

**Institute of Mathematics for Industry (IMI), Kyushu University**  
**FY2026 IMI Joint Usage Research Program**  
**Application Procedures for Grant for International Project Research**

The Institute of Mathematics for Industry (IMI) was authorized as a Joint Usage/Research Center "Joint Research Center for Advanced and Fundamental Mathematics-for-Industry" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in April 2013. As part of the projects, the IMI is now announcing the call for proposals for the FY2026 Joint Usage Research Programs.

## **1. Research Type**

### **International Project Research**

The principal investigator must be affiliated with an overseas institution. Around two proposals for Workshop (I) will be adopted.

## **2. Research Category**

### **Workshop**

This is a multi-day workshop open to the public at the IMI or other facilities of Kyushu University. Participation from industry is required for the organizing committee members and speakers. Tutorial-type workshop is also acceptable.

Research themes should be developed in view of industry-academia collaboration.

### **(1) Workshop (I)**

- (1-1) The maximum amount offered for travel expenses and lecture honorarium is 800,000 Japanese yen.
- (1-2) Conference posters will be produced and distributed by the IMI.
- (1-3) Workshops are typically held at the facilities of the Ito Campus, Kyushu University, including the IMI. (Please consult with us if you wish to use the facilities of Kyushu University other than those in the Ito Campus or the facilities other than those in Kyushu University.)
- (1-4) Principal investigators are requested to submit a report of around two pages in A4 size after the research is completed.
- (1-5) The proceedings will be published either online as "MI Lecture Notes," published by the IMI, or as the peer-reviewed proceedings of the book series "Mathematics for Industry," published by Springer. In the latter case, the principal investigator becomes a responsible editor, which takes six months to one year until the publication.

Note that Workshop(I) is possible to hold by selecting among in-person, hybrid, or online

workshops.

The number of proposals to be adopted is an estimate and will be flexibly applied depending on the status of applications.

The budget will vary according to the evaluation score after review.

The research programs above must take place during April 2026-March 2027.

The IMI provides financial support and administrative work necessary to implement the joint usage research, such as arrangements for venues and the production and distribution of the proceedings. We do not arrange for accommodation or transportation. Participants are given free access to the library, the internet, and other research resources.

### **3. How to Apply**

#### **(1) Qualification**

Researchers who belong to universities, graduate schools, research institutes, and companies.

#### **(2) How to Submit**

Applicants should submit a proposal through the online application system on the following webpage.

<https://joint.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>

A part of the proposal of the adopted project will be made public on our website. Please refer to the above website for details on the data required for the application and the items to be disclosed. If there is a researcher of our institute whose expertise is related to yours, please indicate his/her name on the proposal. The presence or absence of the name of a researcher of the IMI will not affect the acceptance or rejection of your application.

Information of the IMI Academic Staff:

[https://www.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/department/academic\\_staffs/](https://www.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/department/academic_staffs/)

Kyushu University Staff Webpage: [https://hyoka.ofc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/search/index\\_e.html](https://hyoka.ofc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/search/index_e.html)

#### **(3) Application Deadline**

Thursday, January 29, 2026

### **4. Review Process and Result**

International Project Committee will review and select proposals to be adopted. Applicants will

receive the result by the end of February 2026.

List of Committee Members:

<https://joint.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/management/international/>

## 5. Others

1. In addition to the funding offered by the IMI, it is possible to add other external sources, with the requirement that the conference is hosted or co-hosted by the IMI. If it is necessary to add a co-organizer, please indicate this in the "Remarks" column of the application.

2. If you submit a recommendation letter (free format) from industry for your research plan, it will be treated as equivalent to participation from industry.

3. The report will be made public on our website except for personal information after completing the research. Disclosure of the report may be delayed for up to three years. For reports from past research projects, please refer to the "Research Activities" on the website of the center.

<https://joint.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/research-reports/year-2025/>

4. Please refer to the following website for the proceedings.

(i) MI Lecture Notes:

<https://www.imi.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/publication/lecture-note/>

(ii) The book series "Mathematics for Industry" published by Springer Nature:

<https://www.springer.com/series/13254>

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