

## Research categories of “Scientific Research”

These categories support research that aims to deepen and develop academic fields based on the accumulation of past achievements, and to solidify the foothold of scientific research

### Specially Promoted Research

Outstanding and distinctive research that opens up a new scientific field:  
**3 to 5 years, 200 to 500 million yen per project**

11%

## Research categories of “Transformative Research”

These categories have the potential to support research based on novel ideas, to reform and transform academic systems and directions, and to lead the way in the development of new scientific fields

### Scientific Research (S)

Creative/pioneering research conducted by one or a relatively small number of researchers:

**5 years (in principle), 50 to 200 million**

12%

### Scientific Research (A)

Creative/pioneering research conducted by one researcher or jointly by multiple researchers:

**3 to 5 years, 20 to 50 million yen**

27%

### Scientific Research (B)

Creative/pioneering research conducted by one researcher or jointly by multiple researchers:

**3 to 5 years, 5 to 20 million yen**

30%

### Scientific Research (C)

Creative/pioneering research conducted by one researcher or jointly by multiple researchers:

**3 to 5 years, up to 5 million yen**

28%

### Transformative Research Areas (A)

Research that leads to major changes and transformations in conventional academic systems and directions:

**5 years, 50 to 300 million yen**

16%

### Transformative Research Areas (B)

Research that leads to major changes and transformations in conventional academic systems and directions:

**3 years, up to 50 million yen**

10%

### Challenging Research (Pioneering)

Research that is oriented toward major changes and transformations in conventional academic systems and directions:

**3 to 6 years, 5 to 20 million yen**

11%

### Challenging Research (Exploratory)

Exploratory research that is oriented toward major changes and transformations in conventional academic systems and directions:

**2 to 3 years, up to 5 million yen**

16%

## Research categories of “Early-Career Scientists”

These categories provide young researchers with opportunities to conduct independent research, to support their growth as researchers, and to enable them to smoothly move up to “Scientific Research” categories, etc.

### Early-Career Scientists

Research conducted by an individual researcher who is less than 8 years after Ph.D. acquisition:

**2 to 5 years, up to 5 million yen**

40%

### Research Activity Start-up

Research conducted by a single researcher who has been freshly appointed to a research position, or who has returned from his/her maternity, childcare or other kinds of leave:

**1 to 2 years, up to 1.5 million yen (for a single academic year)**

38%

### Others

Other categories such as “Publication of Scientific Research Results” and “Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research” are also available.