-Visionaries for the New Normal-Ritsumeikan-Offered Research Program for the Post-Corona Society **Application Guidelines**

I. Objectives

The global pandemic of COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the entire world, overturning conventional ways of life. The world has witnessed the changes such as restriction on movement to prevent the spread of infection, work styles, value chains, service needs, and technologies. Especially in the university industry, the rapid spread of online education has forced a fundamental rethinking of the nature of university education, as traditional "face-to-face" educational activities are greatly restricted. Simultaneously, major changes have occurred in research activities. The number of webinars has increased, creating an environment where research exchange and presentations can take place beyond the limitations of location and distance.

Even if the infection ends in the future, all of them will not return to the style of the conventional society, but will be established as the New Normal, and will undergo further changes.

Thus, aiming to advance in value-creating research towards new coexisting society the University has been striving for, we will continue the call for proposals to this program with an eye not only to the current society in which the COVID-19 infection has spread (With-Corona Society) but also to the new society after the infection has ended (Post-Corona Society). As a research university, we are determined to contribute to society by promoting diverse research that will help solve problems an create value in the post-corona society.

II. Application Details

1. Funding Target:

We call for research proposals that will contribute to solve problems and create value in the post-corona society, widely ranging from research on new educational methods for universities and infection prevention measures to the impact on culture, economy, ethical norms. In particular, research projects as follows are assumed in line with the idea of this program.

Group A: Research on New Methods for University Education

- *Including efforts to propose, implement, and verify the effectiveness of new educational methods in all academic fields.
- (1) Research on the Online and Face-to-Face Hybrid Educational Methods
- (2) Research on Verification of the Effects of Flipped Classroom
- (3) Research on Educational Optimization Based on Data
- (4) Research on Experiments and Praxis Using VR
- (5) Research on Introduction of Learning Management System (LMS) and Visualization of Proficiency Levels

(6) Other research on new educational methods including integrated school systems

Group B: Research to Contribute the Post-Corona Era

- (1) Investigation and Research on Medicines, Equipment and Devices, and Measures to Prevent and Treat Infectious Diseases
- (2) Research on People's New Lifestyles and Phycological Changes
- (3) Research on Cultural Activities Such as Sightseeing, Events, and Artistic Activities
- (4) Research on Economic Issues
- (5) Research to Contribute to Ethical, Legal, Social Issues (ELSI)
- (6) Research on Discourse and Science Communication of New Coronaviruses and New Pneumonia
- (7) Other research in alignment with the objective of the program

2. Application Eligibility:

Ritsumeikan University's professor, associate professor, tenured lecturer, fixed-term teaching staff (professor, associate professor, lecturer, assistant professor), specially appointed assistant professor, starting assistant professor, special-contract teaching staff (professor, associate professor), specially invited teaching staff (professor, associate professor), eminent research professor (professor, assistant professor), research professor (professor, associate professor, associate professor, assistant professor), senior researcher, starting researcher, researcher

Individual or a group composed of them

- * Researchers from other domestic/overseas research institutions can also join a group.
- *As a Principal Investigator, a person can make only one proposal for each group of research.

3. Research Funds and the Use:

- 1) For one research proposal, the research fund from 500,000 to a maximum of 2,000,000 yen will be granted (total budget 20,000,000 yen).
 - Please write your desired amount of research expenses at the time of application up to the amount stated above. However, if the use of research funds is deemed inappropriate at the screening, the amount may be reduced.
- 2) The research funds cover expenses necessary to conduct research or summarize the research results such as (domestic/overseas) travel expenses, book and material expenses, facility and equipment expenses, personnel expenses and honorarium, consumables expenses, printing and binding expenses, etc.
- 3) Spending for outside of the coverage or other purposes is not permitted. Please note that, as for research in Group A, it is not permitted to spend the research fund for general "educational activities" that have been done conventionally, but for necessary expenses "to

conduct research on, practice, and verify new educational methods".

*Research expenditure will be managed by each Research Office, Division of Research in accordance with Guideline of the Disbursement of Research Funds.

4. Applicable Research Period:

September, 2021 - End of March, 2022

5. Submission of Report, and others:

1) Reporting research results

Report on research results shall be submitted after the implementation period. The forms and the submission method will be notified after adoption. The reports are planned to be published on Division of Research website and made available to the entire university. In addition, depending on the content of research results, we might request a hearing to consider proposing the results as a matter to be addressed by the entire university.

2) Cooperation in dissemination of the research results

Since the research results of this program is desired to be actively communicated and utilized in the society, we request your kind cooperation in information dissemination by presenting at symposia and forums organized by Ritsumeikan Academy, and through publicity materials such as RADIANT.

III. Screening

1. Screening process:

Document screening will be conducted based on the application forms by establishing a screening system at Screening Committee for Advanced Research Program. Please note that you might be asked to attend a hearing about your research plan.

2. Screening criteria:

Comprehensively evaluated mainly in the following points, dividing proposals into humanities and social sciences/natural sciences/interdisciplinary for Group A and Group B respectively (classified according to the alternatives of humanities and social sciences/natural science/interdisciplinary selected on the form).

- 1) Purpose and necessity of the research
 - ① Research projects of importance that should be promoted such as: projects expected to make great scientific contributions in the post-corona society, or expected to make social impacts in a broad perspective of education, science and technology, industry, and culture, etc.
 - ② Novelty or superiority can be found in topic settings of the research project.
- 2) Research plan and methods
 - ①The research plan is well-elaborated to achieve the research purposes.

- ②Novelty, superiority, and impacts can be found in the research subjects, research methods, or research outcomes.
- ③Feasibility of research (if the plan might be affected by the spread/end of the COVID-19 infections, alternative ideas are proposed, and it is proper.)
- 3) Relevant research achievements and records
 - ①Considering the past research achievements and records, the applicant is deemed to have high ability to carry out the research

(Points to note)

Since this program will be reviewed by reviewers from various fields of expertise, please describe the significance of the proposed research and the specific research method as plainly as possible.

3. Application procedures:

Please make application on the webpage below, using prescribed forms. https://sdb.ritsumei.ac.jp/hibiki/BRDDocument.do?func=insert&binderId=11722

- *Application is completed after you click "業務開始/Submit" button on the web and the status changes to "申請済/Applied". Also, when a Research Office you have submitted the document to confirms the content of the application, researchers will receive a "received" email.
- *For details of the application procedures, please look at the end of the application guidelines.

IV. Application period:

*The deadline must be strictly observed

Application Period	Decision	
Monday, May 31, 2021	Middle to late September, 2021	
—At noon, Friday, July 16, 2021	(planned)	

V. Inquiries:

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	075-813-8199 / Extension : 510-2404, 510-2417
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	Ritsumeikan University Kinugasa Campus
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Request for Information Registration in Ritsumeikan University Researcher Database

The Researcher Database aims to disclose research achievements and researchers' profiles on the web. In the screening process, we may refer to it regarding applicants. In this respect, researchers are kindly requested to input as much related information as possible into the database. For further details, please visit the Division of Research website.

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/member/researcher_login/index.html/

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Click the application URL listed in the application guideline to open the application form, enter your ID and password, and then enter the application form.





To access the application form after clicking the register button (temporarily saved documents), please click this URL.

https://sdb.ritsumei.ac.jp/hibiki/BRDDocumentList.do?func=list&binderId=11722&viewId=10002

