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**Application Form for**

**Program Coordinated with Graduate schools to Foster a New Generation of Researchers**

I submit my research proposal as detailed below. I testify that there are no errors.

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| Name |  | Date of Birth | DD\_\_\_\_\_\_ MM\_\_\_\_\_\_ YY\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| ( Age\_\_\_ ) |
| Advisor in field of expertise | Affiliation/Position: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Degree awarded | Graduate School of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | PhD in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Ritsumeikan University in MM\_\_\_\_\_ YY\_\_\_\_\_ |

Do not change any of the settings for margins, spacing, or font size for your answers below.

You may use diagrams and tables if necessary, for all answers.

Delete blue instructions in this form when you submit the research proposal.

Ⅰ. Research Proposal

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| Research Topic |  |

In this section I, describe your research proposal, based on a three year timescale, for the following items, within 3-4 pages excluding the overview. Besides the content, the proposal will be evaluated for clarity and logical consistency.

**1. Overview (Overall summary)**

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| Write an overall summary of your research topic, around 10 lines in length. |

**2. Academic background of the research topic**

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| Use your previous research as reference where appropriate. You may include your own research achievements. You may either use bibliographical data within the text, or provide a list of references at the end while keeping the referencing style to [Author, Publication year] within the text. |

**3. The core academic ‘Research Question’ that will be answered in this research topic**

**4. Objectives of the research topic**

**5. Academic originality of the research topic**

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| Describe the originality of this research, comparing it to previous studies and current research trends, providing references where appropriate. |

**6. Creativity in the research topic**

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| Describe the creativity in this topic that will further develop research you have carried out so far. If this topic differs from the research you have carried out so far, the continuity of the research will not be taken into account. |

**7. Expected results including academic findings and new knowledge**

**8. Methods for presenting the findings**

**9. Research proposal**

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| Describe the research proposal for each academic year, stating what you intend to discover, how and to what extent. |

**II. Research to Date and Future Prospects**

In Section II, answer the following items, keeping within two pages.

**1. Your field of expertise**

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| As well as the title of your field, give a brief introduction of the field, degrees gained, membership of research associations etc. As well as stating the main field of research, include any other fields if they are related to the research, and if the research is inter-disciplinary in nature. |

**2. Outline of research carried out to date**

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| State the research topics, details of the research, related experiments, fieldwork surveys, and the motivation for carrying out the research. |

**3. Doctoral dissertation**

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| List information on the title of the dissertation, graduate school of submission, date degree conferred, Digital Object Identifier (DOI) of Web sources, whether or not there is a full text or just summary available. |

**4. Publishing plan based on your dissertation**

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| Describe future plans or intentions, including applications for a publication grant. |

**5. Researchers who have supervised you to date**

**6. Future aspirations**

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| Describe what aspirations you have for the short and long term, including what kind of academic or research posts you are aiming for, and the type of university or research institution where you would like to work. |

**7. Publications and presentations planned for the next academic year**

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| Describe your plans for producing books, academic papers, research presentations and applying for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research known as KAKENHI for the next academic year. |