

# Change&Creation (C&C) Application Guidelines

## 1. Purpose

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

## 2. Summary

Change&Creation (C&C) began in 1997 as an annual university-wide effort designed to support unique ideas and research projects planned by Kyushu University’s undergraduate and graduate students. Students aiming to address social issues or create new value that drives social change present their innovative ideas. After review by QREC faculty members and external evaluators, selected teams work on their projects for approximately one year. We welcome original, innovative, and uniquely student-driven projects from all academic fields.

*This program is supported by the Kyushu University Fund.  
Until FY2025, this program was implemented under the name “Challenge & Creation.”*

## 3. Eligible Projects

Choose a project theme based on your interests and the issues you are aware of. Eligible projects include research, investigation, or practical initiatives with originality, concreteness, and impact, such as ideas related to international exchange, environmental/medical/welfare issues, community development, and business or entrepreneurship.

## 4. Grant Amount

Up to 500,000 yen per project.

*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

- Teams must consist of graduate and/or undergraduate students enrolled at Kyushu University. (Individual applications are not accepted.)
- 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.
- Multiple projects with the same representative will not be acceptable. However, the

representative of one project can be a member of another project.

- 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 eligible.)
- 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.
- In the case of a continuing project, you can apply up to two times.

## 6. Application method

Download the application form from the website (<https://qrec.kyushu-u.ac.jp/trial/sip/c-and-c/>), complete it, and submit it through the entry page. Please refer to the website for the application period and schedule.

## 7. Selection method

Selection will be made by a screening committee consisting of the Director of QREC and external screening members.

### (1) Screening method

- Each project will be evaluated through a presentation within the prescribed time (presentation + Q&A).
- Time limits will be strictly enforced. Presentations will be stopped once the allotted time has passed.

*Presentation materials (PowerPoint) must be submitted by the specified deadline. No revisions or replacements will be accepted on the day of the screening.*

### (2) Screening criteria

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

- i ) **Importance of the Issue**  
How critical is the social issue being addressed?
- ii ) **Impact of the Proposed Solution**  
How significantly could society change if the idea is realized?
- iii ) **Originality (Uniqueness)**  
How original is the idea compared with existing solutions?
- iv ) **Feasibility and Path to Realization**

Clarity of hypotheses and concreteness of the validation plan

v) **Team Structure and Roles**

**8. Assistance after adoption**

(1) Grant Execution

- The grant can be executed during the designated budget usage period from the date of the Briefing Session for Selected Teams.
- 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. Use by legal entities is 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.
- If the project becomes incorporated during the support period (selection to end of January), it will be considered as “graduated” from C&C, and program support will end. A results report must be submitted up to the point of incorporation. Participation in the final presentation is not required.

(2) Support During the Grant Period

- Teams may receive monthly mentoring from external mentors.
- QREC faculty consultation and team networking opportunities will be provided through Boost sessions and progress meetings.
- QREC facilities (Workshop, ToP, BasE) may be used during the support period (application required).
- Mentoring by a faculty of QREC is available upon request.

**9. Reporting of Project Results**

Projects selected for the C&C program are subject to the following participation requirements.

(1) C&C Boost Session  
(Scheduled for May; see website for details)

(2) Progress Report Meeting  
(Scheduled for May; see website)

(3) 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

share challenges and concerns across projects.

- It is usually held in November (Day 1 of Kyushu University Festival) with participants of the adopted projects and faculty/staff of QREC.

(4) Results report meeting

- We will hold a results 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.

(5) Submission of reports

As C&C is operated using public funds, the program has a responsibility to report on project implementation, use of funds, and outcomes. Please ensure that all required reports are submitted.

## 10. Contact information

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