

Call for participation in Challenge and Creation (C&C)

1. Purpose

The program aims to enhance the ability to “think and act with entrepreneurship spirit” for students by providing an opportunity to put ideas into practice. Graduate students and undergraduate students can enjoy demonstration of their creativity by planning, organizing, and executing unique study, research, and practical projects.

2. Summary

Challenge and Creation (C & C) was begun in 1997 as an annual university-wide effort designed to provide assistance to unique ideas and research projects planned by Kyushu University's undergraduate and graduate students. The program now epitomizes Kyushu University's unique approach to education. Do you want to practice your unique and innovative ideas? We are looking for projects with unique and ambitious theme from students regardless of individuals or groups, Liberal Arts or Sciences. International students can also apply. QREC's facilities can be used to carry out project.

* This program is supported by the Kyushu University Fund.

3. Projects of call for applications

Projects of call for applications are as below. Duplicate applications by the same individual will not be accepted.

Target projects

Please choose the theme of project that appeals to your interests and awareness of issues. It is expected for studies, researches and practical projects with uniqueness, relevant to society and interdisciplinary feature and cover topics such as international exchange, environmental, medical and welfare issues, regional planning.

4. Amount of grants

Each proposal is planned to receive up to 500,000 yen (scheduled)

* The funds will be granted in line with the Kyushu University accounting regulations. It will not take the form of a one-off cash payment.

5. Eligibility

(1) Qualified application

- The project must consist of members who are graduate and undergraduate students at Kyushu University.
- Participation by other university students and members of society is allowed only if the project is led by Kyushu University students. However, in that case, it must not exceed the majority of the total number of team members.
- The theme must be your original idea. It does not have to be from your major field of study. (However, the direct theme of degree research [graduation thesis, master's thesis, or doctoral dissertation] is not acceptable.)
- If you wish to apply for a theme related to the research content of your laboratory, please obtain prior confirmation from your faculty advisor before submitting your application.
- Incorporated projects are not eligible to apply.
- Students on leave of absence from school are not eligible to participate.

(2) Application conditions

- In case of a continuous project, you can apply up to two times.
- Multiple projects with the same representative will not be acceptable. However, the representative of one project can be a member of another project.

6. Application method

Please download and fill out the application form from the website (<http://qrec.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/cc/>) and submit it via the entry page. See the attached schedule for the application period.

Deadline for application will be notified in separate attachment.

7. Selection method

Selection will be made by a screening committee consisting of the QREC center's Director, Deputy Director, and external screening members.

(1) Screening method

- Each project will be conducted in a presentation format within the prescribed time (presentation + Q&A). (Please prepare presentation materials (PowerPoint, etc.) in advance.)
- Punctuality is strictly enforced. All presentations will be discontinued after the lapse of time.
- Participation is limited to 3 persons per team (for learning purposes, please limit participation to a maximum of 3 persons whenever possible).

[Presentation materials]

Please send the PowerPoint data of your presentation by the submission deadline. Replacement of presentation material on the presentation day will not be allowed.

(2) Screening criteria

The screening will be carried out based on the following criteria:

- i) Uniqueness
- ii) Concreteness
- iii) Impact

i) Regarding "uniqueness," please research existing efforts related to your proposal, compare them to your own efforts, and explain in what ways your efforts differ from existing efforts and in what ways they are unique.

ii) Regarding "concreteness," please explain what kind of "value" you can provide to "whom" through your efforts. Also, please explain how you plan to increase the number of members, involve outside parties, and what steps you plan to take in order to achieve this value.

iii) Regarding "impact," please explain how the realization of your project will have an innovative impact on our society (e.g., industry, economy, science and technology, culture, history, education, community, etc.).

8. Assistance after adoption

(1) Execution of grant

- The grant can be executed during the designated budget usage period from the day of Adopters' Briefing Session.
- The maximum amount that can be used is the amount applied for at the time of project application (maximum of 500,000 yen).
However, the grant can only be used by students of Kyushu University. Corporate use is also not permitted.
- The budget amount (total amount) cannot be changed after the application is submitted.
- Changes in the budget breakdown are permitted due to unavoidable changes in the project plan caused by the project status. If you want to change, you need to submit a notification of change.

(2) Assistance during the grant period

- The project must be carried out in accordance with the project implementation plan.
- If you need any advice or consultation, please contact QREC immediately.

- Mentoring by a faculty member of QREC or staff member is available upon request.

9. Reporting of Project Results

Projects adopted by C&C have the following obligations:

(1) Participation in the interim briefing session

- The interim report meeting will be held to confirm and share the progress of each project, exchange information on the execution of projects, and provide an opportunity to exchange problems and concerns among projects.
- It is usually held in October with participants of the adopted projects and faculty/staff of QREC.

(2) Holding a result report meeting

- We will hold a result report meeting to confirm the progress of the adopted projects.
- The Kyushu University President's Highest Award and Excellent Award will be awarded to projects that demonstrate outstanding results. Projects will be selected for these awards at a result report meeting. The projects will be reviewed by the judges (Director and Deputy Director of QREC and external screening members) of the Adoption Review Committee.
- The judging points will be i) originality, ii) concreteness, and iii) impact, as at the time of adoption, and results will be judged based on the difference from the time of application.

(3) Submission of reports

C&C is operated based on public expense, therefore it takes responsibility to explain "the project implementation, use of funds, and results, etc.," regardless of the execution of the project. Please make sure to submit the required reports.

10. Contact information

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