

ESPEC Foundation for Global Environment Research and Technology (Charitable Trust)

=Application Requirements for 2025=

1.Purpose

The purpose of this charitable trust is to contribute to overcoming global environmental problems by subsidizing some or all of the expenses for various activities to enhance scientific and technical knowledge on global environmental conservation or for education and enlightenment of the importance of greening as one prescription against global warming.

2.Eligibility to apply

All of the following requirements must be met:

- The themes to be implemented are related to research study and technological development that contribute to the solution of global environmental problems.

It must be one that is currently being or will be studied.

- The grantee shall be a member or group of a university, graduate school or technical college located in Japan and an affiliated research institution.

- The applicant must not have received or not plan to receive dual grants from other foundations for the same theme.

3.Amount and duration of the grant

(1)In fiscal 2025, we plan to grant approximately 10 ~ 20 grants *, with a total grant amount of up to 9 million yen.

(2)The grant period is, in principle, one year from the grant date.

(* FY 2024 research grants: 17 projects totaling 9 million yen)

4.Use of the grant

Expenses related to research and development that contribute to solving global environmental problems include equipment, supplies, travel expenses, and honorarium.

5. Handling overhead

No overhead will be charged for research expenses.

6.Duty to report

Grant recipients are required to submit a grant research report (Form No. 2) and a grant use report (Form No. 3) within two months of the end of the grant period based on their application.

7.Selection method

The selection and screening will be strictly conducted by a steering committee consisting of academic experts.

8.Selection committee members (in Japanese alphabetical order)

IMANAKA Tadayuki, Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University, Visiting Senior Researcher at Research Organization of Science and Technology of Ritsumeikan University

IMANISHI Junichi, Professor at Kyoto University, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies / Graduate School of Agriculture

OMASA Kenji, Professor Emeritus at The University of Tokyo, Professor and Dean of Faculty of Agriculture at Takasaki University of Health and Welfare

SAYAMA Hiroshi, Professor at Kwansei Gakuin University, School of Policy Studies

MATSUSHITA Kazuo, Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University, Senior Fellow at Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

9.How to apply

Please fill in the required information in the application form (Form No. 1) and the declaration and affirmation that you are not an anti-social force, and send it together with the required data to Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.

10.Application deadline

Applications must arrive no later than May 30th, 2025

11.Grant delivery

This grant is scheduled to be awarded in August 2025 (tentative)

12.Where to send applications

4 -1 -1 Koraibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka 〒541-0043

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13.Other precautions

*We will not return the application form you submitted.

*All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection results.

*An award ceremony for grant recipients is scheduled for August 28th, 2025. Please adjust the schedule.

(Location: Kobe R & D Center, Espec Corporation)

More details will be provided by Espec Corporation after the grant decision is made.

*The results of the research funded by this grant will be published only if the Steering Committee deems it necessary and has the approval of the grantee.

In addition, when you present your work at an academic conference, in an academic journal, in a book, or by any other means, please note that your research is funded by "The ESPEC Foundation for Global Environment Research and Technology (Charitable Trust)" in English.

In addition, the name of the award will be "ESPEC Prize for the Encouragement of Environmental Studies."

*When suspending research activities, please contact Mizuho Trust & Banking Inc. without delay with documents explaining the reason for suspension. In this case, as a general rule, the granted grant shall be returned to our fund.