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To whom it may concern

FY 2020 Joint Use/Research Program (Second Call)

We invite applications for the FY 2020 Joint Use/Research Program at the Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University, Misasa, Japan. In particular, we wish to support research activities by researchers or graduate students including undergraduate students working on a thesis affected by the pandemic of COVID-19.

1. Application types

- 1) General joint research
- 2) Joint Use of facility

2. Period of research: Acceptance date – March 2021

3. Application eligibility: International and domestic researchers belonging to a research institute or other equivalent organizations, including 4th-year undergraduate students and graduate students

4. Application procedure: Fill out the application form for Joint Use/Research (see attached form) and submit by mail or e-mail.

5. Application deadline: Application may be accepted at any time for the time being.

6. Notification: Written notification immediately after application evaluation

7. Other: See the attached “Guideline for application of the FY 2020 Joint Use/Research Program at the Institute for Planetary Materials, Okayama University (Second call)”

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Guideline for Application of the FY 2020 Joint Use/Research Program at the Institute for Planetary Materials, Okayama University (Second Call)

1. Guideline

The Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University was established on April 1, 2016 via reorganization of the Institute for Study of the Earth's Interior (ISEI). The mission of IPM is to study the origin, evolution and dynamics of the Earth and other planets and the origin of life. As a Joint Use/Research Center for Earth and planetary materials science designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), we offer Joint Use/Research opportunities to both domestic and overseas researchers in research fields related to Earth and planetary materials science. Innovative applications for joint use/research are welcome.

Starting from the 2019 fiscal year, we newly designated five research categories for Joint Use/Research at IPM (hereafter called the Joint Research), i.e. international joint research, general joint research, joint use of facility, workshop, and intern-type joint research, in order to further promote Joint Research in research fields related to Earth and planetary materials science. These include joint research conducted at IPM by international/domestic researchers in collaboration with faculty of IPM, research conducted via joint use of facilities of IPM by international/domestic researchers, workshops sponsored by IPM, and intern-type joint research sponsored by IPM. We welcome not only proposals that further promote research conducted at IPM, but also research in areas that are complementary, as well as those that accelerate the research activity of IPM as a research center for earth and planetary materials science. Applications that are considered to have particular academic importance and expected to produce outstanding results will be considered in priority.

For the second call, we wish to support in particular research activities by researchers or graduate students including undergraduate students working on a thesis affected by the pandemic of COVID-19 for General joint research and Joint Use of facility as below.

1) General joint research

Joint research conducted by a researcher belonging to a domestic research organization other than IPM in collaboration with faculty of IPM by using the facilities, equipment, samples and data of IPM. Researches conducted outside IPM may be considered.

2) Joint use of facility

Research conducted by a researcher belonging to an international or domestic research organization other than IPM by using the facilities of IPM.

For either category, it may be possible, depending on the project, to host the researcher for long-term stay (up to several months), or to have the samples analyzed or experiments done by IPM staff without having to visit the institute. Please inquire with the relevant faculty member if interested in.

2. Eligibilities

- The application is open to international and domestic researchers belonging to a research organization or others equivalent, including 4th-year undergraduate students and graduate students. When an undergraduate/graduate student applies as a principal researcher, his/her supervisor must agree to and participate in the project as a collaborator. When the project includes, as a collaborator, undergraduate/graduate student who is not supervised by the principal researcher, permission from the student's supervisor must be obtained.
- For joint research, a faculty member of IPM must be included as a collaborator.
- A principal investigator can apply for up to one joint research project.

3. Method of application

Before application, obtain formal consent from the organization you belong, and consult with a faculty member of IPM about your research project, expected visiting period, and required expenses. Refer to “Research Divisions and Faculty Members of the Institute for Planetary Materials, Okayama University” shown separately for the research area and faculty members of IPM. The application must be done by filling out a designated format and send it to “16. Address for Submission” by post or e-mail.

4. Research period

Period between the date of acceptance to March 31, 2021

5. Necessary expenses

- The use of equipment is in principal free of charge for all accepted research projects. Nevertheless, the users may be requested to partly cover the cost of expendables. Please consult with the manager of the facility in advance.
- Part of the travel and living expenses may be provided within the limits of budget as necessary for general joint research that is conducted at IPM. The number of visits, number of persons, and duration that is financially supported may be limited depending on the budget. Note that upper limit of expenses covered by IPM is 300,000 yen for one general joint research. When an undergraduate/graduate student applies as a principal researcher, travel expenses and living expenses will not be provided for his/her supervisor as a collaborator.
- Travel expenses will not be provided in principal for joint research conducted outside IPM, such as sample analysis/experiment request, use of IPM research facility, samples, data, etc. outside IPM, and joint use of facility.
- Only expenses related to joint use/research may be provided. In order to meet the needs for joint research from the broad research community within the limited budget, we welcome joint research sponsored by external funding.

6. Application deadline

Application may be accepted at any time for the time being.

7. Selection and notification

The decision will be made immediately by the director after evaluation by the Steering Committee of Joint Use/Research Center of IPM. The proposals will be evaluated comprehensively on the basis of damage situation due to COVID-19, conformity of project with the aim of the program, academic importance, feasibility of research proposal, and expenses required. Applications that are considered to have particular academic importance and expected to produce outstanding results will be considered in priority. Special considerations will be given to the applications from researchers of university or research organization of small scale and young researchers.

Written notification of the decision will be sent to the applicant by e-mail.

8. Report of joint use/research

A report must be submitted by the designated form of "Research report of joint use/research" to the e-mail address shown below after the research period. Due date of the research report of FY 2020 joint use/research will be May 31, 2021. If wishing to continue the joint use/research from the previous year, it is prerequisite to submit the research report of FY 2019 before application.

9. Copyright

The copyright of the submitted report belongs to IPM. Therefore, please be sure to conform with the following:

1. The report must be original. A copy of an article already published on journals or proceedings cannot be accepted.
2. The author must take the responsibility when any problems related to the copyright law incur.

10. Disclosure of results

The report submitted to IPM will be made open at IPM's website. Also, IPM will publish the research report of joint use/research in each fiscal year. If you do not wish to disclose it to the public due to a patent application, please let us know at the time of the submission.

11. Publication of research results and others

When the research results are published, please properly describe in the acknowledgement, that it is a joint use or joint research with IPM. Some examples are shown below.

- 1) This paper presents results of a joint research program carried out at the Institute for Planetary Materials, Okayama University, supported by "Joint Use / Research Center" program by MEXT, Japan.
- 2) This study was performed using joint-use facilities of the Institute for Planetary Materials,

Okayama University.

3) ____ was supported from IPM for Joint-Use Research.

Also, please send a reprint of the published paper to the administration office of IPM (PDF file or two hard copies)

12. Intellectual properties

In the event that inventions are made as a result of joint research, its attribution etc. shall be decided after negotiation with consideration given to the contribution to the invention by each researcher and the institution concerned.

13. Security trade control

When providing research instruments, samples, technology etc. to overseas (nonresidents) or conducting joint research with overseas researchers, it may be necessary to take measures according to the Okayama University Regulations on University Security Export Management.

14. Accident insurance

Accepted joint use researchers of IPM should join accident insurance etc. For students, please join the "International Student Education Research Disaster Accident Insurance" of the Japan International Education Support Association or equivalent insurance before starting joint use/research.

15. Accommodation

The "Misasa guest house" located close to IPM may be used. Please communicate with the faculty of IPM and notify the administration office for the visit period at least two weeks before the visit.

The accommodation fee for joint-use researchers is:

Western-style room: 1,600 yen (per night)

Japanese-style room: 1,200 yen (per night)

16. Address for submission and contact information

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To understand the internal structure and evolution of the Earth and planets via determination of the structure and physical properties of Earth and planetary materials using experimental and computational approaches. Toward that goal, researchers are being conducted in the development of ultra-high pressure generation technique, large-volume high pressure generation technique, high-temperature high-pressure in-situ physical properties measurement, understanding the basic physical processes via structural analysis of materials at the atomic level and first-principles calculation, and unravelling the inner structure of the planets and the evolutionary process of the solar system by understanding meteorites and ice physicochemically.

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To understand the origin, evolution and dynamics of the Earth and planets by highly accurate/precise quantitative analysis, mass spectroscopic analysis and spectroscopic analysis of Earth and extraterrestrial materials. Toward that goal, development of state-of-the-art analytical methods and the construction of a “Comprehensive Analytical System for Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial Materials (CASTEM)” that link various apparatuses in a coordinated fashion have been made.

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To investigate mineral–organic–fluid interactions, origin of life, and traces of primitive life in the solar system via both experimental and analytical approaches.

Facilities of the Institute for Planetary Materials, Okayama University

High-temperature, high-pressure apparatus

- 6-axis high-pressure apparatus, 6UHP-70 (Yamazaki)
- KAWAI-type multi-anvil high-pressure apparatus, USSA-5000 (Yoshino)
- KAWAI-type multi-anvil high-pressure apparatus, USSA-1000 (Yamazaki)
- Piston-cylinder apparatuses (Yamashita, Yoshino, Kanzaki)
- Internally heated pressure vessel(Yamashita)
- Cold-seal hydrothermal apparatuses (Kanzaki)
- The high pressure apparatus with DIA-type guide blocks (UHP-2000/20, AMAGAEL)(Yoshino)
- DIA-type multi-anvil press with deformation facility (Yamazaki)
- Externally heated diamond anvil cells (Yamashita, Kanzaki)
- Diamond anvil cells (Kanzaki)

X-ray analytical equipment and Electron Microscope

- Powder X-ray diffractometer Rigaku SmartLab (Kanzaki)
- Micro-focused X-ray diffractometer Rigaku RintRapid II (Kanzaki)
- X-ray fluorescence spectrometer PW2400(Kitagawa)
- Electron probe micro analyzer JXA-8800(Yamashita, Yoshino)
- Field-emission Electron probe micro analyzer JXA-8530F(Kunihiro)
- Low Vacuum Field-emission SEM JSM-7001F with EDS(Kunihiro)
- SEM JSM-7001F with EBSD and EDS (Yamazaki)
- Transmission Electron Microscope JEM-7001F(Kobayashi)

Mass spectrometers

- Multi-collector ICP-MS: Thermo Fisher Scientific Neptune plus(Kobayashi)
- ICP-MS: Thermo Fisher Scientific iCAP TQ(Kitagawa)
- TIMS: Thermo Fisher Scientific Triton plus(Tanaka)
- HR-SIMS: Cameca IMS-1280HR(Kunihiro)
- Gas-MS: MAT 253 IRMS(Tanaka)
- Gas-MS: VG 5400(Kitagawa)
- Gas-MS: Thermo Fisher Scientific Helix(Kitagawa)
- Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Orbitrap Fusion) (Tanaka)
- GC-MS (Thermo Fisher Scientific TRACE 1310 & ISQ 7000) (Tanaka)

Spectrometers

- NMR spectrometer Bruker Avance NEO 400MHz (solid & liquid) (Xue)
- Micro-Raman spectrometers (Kanzaki, Yamashita, Izawa)
- Low-frequency micro-Raman spectrometer (Kanzaki)
- Micro-FTIR spectrometer (Yamashita)
- Vacuum FTIR spectrometer (Yoshino)

Other instruments

- Focused Ion Beam Instrument JIB-4500 (CASTEM)(Kobayashi)
- Ion chromatographs(Kitagawa)
- Ultrasonic reflectivity spectroscopy system (Yoshino)
- Resonant ultrasound spectroscopy system (Yoshino)
- Single crystal cutting and lapping system (Yoshino)
- Infrared laser micro-machining system (Yamazaki)
- Impedance/gain-phase analyzer (Yoshino)
- Sputtering system (Yamazaki)
- Wire-cut electrical discharge machining (Yamazaki)
- Diamond wire saw for dry/low-loss cutting (Izawa)
- HPLC (Thermo Fisher Scientific Vanquish) (Tanaka)
- High temperature conversion elemental analyzer (Tanaka)
- Combustion elemental analyzer (Tanaka)
- GC-IsoLink system (Tanaka)
- Laser fluorination system (Tanaka)