

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for The Kurata Grants

• Electronic Submissions

1/ Registration Form

Q/ I registered but I haven't received a verification email.

A/ If the email is not in your spam folder and it doesn't arrive after waiting, please verify your email address and register again or contact our office.

Q/ I accidentally acquired multiple registration numbers.

A/ Submit your application using one of the registration numbers and discard the unused numbers.

Be sure that the registration number on your application and the number on your application form are the same.

2/ Application Form

Q/ Is the application form released on your website?

A/ The URL for the application form is sent by email only to those who are registered.

Q/ I accidentally deleted the email that lists the URL for the application form.

A/ You can register again and acquire a new registration number. You may also contact our office to have the email re-sent.

• How to Apply

1/ Application

Q/ Can I change the size of the application boxes?

A/ The box size for each individual item may be changed as long as the entire document does not exceed the determined number of pages.

Q/ Can I fill out the application in English?

A/ Yes, however we only accept applications in Japanese and English.

2/ Applying

Q/ Can I apply if I received a grant in the past?

A/ Yes, you can.

Q/ I know graduate students may apply, but can I apply if I plan to enter graduate school in October?

A/ Only applicants who are graduate students by the application deadline (usually middle of September) may apply.

Q/ When applying as a group, can collaborating researchers be affiliated with overseas organizations as long as the applicant (principal researcher) is affiliated with a Japanese research organization?

A/ Yes. You may apply if the principal researcher meets the application qualifications. Sending of money and management of grant funds is also limited to Japan.

Q/ Can a Japanese researcher who is affiliated with an overseas research organization apply?

A/ No, they cannot.

Q/ Can I apply if I will be transferred?

A/ You can apply if you will be transferred to a Japanese research organization. If any changes occur after applying,

please contact our office by email.

Q/ Are there any restrictions on letters of recommendation?

A/ No, there are not.

Q/ What positions specifically qualify for organization head and direct supervisor as references?

A/ President (of a school or university), chairman, lab director, etc., head of an organization such as superintendent of affiliated hospital or dean (of undergraduate or graduate courses), department head, advisor (for graduate students), etc.

• Procedures After Selection

1/Bank Transfer

Q/ How do I receive my Grant money?

A/ The foundation will transfer the grant to your institution as a research grant. Grants cannot be transferred to a personal account.

Q/ When can the grant money be used?

A/ The money can be used once it has been successfully sent (money is promptly sent after the presentation ceremony in early March).

For any other questions or concerns, please contact the office using the information below.

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