. The director of the department shall be assigned to this position, as specified in Article 6 of the Regulations.

A Deputy Departmental Management Officer shall be appointed in a department, if deemed necessary in the department. If appointed, details of the name, authority, and responsibilities of the Deputy Departmental Management Officer shall be announced to faculty and staff members affiliated with the department.

### Roles

- Supervision, in cooperation with the departmental accounting supervisor, to ensure that the administration and use of competitive research funds, etc. is appropriate, and providing guidance to faculty and staff members to make improvements, if necessary.
- Formulating departmental action plans in accordance with the Guidelines and the Annual Implementation Plan, and submitting them to the Chief General Controller.
- Implementing the departmental action plans, self-evaluating the implementation status of the plans, and submitting a departmental evaluation report to the Chief General Controller every fiscal year.
- Making efforts to improve the implementation of the plans, and reporting the improvements to the Chief General Controller, if the Chief Administrative Officer gave instructions for the improvement of the departmental action plans.

#### **④ Fraud Prevention Department for Competitive Research Funds** ("Fraud Prevention Department")

The Fraud Prevention Department shall be organized by the following persons: the Chief Administrative Officer (President) who serves as the head of the department, and all members of the Deans and Directors Meeting, including executive vice-presidents, vice-presidents, deans and directors.

##### **Roles**

- Formulation of the Guidelines in accordance with the Basic Policy.
- Development of countermeasures against factors that cause the misuse of competitive research funds, etc.
- Development of measures to instill faculty and staff members with the Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, etc.

#### **⑤ Fraud Prevention Promotion Office for Competitive Research Funds** ("Fraud Prevention Promotion Office")

The Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall be organized by the following persons: the Chief General Controller who serves as the head of the office, several executive vice-presidents, the directors of several departments of the central administration (Personnel, Financial Affairs, and Research Promotion), several faculty and staff members appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer, and external experts who are deemed necessary by the Chief Administrative Officer.

##### **Roles**

- Understanding and reviewing the actual administration and management of competitive research funds, etc., and the implementation of compliance education in each department.
- Promoting, reviewing, and improving the Guidelines in accordance with the Basic Policy.
- Analyzing and evaluating factors that cause misuse of competitive research funds, etc.
- Formulating improvement measures to address the causes of competitive fund misuse, etc., in cooperation with the relevant departments.
- Promoting measures to instill faculty and staff members with the Code of Conduct for the Use of Competitive Research Funds, etc.
- Other matters deemed necessary by the Chief Administrative Officer.

## **2. Clarification of the Roles of Auditor**

Auditors shall confirm the operation and development of internal controls for fraud prevention from an institutional perspective, regularly report on these matters to the Chief Administrative Officer, and provide their opinions.

In order to fulfill their roles and duties, auditors shall strengthen cooperation with the relevant executive officers and departments as follows:

- Have regular discussions with the Vice-President for Legal Affairs and Compliance, the Executive Vice-President for Audits, and the Director of the Compliance Department, in order to share the relevant university information.
- Hold regular committee meetings (four-party meetings) with the Executive Vice-President for Audits, the Chief General Controller, other relevant executive members, and accounting auditors to discuss issues and ensure appropriate use of competitive research funds at the university.

**Reference: Attachment “The Scope of Responsibility in the Proper Management of Competitive Research Funds at KU”**

## **2 Improvement of Environment for Appropriate Administration and Management (Control Environment)**

On the assumption that fraud may occur at any time, the university shall eliminate factors that could encourage fraud, and establish an environment and system that can sufficiently function as a deterrent.

### **1. Implementation of Compliance Education and Awareness-Raising Activities** (for Relevant Faculty and Staff Members)

- ① The Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall develop effective compliance education programs relevant to the duties, authorities, and responsibilities of faculty and staff members and review their content on a regular basis, including e-learning courses for existing faculty and staff members (e.g. “Proper Use of Research Grants”), newly hired faculty members, and newly appointed departmental directors.
- ② The Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall systematically implement awareness-raising activities, including Fraud Prevention Awareness Month (in November and December), a revolving campaign by the Executive Vice-President for Research Integrity entailing visits to all faculties and departments, and awareness surveys, to raise awareness among faculty and staff members and develop an organizational culture conducive to the prevention of misuse.
- ③ The Departmental Management Officer shall create departmental action plans in accordance with the Annual Implementation Plan, provide compliance education to faculty and staff members affiliated with the department, monitor their participation, and request them to submit a pledge. In order to eradicate fraud, ongoing awareness-raising activities shall be conducted in consideration of the situation in the department.

### **2. Clarification and Unification of the Rules**

- ① The central administration shall clarify the rules and administrative procedures for the use of competitive research funds, confirm whether there is any discrepancy between the rules and the actual administration, whether an appropriate checking system is maintained, etc., and review the procedures if necessary.
- ② The central administration shall systematize the rules and administrative procedures for the use of competitive research funds, and provide complete details of the systematized rules to faculty and staff members in an easy-to-understand way.
- ③ The central administration shall eliminate arbitrary administration of the rules by faculty and staff members, simplify the procedures for the use of competitive research funds and other administrative procedures based on the uniform rules, and promote online procedures to reduce the burden on faculty and staff members.
- ④ The Departmental Management Officer shall ensure that faculty, staff members, and students who receive salaries, compensations, and travel expenses are thoroughly familiar with the rules.

### **3. Clarification of Authorities**

- ① The Chief Administrative Officer and Chief General Controller shall clarify the authorities and responsibilities of faculty and staff members in the administrative procedures for the use of competitive research funds, and review them as necessary to ensure that there are no discrepancies between the actual allocation of tasks and the Kyoto University Regulations for Accounting Administration Authorities.
- ② The Departmental Management Officer shall cooperate with the departmental accounting supervisor to ensure appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, etc.
- ③ The central administration shall clarify the authorities and responsibilities in the case of orders placed by faculty members. The central administration shall also clarify the authorities and responsibilities in the case that faculty or staff members are involved in acceptance inspections, detailed inspections, or other accounting administration procedures.

### **4. Submission of a Pledge**

- ① As specified in Article 10-3 of the Regulations, faculty and staff members shall submit a pledge to the Chief Administrative Officer, pledging compliance with the relevant regulations regarding the use of competitive research funds, etc.
- ② If faculty and staff members do not submit the pledge by the deadline designated by the Chief General Controller, they shall not be allowed to manage or use competitive research funds, etc.

## **3 Identification of Fraud Risks and Formulation and Implementation of the Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds (Risk Assessment and Response)**

### **1. Establishment of the Department in Charge of Promoting the Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds**

- ① The university shall establish the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office to oversee promotion of the Guidelines, and a Chief General Controller shall be appointed as the director of the office under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer. The Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall include external experts in its committee members, obtain opinions and advice from various perspectives, review and establish the university's specific measures (the Annual Implementation Plan) every fiscal year, and confirm the implementation status of each department and the Central Administration.
- ② The university shall establish the Administrative Office of the Fraud Prevention Department, which shall be in charge of establishing plans to prevent misuse of competitive funds, etc., and the director of the Research Promotion Division of the Research Promotion Department shall serve as its director.

### **2. Identification of Fraud Risks and Management of the Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds**

- ① Identification and Analysis of Fraud Risks at the University
  - The Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall cooperate with the Compliance Department to identify fraud risks and systematically organize and evaluate the status of the university as a whole.
  - The Compliance Department, Fraud Prevention Promotion Office, and the relevant departments of the central administration shall provide appropriate information to the auditors, and exchange ideas with the auditors regarding the formulation, implementation, and review of the Guidelines.

- The Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall cooperate with the Compliance Department to formulate the Annual Implementation Plan for the next fiscal year, in consideration of the measures to address the fraud risks identified and the results of internal audits.
- ② Identification and Analysis of Fraud Risks at the Departmental Level
- Departments are the primary organizations which implement the measures to eliminate fraud risks. The Departmental Management Officer shall be aware that they are the department's "risk owner," and cooperate with the departmental accounting supervisor to identify and analyze fraud risks, and take appropriate measures through the monitoring of daily operations.

## **4 Appropriate Administration and Management of Competitive Research Funds (Regulatory Activities)**

Administration and management with effective checks to ensure the proper use of competitive research funds and eradicate any "opportunities" to commit fraud.

- ① The Chief General Controller shall implement measures to prevent collusion between faculty members and suppliers.
- ② The Chief General Controller shall ensure that strict acceptance inspections are conducted by a third party other than those who placed the order.
- ③ The Chief General Controller shall ensure that, prior to making payments, administrative staff members confirm that travel expenses, salaries, and compensations are being provided for actual business trips and work.
- ④ The Departmental Management Officer shall cooperate with the departmental accounting supervisor to be aware of the usage status of competitive research funds, etc., and provide guidance and instruction to those whose use of funds is noticeably concentrated toward the end of the research funding period.
- ⑤ The Departmental Management Officer shall ensure that faculty and staff members in the department manage assets properly, including goods redeemable for cash.

## **5 Promotion of Information Dissemination and Sharing (Information and Communication)**

### **1. Dissemination of the University Policy and Measures for the Prevention of Misuse of Competitive Research Funds, Etc.**

The central administration shall systematize and consolidate the rules for the use of competitive research funds, etc., and the university measures for fraud prevention in an easy-to-understand way, and provide that information on the university website, etc., to disseminate it within and outside the university.

### **2. Enhancing and Raising Awareness of Advisory Offices**

- ① The central administration and departments shall provide information (on the university website, at training sessions, etc.) about the advisory offices (Annex 3) with which faculty and staff members can easily consult if there are unclear points about their daily research activities and work, and promote communication between researchers and staff members.
- ② The central administration and departments shall improve administrative staff members' knowledge and abilities by providing training, etc., so that all staff can respond appropriately to inquiries from researchers.

## 6 Monitoring

With the aim of minimizing the possibility of misuse, each responsible person shall implement effective monitoring as follows

### 1. Departmental Management Officer (First Line of Defense)

The Departmental Management Officer shall cooperate with the departmental accounting supervisor to monitor whether faculty and staff members appropriately manage and use competitive research funds, etc., in consideration of the individual characteristics of the department, and provide guidance for improvement, if necessary.

Examples of Monitoring:

- Inspection and confirmation of the daily procedures for budget use and making payments.
- Checking selected salary, compensation, and travel expenses data to confirm its authenticity.
- Confirmation of the status of budget usage.

### 2. Chief General Controller, Fraud Prevention Promotion Office, and Central Administration (Second Line of Defense)

#### ① Monitoring of Implementation Status of Departmental Action Plans, Etc.

- Every fiscal year, the Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall request each department and the Central Administration to report the results of its self-evaluation of the implementation status of its departmental action plan, etc., and produce a document to monitor the results.
- Based on the results of the above monitoring, the Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall conduct a hearing with the Departmental Management Officer and the Central Administration, if necessary.

#### ② Monitoring of the Management and Use of Research Funds at the Department

- The Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall cooperate with external committee members to regularly monitor transaction details.
- The central administration shall regularly monitor each department's operations with regards to the cost-reimbursement system for business trip travel expenses and the compensated employment of students.
- The central administration shall establish a system to enable objective monitoring of the entire university by advancing the implementation of online administrative procedures.

### 3. The Compliance Department and Auditor (Third Line of Defense)

Confirmation and verification of whether the university's monitoring system is functioning effectively.

- ① In order to confirm and verify the appropriate administration and management of competitive research funds, etc., the Compliance Department shall audit the implementation status of the Guidelines and the results of reviews by the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office.
- ② The Compliance Department shall conduct an accounting audit and risk management approach audit based on the audit plan for each fiscal year.
- ③ The quality of internal audits shall be improved through the involvement of persons with specialized knowledge.
- ④ Auditors shall confirm the maintenance and implementation of internal controls for fraud prevention from an institutional perspective.

## 7 Drafting and Implementation of the Annual Implementation Plan and Departmental Action Plan

Based on the policies and measures in Items 1 to 6, the Annual Implementation Plan and Departmental Action Plan shall be established and implemented every fiscal year as specific measures to prevent misuse.

- ① The Chief Administrative Officer shall present the Annual Implementation Plan for the next fiscal year to the Departmental Management Officers and the Central Administration
  - Annual Implementation Plan (Education and Awareness) (Annex 1)  
An overall plan for the university's compliance education and awareness-raising activities throughout the year.
  - Annual Implementation Plan (Fraud Prevention) (Annex 2)  
An overall plan that systematically identifies and analyzes fraud risks throughout the entire university, and stipulates specific measures to be prioritized by the central administration and departments, and matters to be confirmed by faculty and staff members.
- ② In accordance with the Guidelines and the Annual Implementation Plan presented by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Departmental Management Officer shall analyze possible fraud risks in consideration of the situation in the department, create the departmental action plans described below as specific measures to be implemented by the department, report the plans to the Chief General Controller, announce the plans to faculty and staff members affiliated with the department, and implement them.
  - Departmental Action Plan (Education and Awareness): annual plan for compliance education and awareness-raising activities
  - Departmental Action Plan (Fraud Prevention): specific measures to address fraud risks in the department
- ③ The Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall confirm the details of the departmental action plans, and instruct the Departmental Management Officer to improve the plans, if necessary.
- ④ The Departmental Management Officer shall self-evaluate the implementation status of the departmental action plans, and report their self-evaluation results to the Chief General Controller by submitting a departmental evaluation report. The Departmental Management Officer shall also report any fraud risks identified through monitoring the management and use of research funds to the Chief General Controller.
- ⑤ The Central Administration will evaluate the implementation status of the Annual Implementation Plan for each fiscal year and report the assessment to the Chief General Controller in the annual implementation plan evaluation report.
- ⑥ The Chief General Controller and the Fraud Prevention Promotion Office shall check and evaluate the implementation status of the departmental action plans, etc., based on the departmental evaluation reports and annual implementation plan evaluation report, and the Chief General Controller shall report the results to the Chief Administrative Officer.
- ⑦ Based on the report from the Chief General Controller, the Chief Administrative Officer shall instruct the Departmental Management Officers and Central Administration to make any necessary improvements.

## **8 Responses to the Occurrence or Discovery of Fraudulent Accounting, etc.**

### **1. Responses to the Occurrence or Discovery of Fraudulent Accounting, etc.**

- ① If a misuse of competitive research funds, etc., is discovered, the Departmental Management Officer shall implement improvement measures in response to the misuse, announce the measures to faculty and staff members affiliated with the department, and report the details to the Chief General Controller.
- ② If a misuse of competitive research funds, etc., is discovered, the Chief General Controller shall assess the implementation of the departmental action plan in the department concerned, and instruct the department to make the necessary improvements based on the assessment.
- ③ Any necessary investigations into the misuse of competitive research funds, etc., shall be implemented in accordance with the “Guidelines for the Investigation of Misuse of Competitive Research Funds, Etc. at Kyoto University.”

### **2. Internal Disciplinary Action in the Event of Fraudulent Accounting, Etc.**

- ① Disciplinary action against the perpetrator, etc.
  - In the event of an improper use of competitive research funds, etc., disciplinary action shall be taken rigorously in accordance with the “Handling of Disciplinary Action in Cases of Improper Use of Research Funds, Etc.” (approved by the Board of Executive Directors on September 28, 2021).
  - In the event of an improper use of competitive research funds, etc., the perpetrator’s eligibility to apply for research support programs at the university shall be suspended for a specified period.
  - Persons who are indirectly involved in or tolerate the improper use of competitive research funds, etc., may also be subject to a suspension of eligibility to apply for research support programs at the university.
- ② Disciplinary action against the perpetrator’s department
  - The department in which an improper use of competitive research funds, etc., has occurred shall be subject to a suspension of allocation of indirect costs from competitive research funds in the subsequent fiscal year, in accordance with the “Handling of Indirect Costs Allocated from Competitive Research Funds” (approved by the Board of Executive Directors on September 28, 2021).

# List of Advisory Offices

The following offices provide advice on the use of competitive research funds, including information about the regulations and administrative procedures.

**If the relevant contact information is not shown in this list, please visit the office accompanied by Japanese-speaking staff.**

## Central Administration

Category	Office	Contact
Subsidies (personal subsidies)	Kyoto University Office of Research Acceleration, Research Promotion Division	<a href="mailto:kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp">kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a> 075-753-2579
Subsidies (organizational subsidies)	Kyoto University Office of Research Acceleration, Research Promotion Division	<a href="mailto:kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp">kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a> 075-753-2579
Industry-academia collaboration (Commissioned Research・Collaborative Research・Academic Consulting)	Administrative Operations and Management Office, Strategy and Administration Department, Office of Institutional Advancement and Communications	<a href="mailto:omo-rs@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp">omo-rs@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a> 075-753-9183
International affairs (projects related to the JSPS)	Kyoto University Office of Research Acceleration, Research Promotion Division	<a href="mailto:kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp">kenkyusuishin850@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a> 075-753-2579
Education affairs	Project Promotion Section, General Education Promotion Division, Academic Affairs Department	<a href="mailto:ksui-kkikaku-kyom02@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp">ksui-kkikaku-kyom02@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a> 075-753-7499

## Undergraduate Faculties, Graduate Schools, Research Institutes, Centers, and Other Organizations

Department name	Fund category	Details	Office	Contact
Graduate School of Letters/Faculty of Letters	General		External Funds Section Accounts Division Administration Office (Letters), Main Campus	A10soumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Graduate School of Education/Faculty of Education				
Graduate School of Law/Faculty of Law	International Affairs	Application	General and International Affairs Section General Affairs Division Administration Office (Letters), Main Campus	
Graduate School of Economics/Faculty of Economics				
School of Government				
Graduate School of Management	Subsidies	General	Research Support Section (Subsidies), Accounts Division Administration Office (Science), Main Campus	
Institute for Research in Humanities				
Institute of Economic Research				
Kyoto University Museum				
Agency for Student Support and Disability Resources	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research Donation	General	Research Support Section (External Funds), Accounts Division Administration Office (Science), Main Campus	
Institute for the Future of Human Society				
Kyoto University Archives	International Affairs	Acceptance, execution & reporting	External Funds Section Accounts Division Administration Office (Letters), Main Campus	
Graduate School of Energy Science				
Graduate School of Informatics		Acceptance & accounting	Research Support Section (Subsidies), Accounts Division Administration Office (Science), Main Campus Research Support Section (External Funds), Accounts Division Administration Office (Science), Main Campus	
Graduate School of Biostudies				
Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies	Application	General Affairs Section, Planning and Strategy Division Administration Office (Science), Main Campus		
Academic Center for Computing and Media Science				
Division of Graduate Studies (Distinguished Doctoral Program of Platform Studies for Activating Society)				a20kenkyushien-ukeire@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
				a20soumu_kokusai@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Department name	Fund category	Details	Office	Contact
Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies/ Faculty of Integrated Human Studies  Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences  Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (Shishu-kan)  Institute for Advanced Study  Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research Subsidies	Acceptance & reporting	External Fund Section, Accounts Division Administration Office, Yoshida-South Campus	A30gaibushikinkeire@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research Subsidies	Implementation	External Fund Section, Accounts Division Administration Office, Yoshida-South Campus	A30gaibushikinkeiri@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Donation	Application, implementation & reporting	Accounting Section, Accounts Division Administration Office, Yoshida-South Campus	A30keiri@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Organizational subsidy	Acceptance & reporting	Finance Section, Accounts Division Administration Office, Yoshida-South Campus	A30zaimu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Organizational subsidy	Implementation	External Fund Section, Accounts Division Administration Office, Yoshida-South Campus	A30gaibushikinkeiri@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

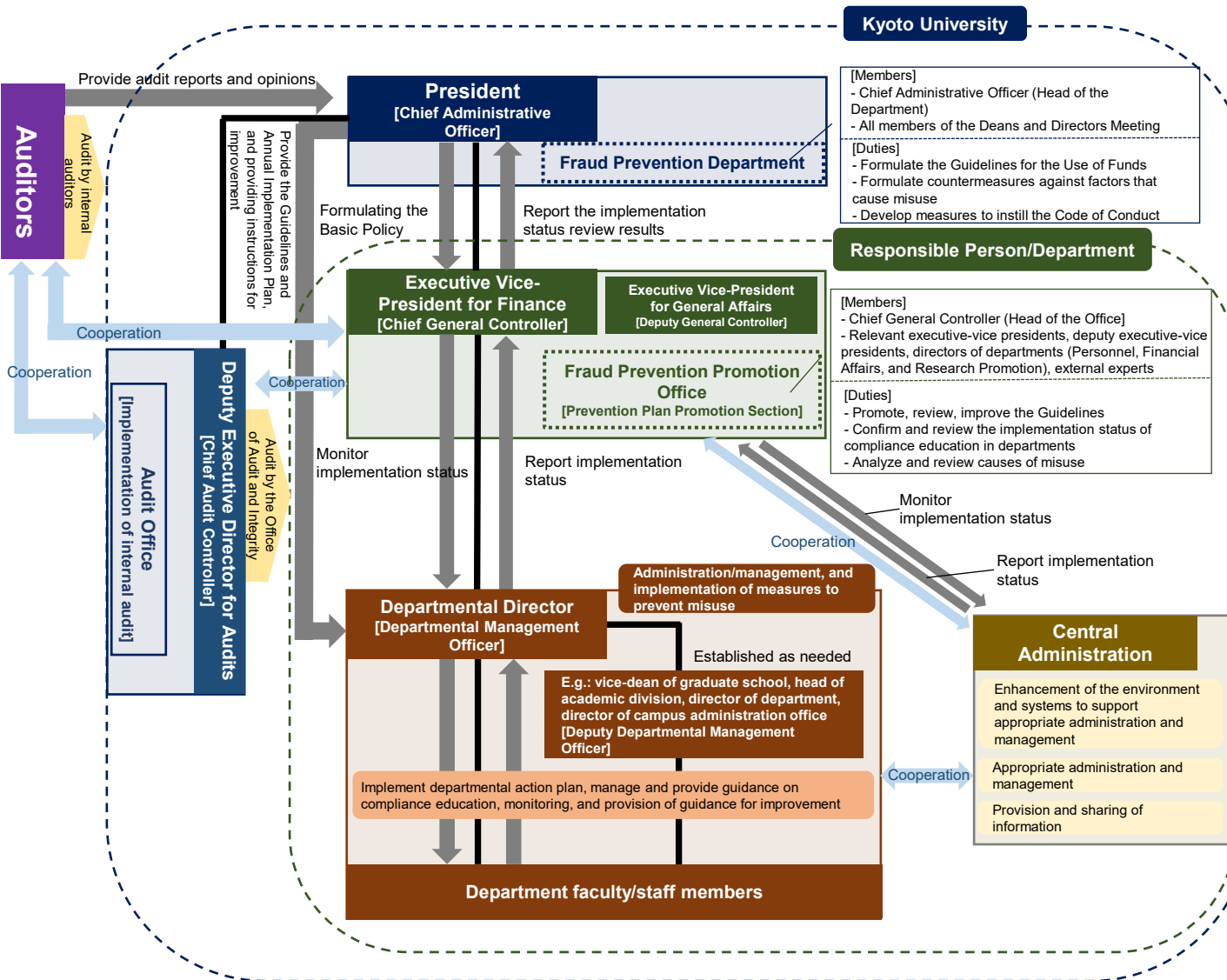
Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine  Kyoto University Hospital  Center for the Promotion of Interdisciplinary Education and Research (Program for Education and Research on Science and Technology in Public Sphere)  Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School (Doctoral Program for World-Leading Innovative & Smart Education"Graduate Program for Medical Innovation ")	Grants-in-aid in scientific research	Application, implementation & reporting	Grants-in-aid in scientific research Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital	
	Organizational subsidies	Translational Program Central hospital for clinical research Program Acceptance & reporting	Clinical Research Strategy Division i-ACT Support Section Kyoto University Hospital	
		Other than above Acceptance & reporting	(Other than medical treatment) <b>Financial Affairs and Planning Division</b> , Research Promotion Section, Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine	
			(Medical treatment) Management Division, Management Section Kyoto University Hospital	
	Execution	Execution	Donation and Subsidies Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital	
	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research	Acceptance & reporting	External Fund Acceptance Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital	
		Execution	External Fund Executing Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital	
	Companies trial	Acceptance, execution & reporting	Clinical Research Strategy Division Research Promotion Section, Kyoto University Hospital	
	Donation	Application (Recommended by Dean of Graduate School of Medicine)	<b>Financial Affairs and Planning Division</b> , Research Promotion Section, Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine	
		Application (Recommended by Director of KU Hospital)	Clinical Research Strategy Division Research Promotion Section Kyoto University Hospital	
Acceptance, execution & reporting		Donation and Subsidies Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital		
JSPS International Collaboration Projects	Application & reporting	International Affairs Section, Accounts and Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Faculty of Medicine Campus and University Hospital	a40kokusai@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp	

Department name	Fund category	Details	Office	Contact
Institute for Chemical Research Institute of Advanced Energy Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere Disaster Prevention Research Institute	Subsidies Contracted projects (JSPS only) Donation	Acceptance	Subsidies Section, Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Uji Campus	uji.josei@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Implementation	External Funding Implementation Section, Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Uji Campus	uji.extprac@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Contracted research Contracted projects (excluding JSPS) Collaborative research	Acceptance	Industry Academia Cooperation Section, Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Uji Campus	uji.extacc@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Implementation	External Funding Implementation Section, Research Collaboration Division, Administration Office, Uji Campus	uji.extprac@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences/Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Center for Southeast Asian Studies Center for iPS Cell Research and Application Center for African Area Studies	General		Management Section, Accounts Division, Southwest Administration Office	—
	Donation		Operational Grants and Donations Section, Accounts Division, Southwest Administration Office	
	Contracted research, contracted projects & collaborative research	Acceptance	Industry-Academia Collaboration Acceptance Section, Research Collaboration Division, Southwest Administration Office	
		Implementation & reporting	Industry-Academia Collaboration Accounting Section, Research Collaboration Division, Southwest Administration Office	
	Subsidies		Subsidies Section, Research Collaboration Division, Southwest Administration Office	
	Organizational subsidy		Subsidies Section, Research Collaboration Division, Southwest Administration Office	
Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	General		Accounting Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	—
	Subsidies	Application for grants-in-aid in scientific research		
		Application for other subsidy programs		
		Acceptance & reporting		
		Implementation	Contract Management Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	
	Contracted research Contracted project	Application (competitive fund)	Accounting Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	
		Acceptance & reporting		
		Implementation	Contract Management Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	
	Collaborative research Donation	Acceptance & reporting	Accounting Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	
		Implementation	Contract Management Section, Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science	

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		Funding request, implementation & reporting	JSPS and Other Grants Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60hojokin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research	Open application	Research Promotion Section, Financial Management Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60kenkyusuishin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Acceptance, implementation & reporting	Research Contracts Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60sankangaku@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Donations (including subsidies)	Open application	Research Promotion Section, Financial Management Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60kenkyusuishin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
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	JSPS International Collaboration Projects	Open application	Office of International Affairs, Administration Office, North Campus	a60oia@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Acceptance, implementation & reporting	Research Contracts Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60sankangaku@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Graduate School of Agriculture/Faculty of Agriculture Yukawa Institute of Theoretical Physics Field Science Education and Research Center	Subsidies	Open application	Research Promotion Section, Financial Management Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60kenkyusuishin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Funding request, implementation & reporting	JSPS and Other Grants Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60hojokin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Contracted research Contracted project Collaborative research	Open application	Research Promotion Section, Financial Management Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60kenkyusuishin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Acceptance, implementation & reporting	Research Contracts Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60sankangaku@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	Donations (including subsidies)	Open application	Research Promotion Section, Financial Management Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60kenkyusuishin@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Acceptance & implementation	Endowment and Government Funding Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60unnei2@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
	JSPS International Collaboration Projects	Open application	Office of International Affairs, Administration Office, North Campus	a60oia@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
		Acceptance, implementation & reporting	Research Contracts Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	a60sankangaku@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Center for Ecological Research	General		Center for Ecological Research Accounting Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	620groupB@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Center for the Evolutionary Origins of Human Behavior	General		Research Subsidy Section, Center for the Evolutionary Origins of Human Behavior, Accounts Division, Administration Office, North Campus	420kenkyujosei@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

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	Grants-in-aid in scientific research	General	Governmental Research Grant Section, Administration Office (Graduate School of Engineering), Katsura Campus	
	Organizational subsidy	General	Governmental Research Grant Section, Administration Office (Graduate School of Engineering), Katsura Campus	
	Contracted research	General	Industry Academia Cooperation Section, and Industry Academia Exchange Section, Administration Office (Graduate School of Engineering), Katsura Campus	
	Contracted project			
	Collaborative research			
	Donation	Acceptance Application for research subsidy programs	Research and International Affairs Section, Administration Office (Graduate School of Engineering), Katsura Campus	
Implementation		University Budget and Donation Fund Section, Accounts Division, Administration Office (Graduate School of Engineering), Katsura Campus		
University Library	General		Accounting Section, General Affairs Division, Kyoto University Library	—
Agency for Health, Safety and Environment	General		Environment, Safety and Health Division, Facilities Department	810kikochosei@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Institute for Information Management and Communication	General		Information Management Department, Information Promotion Division Account Division	—
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