

Core Project Feasibility Study Proposal

Title of Proposed Core Feasibility Study	
Core Feasibility Study Representative	(Representative’s name, institution, and position)

Note: Please keep your responses for the title through Item 4 within three pages, your response for Item 5 within two pages, and your response for Item 6 within one page.

1. Outline of Study

Please describe the study (within 250 words).

2. Aims of study

Corresponds to 1, 2, and 7 in “Expectations Towards Core Research Projects”

Please tell us what you hope to achieve in the study by answering the questions shown below.

1. What concepts and methodologies to solve global environmental issues is this study aiming to develop?
2. What is the academic background to the study? (For example, tell us about the trends in the relevant literature inside or outside Japan and your previous research accomplishments that led to you wanting to conduct this study.)
3. What new understandings or insights will the project give rise to?

3. Research plan and method

Corresponds to 3, 4, and 6 in “Expectations Towards Core Research Projects”

Please answer the following questions about the specific research activities you plan to conduct during the Core Project Feasibility Study period.

1. Which existing resources from RIHN and elsewhere will you leverage to achieve your research objectives?
2. In what ways do you want to engage in co-creation with existing research projects, other researchers and research institutions, and related social stakeholders?
3. What does this project contribute toward achieving the mission of the Core Program?

4. Expected outcomes

Corresponds to 5 in “Expectations Towards Core Research Projects”

Please describe the findings you expect the project to yield if it is selected as a Core Project. Make sure to discuss the following.

1. What findings do you expect this project to ultimately yield if it is selected as a Core Project?
2. How do you plan to disseminate the outcomes of the project widely among a range of stakeholders so that these outcomes may contribute to solving global environmental problems?

5. Track record statement

Corresponds to 7 in “Expectations Towards Core Research Projects”

This is where you describe your research contributions. Please list any articles or books you or members of your team have published, any visiting lectures you or they have delivered, any awards you or they have received, and any external funding you or they have obtained. Please also cite any relevant experience (i.e., experience that you believe will help in organizing the project) in organizing collaborative research projects or in applying the findings of research in society. List the contributions in reverse date order and number each item. State the name of the person concerned in each item and underline the name if the person is you (the Incubation Study applicant). You should also indicate whether each contribution was peer-reviewed.

6. Budget plan**Maximum: ¥1 million**

Travel			Subtotal	¥ _____
Domestic travel/ Overseas travel	From / to (time of travel)	Duration	People*	Amount
e.g.) Domestic	Tokyo–Yoronto (July)	4 days / 3 nights	2	¥180,000
Honoraria			Subtotal	¥ _____
Commodities			Subtotal	¥ _____
Other			Subtotal	¥ _____
Total expenses				¥ _____

Examples of expense items

Travel: Data collection, fieldwork, meetings, etc.

Honoraria: Fees for individuals who contribute to the project (Note: In principle, you may not employ anyone during the Core Feasibility Study stage).

Commodities: Expendables (including software programs)

During the Incubation Study stage, RIHN does not subsidize fixtures and fittings (equipment with a purchase price of ¥100 thousand or more).

Other: Venue fees, printing, admin outsourcing, telecommunication, transport, and other relevant expenses that do not fall under the above categories.

* For “People,” please indicate the total number of people traveling. For example, if two people are traveling, enter “2.”