

May 15, 2026

JDC Foundation Inc.
Research Grant Application Guidelines for FY2026
9th Research Grant Program

1. Purpose of the Grant

The JDC Foundation Research Grant Program aims to contribute broadly to the creation of a more prosperous society by supporting academic research in the construction field that contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

2. Eligible Research Areas

Grants will be provided primarily for research topics in the construction field, including civil engineering, architecture, environmental studies, mechanical engineering, and information science, that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and the creation of a more prosperous society.

- 1: Technologies contributing to the realization of carbon neutrality, including the extension of social infrastructure service life, promotion of resource circulation, and the development and utilization of advanced functional materials
- 2: Technologies contributing to the enhancement of disaster resilience of social infrastructure against natural disasters
- 3: Technologies contributing to the improvement of productivity and labor-saving, as well as addressing challenges such as population decline, regional disparities, and infrastructure renewal, through the promotion of construction digital transformation (DX), including AI and ICT
- 4: Technologies contributing to addressing labor shortages in the construction industry and improving working conditions at construction sites through the promotion of diversity and inclusion (D&I)
- 5: Other research topics that are consistent with the objectives of the Foundation's grant program described in "1. Purpose of the Grant"

3. Applicant Eligibility and Conditions

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- 1: Researchers who are employed full-time at a university, national college of technology, or research institution in Japan. Graduate students and students in advanced courses are not eligible.
- 2: Joint research groups whose principal applicant is a researcher who meets the requirement stated in item 1 above. Graduate students and students in advanced courses are not eligible.

The following conditions also apply:

- 3: Application documents must be submitted in either Japanese or English.
- 4: Researchers who are currently receiving a research grant from the Foundation, their co-researchers, and researchers who received a grant in the previous fiscal year are not eligible to apply.
- 5: Applicants must remain affiliated with a university, national college of technology, or research institution during the grant period.

4. Grant Amount and Grant Period

- 1: Grant amount: Up to JPY 5,000,000 per project per year, for a maximum of three years. Total funding must not exceed JPY 15,000,000.
- 2: Grant period: October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
A research period of up to three years may be approved, subject to review, if requested at the time of the initial application. For multi-year projects, the Foundation will review whether to continue the grant each fiscal year based on the interim report and interim income and expenditure statement.

5. Application Period

May 15, 2026 to July 15, 2026

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2026.

6. Application Method

Please download the application documents from the Foundation's website, complete the required information, and submit them by postal mail. Applications submitted by email will not be accepted.

Submitted documents will be used solely for the purpose of screening and selection for the Foundation's Research Grant Program. After the selection process is completed, the documents will be handled appropriately by the Foundation. Please note that submitted documents will not be returned.

The Foundation may contact applicants with inquiries during the selection process. Research Grant Program application page, JDC Foundation Inc.

<https://www.jdc-miraizaidan.or.jp/guide/gakujutsukenkyu.html>

7. Mailing Address for Application Documents and Contact Information

Please send application documents to the following address:

JDC Foundation Inc.
Research Grant Program Office
Hulic Kamiyacho Building 5F
4-3-13, Toranomom, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 105-8467, Japan

〒105-8467 東京都港区虎ノ門4丁目3-13
ヒューリック神谷町ビル 5階
一般財団法人 日本国土開発未来研究財団 事務局

Tel: 03-6316-3798
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays

Please note that the Foundation cannot respond to inquiries regarding the arrival status of application documents. Applicants are advised to use a mailing service with tracking, such as Letter Pack.

8. Selection Process and Notice of Results

The Foundation's Selection Committee will conduct a rigorous review and selection process. Based on the results of this review, the Foundation's Board of Directors will make the final decision on grant recipients.

The results will be sent by postal mail to all applicants in mid-September 2026.

Please note that the Foundation will not disclose the reasons for selection decisions.

9. Payment of Funds

Grant funds are scheduled to be paid on October 1, 2026.

10. Reporting Requirements Associated with the Grant

Recipients of this grant are required to give an interim presentation, in the case of multi-year projects, and a final presentation, upon completion of the grant period, at the Foundation's Research Results Presentation Meeting, which is held every November.

Recipients are also requested to cooperate in preparing presentation materials and materials summarizing their research results for publication on the Foundation's website.

Within one month after completion of the grant-funded project, recipients must submit the Foundation's prescribed Research Implementation Report and Income and Expenditure Statement.

For multi-year projects, recipients must also submit an Interim Report and Interim Income and Expenditure Statement for each fiscal year.

When publishing research results obtained through this grant at academic conferences, in academic journals, or through other means, recipients must acknowledge that the research was supported by the JDC Foundation Research Grant Program.

11. Other Matters

Antisocial forces, as well as corporations, organizations, or individuals associated with antisocial forces, are not eligible to apply for this grant. If a grant recipient is found, after receiving the grant, to be an antisocial force or associated with antisocial forces, the recipient will be required to return the grant funds.

If any changes occur in the contents of the application, or if the research itself is discontinued, the applicant or recipient must promptly contact the Foundation and complete the necessary procedures.

Please note that if a false report is submitted or required documents are not submitted, the Foundation may cancel the grant or require the return of all or part of the grant funds already paid.

Applicants are requested to read the Research Grant Regulations posted on the Foundation's website before applying.