

FY2021 Application Guideline for Joint Usage/Research

Premier Research Institute for Ultrahigh-pressure Sciences (PRIUS)

The Premier Research Institute for Ultrahigh-pressure Sciences (PRIUS), operated by the Geodynamics Research Center (GRC) at Ehime University, is approved as a Joint Usage/Research Center by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The purpose of PRIUS is to effectively utilize (1) advanced high pressure apparatuses and analytical instruments, (2) techniques of ultrahigh-pressure experiments and numerical calculations, and (3) newly developed nanopolycrystalline diamond (NPD, HIME Diamond) materials, at the GRC via collaborative researches to further develop the ultrahigh-pressure sciences. For this purpose, PRIUS is calling for collaborative research projects and research meetings in FY2021.

1. Types of collaborative research projects

PRIUS is calling for the following types of collaborative researches in the ultrahigh-pressure sciences and any related fields. Project members involve both researchers at the GRC and researchers at universities and/or institutions other than Ehime University.

A. Use of PRIUS facilities

This type of collaborative research project mainly utilizes equipment and apparatuses at the GRC including high pressure apparatuses, analytical instruments, and so on and/or GRC owned equipment and apparatuses at other institutions such as Spring-8 etc. The following experimental apparatuses are applicable. (Further details are on the attached page.)

- Ultra-high pressure apparatuses and related apparatuses such as multi-anvil apparatuses and diamond anvil cells
- Analytical instruments and processing equipment such as ATEM, FE-SEM, FIB, XRD
- Measuring instruments and ultra-high pressure apparatuses at synchrotron radiation facilities

B. Collaborative research

This is a collaborative research project without utilizing any facilities (Supplementary use of the facilities is applicable). The followings are examples of the subject areas.

- Utilization of HIME Diamond
- Theoretical simulations such as *ab initio* calculations and computational fluid calculations, etc.
- Analyzation and ultra-high pressure synthesis of samples on request

C. Meetings

This is to organize a research meeting. In principle, the meeting will be held at Ehime University. If necessary, it is also acceptable to be at another institution or university (limited ONLY to Japan), and a statement of its necessity in the application form is required in this case. It is also acceptable to organize a training (internship) program combining lectures and practical training for the purpose of improving the research techniques of researchers and students.

2. Eligibility

The applicant should be a researcher (an eligible applicants for research grants) or an equivalent researcher (including graduate students) from universities, institutions, or companies. We also accept those who are approved by the director and the council of PRIUS. If the applicant is a graduate student, he/she is required to possess the following two conditions in order to apply: 1) In order to become a project leader, his/her supervisor should take part as a project member, and 2) in order to become a project member, he/she needs to obtain permission from his/her supervisor.

3. Expenses

It is free of charge to use the GRC's research facilities for those whose research projects have been approved. There are cases where the user(s) is/are obliged to compensate for any damage to the equipment and devices if the damage is the fault of the user(s). If there are any research supplies needed, the user should discuss the necessity of them with the facility manager in order to purchase appropriate quantities. However, we cannot afford expensive consumables such as sintered/single crystal diamond anvils, super hard anvils that are more than 52mm square or used under the extreme condition of more than 25GPa such as TF05 and so on. Travel expenses could be covered for the approved research projects based on the regulations on travel expenses at Ehime University, but the travel costs from overseas are basically difficult to be covered by PRIUS. Please note that we adjust the total amount to actual expenses due to our limited budget. The financial support is limited to two people (one person \times 2 or two people \times 1) per project per fiscal year due to our limited budget.

4. Application procedure

Please fill out the application form that can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.grc.ehime-u.ac.jp/en/prius>) and send it to the e-mail address (prius@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp) after consulting with corresponding GRC member(s) about your research project.

*Please read “Guideline for PRIUS Users” thoroughly for more information on the use of Multi-anvil Device.

5. Application deadline

January 31, 2021

6. Contact information

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7. Selection

The comprehensive review for applications is conducted at the council of PRIUS, to be held in March 2021, for selection in terms of the necessity of the research project, originality, feasibility, and so on.

8. Notification of acceptance/denial

We will contact the applicant as soon as we have a decision.

9. Research results

Please acknowledge the support for the research project from the joint usage/research center for PRIUS at the GRC, Ehime University when the results of the research project are released. The reprints (either paper or digital (PDF) forms) from any printed matters on the research such as published papers and conference proceedings etc. must be sent to us via email or mail (see No.6 for contact information).

Example) This work was supported by the Joint Usage/Research Center PRIUS, Ehime University, Japan.

10. Report on research results and meetings

The project leader is required to submit a yearly report on the research results and

meetings at the end of the fiscal year. Please use the "Research Report" form which can be downloaded from our website and send to us via email or mail (see No.6 for our contact information). The phrase, "Summary of Results" will be on the form, and they will be released and printed for publication as an annual report on collaborate research projects of PRIUS.

Note: The results of the research projects will be released as a general rule. Exceptions are (1) all or parts of the result(s) are related to the filing of patent applications, and (2) the project is still so ongoing that it is not appropriate for releasing at that time. Please consult with us if a postponement on releasing the results is necessary due to the reason(s) above.

11. Participation on symposium

A symposium will be held regularly at the GRC for presenting the results of the research projects, therefore, the leader or a member of the project will be asked to have a presentation at the symposium for reporting the results.

12. Intellectual property right

If intellectual property is created by conducting the research project, the intellectual property offices (or any equivalent office) at affiliated institutions or universities of each project member should discuss the application, procedure, cost, rights, and so on.

13. Security export control

If research instruments, samples, or techniques are to be exported/transferred to outside Japan, if needed, the official procedure based on the Regulation of Securities and Export Control in Ehime University will be undertaken.

14. Insurance

Researcher(s) and student(s) coming to PRIUS must have travel insurance coverage from the day they leave their country to the day they return.

15. Pledge

Please write your signature on the pledge at your first coming to PRIUS in FY2021. The pledge includes 1) observance of the rules of Ehime University and PRIUS, 2) limitation on transfers of samples and instruments etc. and technical information, and 3) understanding of safety and health policy of PRIUS.