

# Notice of the KAKENHI (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research) Seminar

*Attention:* International Faculty and Postdoctoral Research Fellows (potential KAKENHI applicants with e-Rad registration) of Hokkaido University (HU)

*Purpose:* To provide essential information to HU researchers, especially foreigners, planning to write and submit the KAKENHI (Grants-in-Aid) Research proposals in English.

## I. Title, Date & Time, and Place

Title: KAKENHI (MEXT/JSPS Grants-in-Aid for Research) Seminar

Date & Time: October 3, 2017 (Tuesday), 10:00-12:00

Place: Hokkaido University, Northern Campus Area, Shionogi Innovation Center for Drug Discovery 1F, Community Hall

(N21W11, シオノギ創薬イノベーションセンター, 1F 産学コミュニティホール)

## II. Program & Speakers

- 1) **An overview of the KAKENHI Research Grants**, by Dr. Pitambar Gautam (Creative Research Institution) and Dr. Michael Henry (Graduate School of Engineering)

A short description of KAKENHI types, duration, proposal submission procedure (including the electronic part) with highlights on recent significant changes in subject categories, review system and proposal forms, and feedback and results etc. will be given.

- 2) **How to write strong KAKENHI proposals?**, by Dr. Ralf Greve, Professor, Institute of Low Temperature Science

Reviewers of KAKENHI grant proposals may not be familiar with the narrow topic or field covered in the proposal. A successful proposal must be very clear (especially for non-specialist reviewers) about how the proposed research topic fits into a broader context, what the limits of knowledge concerning this topic are, how the proposed research will advance knowledge beyond these limits, and why the proposed research is of theoretical, practical, or even commercial importance. Furthermore, a successful proposal must convince reviewers that the research has a good chance of success and that the amount of public funding requested is necessary for the research. Very worthwhile proposals may fail if they do not adequately address these issues. Therefore, we will discuss some simple ways to strengthen proposals in terms of reviewers' perception that the research is interesting, valuable, and will likely be successful.

- 3) **Q&A session**

## III. Registration for the seminar

If you are interested in the above-mentioned seminar, please inform the KAKENHI in-charge (*kakenhi-tantou*) of your Department/Institute/Center Administration Office (*jimushitsu*) by (xx/xx/2017 <- please confirm the deadline to your administration office), so that he/she can forward your name to the Officer in-charge at the Research Promotion Division (*kenkyu-shinkou-kikaku-ka*) of Hokkaido University by September 22. Registering your name will ensure that you will have a copy of the presentation material.