**Requirement for Individual Collaboration Project**

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On the basis of its basic principles and policies on research activities, RIHN will carry out three types of research projects which comprise:

* **Individual Collaboration Project** (the existing Domain-based Project);
* **Initiative-based Project** (the existing Initiative-based Project);
* **Institutional Collaboration Project** (the new type)

This paper sorts out the contents of research required for an **Individual Collaboration Project**. Since these are the goals to accomplish by the **Individual Collaboration Project**, all applicants for Incubation Study (IS) Proposals are expected to give careful thoughts on these points.

During the formation process of a Project, the RIHN-designated Incubator may consider that different project type is more appropriate for your proposal. In such a case, the Incubator may suggest you to change the project type in our application of the proposal.

1. **Types of Research Projects**
2. **Individual Collaboration Project** (the existing Domain-based Project); that is conceived by broadly inviting project proposals from communities of researchers and carried out by individual or a small group of researchers.
3. **Initiative-based Project** (the existing Initiative-based Project); that integrates accomplishments made so far by the Institute within a frame of the design-oriented science under the initiative of the Institute.
4. **Institutional Collaboration Project** (a new category); that is a joint study conceived by and jointly carried out with a university or a research institute with which the Institute currently has or is scheduled to have a certain agreement in compliance with the requirements desired by the Institute.

**2. Contents and Characters RIHN Expects for the Individual Collaboration Project**

The following points are particularly required for an **Individual Collaboration Project** to accomplish. You are requested to give adequate thoughts to those points in your effort of creating IS proposals to the maximum extent possible.

1. Innovation

Based on unique creative ideas relating to global environmental studies as integrated enquiry, the project introduces a new perspective to existing global environmental research by providing a new framework for transdisciplinary integration that contributes to the solution of global environmental problems.

New methodology proposed

The project develops new approaches and methodologies that would contribute to the establishment of global environmental studies at the Institute in terms of cognitive science or design science.

1. Collaboration with stakeholders

The project demonstrates the possibility of new sort of collaboration with relevant stakeholders toward the solution of global environmental problems.

Furthermore, following five points are set to attain in all projects at RIHN. Please note that they are common to all project types. RIHN considers that the Points (4), (5) and (6) are particularly important to be considered in planning Individual Collaboration Project.

1. Clear identification of the global environmental problem to be solved.

The project clearly indicates that the global environmental problem the project will be trying to solve is clearly defined from the researchers’ own unique viewpoint, and the proposed solution measures help create a sustainable society and improve the welfare of mankind.

1. Transdisciplinary integration driven by problem-solution.

The project should be a transdisciplinary study that contributes to the solution of the global environmental problem indicated in the preceding paragraph, and to attain this goal, relevant academic fields are organically integrated.

1. Social impact.

The results of the study should have the potential of promoting the solution of global environmental problems and not remain limited to mere impact in the academic community.

1. Promotion of international collaborative research.

The project is characterized by creativity and high academic quality leading to the solution of the global environmental problem in question and is able to provide leadership in international collaborative research.

1. Transdisciplinarity.

The project incorporates co-design, co-production, and co-delivery processes as much as possible in collaboration with a variety of social stakeholders who play a key role in the solution of the global environmental problem in question.