

# **Korean Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Research Foundation's Rules on Providing Research Funding to Overseas Researchers**

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## **Article 1 (Purpose)**

The purpose of these rules is to specify matters related to the provision of research funds by the Korean Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Research Foundation (hereinafter referred to as 'Foundation') to support research that is expected to make significant academic contributions to gastrointestinal endoscopy, foster the development of the Korean Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (KSGE) and the International Digestive Endoscopy Network (IDEN), and promote international collaboration.

## **Article 2 (Name)**

The academic research grant shall be named the 'Korean Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Research Foundation Overseas Research Grant. The name includes the year when the research grant is provided, to enable classification by year.

## **Article 3 (Beneficiaries of the Grant and Amount)**

Beneficiaries of the academic research grant shall be determined by the board of directors of the Foundation. The number of grants awarded and the grant amount shall be determined and approved by the board of directors of the Foundation.

## **Article 4 (Eligibility of Beneficiaries and Research)**

- a. Eligible research projects shall involve clinical or basic academic studies related to gastrointestinal endoscopy conducted by a single institution or multiple institutions. The research team may consist of a principal researcher and one or more co-researchers. However, the gastrointestinal endoscopy society (or the society of gastroenterology) to which the principal researcher belongs must be a joint applicant.
- b. The principal researcher of the research task eligible for the grant shall belong to an overseas university, medical institution or research institution, and the eligibility for

the grant may be determined by the approval of the Foundation's board of directors considering their contribution to the KSGE or IDEN. If the principal researcher is a member of IDEN, he or she is eligible for the research grant.

- c. To qualify for the grant, the research must be recognized for its academic significance. However, research projects that have already received funding or academic awards from other institutions shall be ineligible.

#### **Article 5 (Application for Research Task)**

The principal researcher applying for this academic research grant shall prepare and submit the following documents in English, in conjunction with the gastrointestinal endoscopy society (or the society of gastroenterology) to which they belong.

- a. Application form and pledge (Forms provided)
- b. Resume
- c. Application forms for the research grant including information such as research task name, summary of research in English, personal profile of principal researcher and previous research performance.
- d. Research plan that includes information such as purpose and background of the research, content and methodologies of research, expected benefits, references, schedule of conducting research and history of applying for research grant
- e. Other evidence required for review

#### **Article 6 (Composition of Task Selection Committee and Selection Criteria)**

- a. The Academic Research Grant Selection Committee should be composed of more than 5 members appointed by the president of the Foundation, including a Director of the Scientific Committee and Director of the Publication Committee of KSGE. The president of the Foundation shall be the chairman of the committee.
- b. The Selection Committee shall conduct an initial selection of eligible research projects for the grant based on the review criteria. The final research projects to receive the grant shall be determined upon review and approval by the Foundation's board of directors. (Revised August 2, 2023)
- c. The selection criteria is the contribution to the development of work in the field of gastrointestinal endoscopy. In making its determination, the Selection Committee may receive advice from experts if necessary and separately determine matters necessary for review.

#### **Article 7 (Operation of Research Grant)**

The research grant may be funded by donations made to the Foundation for the advancement of gastrointestinal endoscopy research. In addition, it may also be funded by pharmaceutical associations or medical device associations.

#### **Article 8 (Announcement on Recruiting Applicants for Research Grants and Provision of the Grants)**

- a. Announcements regarding the research grant shall be made on the website of the KSGE, IDEN or the Foundation and communicated via e-mail in the name of the president of the Foundation. Selection shall be made among research projects submitted in writing to the KSGE by a designated deadline.
- b. For research tasks selected by the Selection Committee, grants shall be provided in full to the institution designated by the principal researcher after KSGE makes a decision and the board of directors of the Foundation approves it, this shall be reported to the Council of KSGE and the board of directors of the Foundation.
- c. The principal researcher and name of the research task will be announced on the website of KSGE, IDEN or the Foundation.

#### **Article 9 (Obligations of Beneficiaries)**

- a. The research grant shall be disbursed to the gastrointestinal endoscopy society (or the society of gastroenterology) to which the principal researcher belongs. The principal researcher receiving grant shall present the research findings within two years of receiving the research grant at the autumn conference of KSGE or IDEN and shall publish a paper in Clinical Endoscopy within three years (as revised on October 13, 2021), acknowledging the support of this research grant. The principal researcher must be either the first author or the corresponding author.
- b. If the beneficiary of the research grant unavoidably cannot fulfill the above obligation, a grace period of 1 year may be given, with the approval of the Foundation's board of directors.
- c. If the beneficiary of the research grant cannot fulfill the obligation specified in this rule, both the beneficiary and the jointly applying gastrointestinal endoscopy society (or society of gastroenterology) shall return the grant received in full, and the beneficiary and the respective academic society shall not be eligible to apply for this academic research grant for the next 5 years.

**Article 10 (Addendum)**

- a. Matters not specified in these regulations may be determined separately, according to general practices or resolutions of the Selection Committee.
- b. These regulations shall take effect upon approval by the board of directors of the Foundation and shall be reported to the Council of KSGE.