

2023 Grant Application Guidelines for Young Researchers, Graduate Students and others

cSIMVa Vaccine Challenge Grants

~Save Lives and Livelihoods by Developing Next-Generation of Mucosal Vaccines~

Summary of this grant

Chiba University Synergy Institute for Futuristic Mucosal Vaccine Research and Development (cSIMVa : Distinguished Professor, Hiroshi Kiyono, Director) was established in October 2022. Our efforts are focusing on the research and development of mucosal vaccines which offer the robust protective immune responses at the predominant pathogen infection sites of aero-digestive tracts. Progress has been made in resolving the cellular and molecular mechanisms that induce and regulate mucosal immunity and in research and development of oral and nasal vaccines which are different from injectable vaccine (<https://csimva.chiba-u.jp/>). For future vaccine development, we would like to actively incorporate a wider range of free and bold ideas, and will support research based on proposals from young researchers, graduate students, and others from Chiba University.

1. Application Details

We welcome a wide range of free research proposals, not limited to mucosal vaccines, as long as they are related to vaccine development with a view to the future. We also welcome research of social science outside of the natural sciences, such as "social acceptability of vaccines" and "ethical issues". Emphasis will be placed on "Challenging," "Originality," and "High Risk and High Return" perspectives not found in conventional vaccine development. Proposals will also be reviewed to determine whether this research is the seed of a new research project and will lead to the next step forward.

Contents of Support

Supported period	October 2023~March 2024
Funds for grant	500,000 yen to 1.5 million yen (maximum)
Number of proposals accepted (or supported)	20 proposals (are planned)

2. Application Requirements

- (1) Faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, technical assistants, medical technicians, etc. affiliated with the University who are able to manage the supported research expenses and continue their research throughout year 2023.
- (2) Be 44 years of age or younger at the end of fiscal year 2023. For graduate students, permission from their academic advisor at the time of application is required.

3. Application Procedures

(1) Application period

September 19th 2023 ~ October 6th 2023 12:00

(2) Required documents

cSIMVa Vaccine Challenge Grant Application (separate form; approximately 1 sheet); supplemental materials may be attached if necessary. Documents other than this application form with equivalent content may be submitted if available.

(3) Submission address (contact for inquiries)

Please submit your application to the Administration of cSIMVa at wkyoten-soumu@chiba-u.jp

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact us.

4. Achievements

After the completion of the program, we will ask you to submit a one-page report on the results of your research (any format is acceptable). You are free to present your results in a paper or at an academic conference. Please clearly state in the acknowledgments that the research was supported by this grant. In addition, we encourage you to actively participate in poster sessions at future symposiums organized by cSIMVa.

If the applicant is a graduate student, please complete the following form.

Name of Student :

If the above student is selected, appropriateness of budget and its justification will be instructed to facilitate student's research.

Date of this application :

Department :

Name of Instructor :
