

FY2026 Application Guidelines for Research Meeting (M)
“Joint Usage/Research Center for Drilling Earth Science”
Marine Core Research Institute, Kochi University (Additional Call)

Marine Core Research Institute, Kochi University (MaCRI, hereafter) operates the Joint Usage/Research Center for Drilling Earth Science (JURC-DES, hereafter). The purpose of JURC-DES is to promote the advancement of Drilling Earth Science and related fields by encouraging researchers to utilize its state-of-the-art research facilities and marine sediment cores.

Joint Usage/Research Center for Drilling Earth Science

Overview of Applications for Joint Use, Joint Research, and Research Meeting

	A Joint Use	AY Joint Use (Early Career)	B Joint Research (Equipment Usage)	BY Joint Research (Equipment Usage) (Early Career)	C Joint Research (General)	M Research Meeting
Primary Applicants	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence)	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence) (35 y.o. or under)	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence)	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence) (35 y.o. or under)	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence)	Not belong to MaCRI (Domestic Residence)
Collaborator at MaCRI	×	×	○ Collaborator	○ Collaborator	○ Collaborator	○ Respective persons
Equipment Usage	○	○	○	○	×	×
Utilizing Sediment Cores curated at MaCRI	×	×	△	△	△	×
Application Period	February August	February August	February August	February August	February August	February (August)
Research Period	Half of the year (First or Second Semester) or 1 year (2 semesters)	Half of the year (First or Second Semester) or 1 year (2 semesters)	Half of the year (First or Second Semester) or 1 year (2 semesters)	Half of the year (First or Second Semester) or 1 year (2 semesters)	Half of the year (First or Second Semester) or 1 year (2 semesters)	—
Cost for Equipment Usage	Free	Free	Free	Free	—	—
Research Grant from MaCRI	None	Paying travel expense /per research project (1 time a year)	None	Paying travel expense /per research project (1 time a year)	None	• Meeting operating expense • A part of travel expense

○: Required, △: Recommended, ×: No need

1) Call for Research Meeting

Research meetings, both international and domestic, pertaining to Drilling Earth Science and related fields are eligible for support under this program. If held on-site, research meetings are preferably conducted at MaCRI.

Support is also provided for meetings held in an online format.

2) Accessible Facilities and Equipment at MaCRI

- Seminar Room (Maximum capacity is approximately 100)
- Meeting Room (Maximum capacity is approximately 15)
- Projector
- Online meeting devices (Web cameras, speakers, microphones)

3) Periods for Holding Meetings:

Meetings are to be held for one to two days between April 1st, 2026 and March 31st, 2027 excluding weekends and national holidays.

4) Eligibility:

- a) Researchers affiliated with universities or research institutes
- b) Individuals deemed suitable by the MaCRI Director

Please note that graduate students and research students are NOT eligible to apply.

5) Travel Expense Supports:

JURC-DES covers travel expenses, including accommodation fees, for meeting participants, up to approximately ¥300,000 per meeting, as needed. If the meetings are held in an online format, JURC-DES also supports a portion of the contracting fees for online meeting applications (such as Zoom). Applicants should mark an appropriate item on the Formal Application Form M and provide details about travel expense support. Since the amount of support is limited, the accommodation fee must be the actual cost. Applicants should primarily use accommodation facilities on campus or similar. No daily allowance will be paid. JURC-DES determines the respective amount of support within the total budget.

6) Application Procedure:

Applicants are required to consult with the respective MaCRI faculty member in charge (*1) and submit the FY2026 Formal Application Form M online via Microsoft Forms. Please be aware that selected applicants will be required to submit a consent form signed by their supervisor.

[Contact Information]

The Secretariat of Joint Use and Research Center, Marine Core Research Institute,
Kochi University

Formal Application Form M: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/pZHwfl7tjc>

(*1) Please refer to the following URL of the “List of Faculty of MaCRI” (Please note that specially-appointed lectures are not in charge of this).

<https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/marine-core/en/about/member.html>

7) Application Period:

Applicants must submit the Style M1 application documents **from Monday, July 27 to Sunday, August 23, 2026, by 12:00 PM.**

8) Adoption or Rejection:

All applications will be evaluated by the MaCRI Reviewing Committee, and the MaCRI Director will determine the results. Each applicant will receive their results via email in late September, 2026.

Selected applicants consult with the respective persons in charge to determine the date and time for the research meeting.

The approved number, research meeting subject, applicant's name, and their affiliation will be published on the MaCRI website. If there is an issue with public disclosure, please inform the secretariat.

9) Publicity:

Applicants are required to publicize the approved research meeting to attract many participants. For example, applicants can share information about the research meetings on the “event information” page on the Japan Geoscience Union website (*2).

(*2) <https://www.jpgu.org/information/event.php>

10) Reports Submission:

Selected applicants must submit the M2 style report to the Secretariat, no later than Friday, April 30, 2027 by 5:00 PM. The reports will be published in the MaCRI's annual report.

11) Contact Information

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