

To: UGAS students
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Subject: 2026 UGAS-IU Student Research Grant Project

This is to inform you of the applications for 2026 UGAS-IU Student Research Grant Projects are now open. Those who wish to apply for this project, please submit a research proposal form to the UGAS office. Please find more details below.

1. Purpose of Recruitment and Research Category

In addition to encouraging ambitious students in their research activities, we support individual student's research in order to develop their research planning and improve their verbal/non-verbal presentation skills. The research plans that can be implemented within one-year study period will be selected for recruitment.

2. Qualification Requirements

First or second grade students' individual research.

In particular, Research Projects which will be recognized worldwide are most welcome. It excludes students who have adopted student project expenses in the past. In addition, priority is given to students who have not been accepted by a research internship to a partner school using the Dean's discretionary expenses or by a special researcher of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Applications are limited to students who can attend and present on the presentation review date.

3. Number of Projects Approved

About 10 projects

4. Budget Allotment

Maximum of 300,000 yen per research project

*Budget can be changed according to the research project after the screening.

*Equipment (general-purpose devices and fixtures such as computers) may not be purchased.

5. Examination Procedure

Please submit a research plan (Application Form*) by **Monday, April 27, 5pm** and give a 9-minute research plan presentation (6 minutes for presentation, 3 minutes for questions and answers). The presentation will be held on **Friday, May 22 at 1pm** using ZOOM. Each applicant will be contacted individually regarding the presentation time. If there are many applicants, the primary screening will be conducted based on the research plan in the application and then the presentation examination will be conducted among the top members of the list.

The following items will be evaluated:

1) Research plan

1. Research title, Purpose of Research, Clarity of Research object and Research method
2. A valid Research Proposal that can be achieved in one year
3. Research achievement in the past.

2) Presentation

1. Is the research content of the presentation understandable to the researchers from different majors?
2. Can the presenter answer appropriately to the question of the judges?

6. Due Date

Monday, April 27, 5pm

7. Research Project Report

Successful applicants are required to submit a Final Report for the project and students who rank highly in the selection will be asked to give a presentation after the research is completed. Furthermore, applicants may be asked to cooperate, to the extent possible, in providing a brief overview of their research for publication on the website of the UGAS or related platforms.

8. Remarks

Approval from your major adviser is necessary before you apply for this project. You can change the size of each space in the proposal form but do not exceed 2 pages in total.

9. How to Submit Your Application

For applicants with a Google account:

Please log in to your Google account and complete the required information and upload the application form via the application form provided below.

Google Form URL: *Please access the URL provided in the notification email.*

For applicants without a Google account:

Please submit the proposal form to the UGAS office (rendai@iwate-u.ac.jp) by e-mail and put your supervisor in cc.

*Application Form can be downloaded at <https://ugas.agr.iwate-u.ac.jp/en/> (For enrolled students > Support for Student Life)