The Toyota Foundation

RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Basic Concept for Grant-making

Research Grant Program

2016

The Toyota Foundation (1)

Established by Toyota Motor Corporation in 1974.

Its objective is to contribute toward the realization of a more people-oriented society and a resulting increase in human happiness.

It provides grants for diverse research and social activities, aiming at identifying current problems in the following areas: (1) human and natural environments; (2) social welfare; (3) education and culture.

The Toyota Foundation (2)

From the outset, the Toyota Foundation has provided grants with an eye to supporting projects based on the three standards:

- Foresight
  (e.g. research on future social issues)
- Participatory Orientation
  (e.g. interdisciplinary / cross-sectional research)
- International Perspective
  (e.g. international joint research)

The Toyota Foundation (3)

Current Grant Programs (open to the public)

- Research Grant Program
- International Grant Program
- Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan

(1) Grants for project expenses (management costs are not eligible)
(2) Expectations for satisfactory project management
(3) Grant decisions based on outside experts' evaluation

Research Grant Program (1)

- Basic program objective is to support projects eager to contribute to society through research.
- Program was launched in 1975.
  (Grant categories were set by distinct research fields.)
- Program titles were established in 1984.
  (A shift was implemented from a focus on individual issues to a more comprehensive approach with a view of the wider society.)

1984 - "In Search of a New Society"
1994 - "Creating a Society with Pluralistic Values"
2006 - "The Search for the Richness of Human Life and Activity"

Research Grant Program (2)

2014 - "Exploring New Values for Society"

Question : What approach should we basically take to address difficult issues to be faced by society in the future?

Hypothesis : What we need to develop are not only policies / technologies for solving specific problems, but also basic philosophies / arts (methodologies) that can be widely shared as new social values.

Research Grant Program (3)

Expected project approach:

While addressing specific prevailing social issues, projects are expected to take a broad transdisciplinary perspective that (1) adopts a panoramic view of the world and (2) looks generations into the future, and thus question existing ideas and states of society.

Funded projects are also expected to disseminate their findings effectively in many directions in order to spring up a range of lively discussions.

Research Grant Program (4)

Examples of projects that may be funded:

(1) A research project that suggests a solution to a specific environmental problem faced by a local community, through which it also presents an approach or methodology for the broader issue of how to manage and pass down diverse resources and energy on our planet

(2) A research project that suggests a solution to a specific problem faced by the socially vulnerable, through which it also envisions theoretically a new thought or a new paradigm of communities for tackling prejudice, discrimination, and violence

<< Please see the proposal guidelines, pp.3-4 for more examples. >>

Research Grant Program (5)

Public Notification Period: May 16 to September 2, 2016

Grant Periods: 1 year or 2 years from May 1, 2017

Grant Amounts:

Category A: Joint Research Grants

(Total allocated grant amounts: Approx. 80 million yen)

- Grant period 1 year: Up to around 4 million yen
- Grant period 2 years: Up to around 8 million yen

Category B: Individual Research Grants

(Total allocated grant amounts: Approx. 20 million yen)

- Grant period 1 year: Up to around 1 million yen
- Grant period 2 years: Up to around 2 million yen

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