

## **Expectations Towards RIHN Projects**

### **1. Types of Research Project**

#### **A. Research Projects**

Research Projects formulate and provide options for the transformation of people's awareness, values and the concrete ways in which society functions, through scientific research towards solutions of global environmental problems and practical collaboration with society.

#### **B. Core Projects**

Working closely with the research Projects, Core Projects cross-cutting theory and methodology for solving global environmental problems based on collaboration with society.

### **2. Expectations Towards Research Projects**

*(1) Clear identification of the global environmental problem to be solved and of the ultimate goal of the project.*

The global environmental problem is defined from a distinctive perspective and the related project goal is clearly stated.

*(2) The scholarly and social background of the proposal.*

The proposal is based on the state of development of relevant scholarly disciplines and on the societal understanding of the problem.

*(3) Originality.*

The project proposes a new framework that contributes to solving global environmental problems based on creative ideas about global environmental studies and provides a new perspective to the existing global environmental research.

*(4) Interdisciplinary Integration.*

Scholarly disciplines necessary for addressing the problem are organically integrated.

*(5) Transdisciplinarity.*

The research incorporates the process of collaborating with a variety of stakeholders in society, has the potential to encourage solutions to global environmental problems and results should not remain limited to mere impact in the academic community.

*(6) International Scope and Strategy.*

The proposal involves an international network of researchers and collaborators, addresses problems that go beyond local themes, and is oriented towards international dissemination of research results.

*(7) Clear identification of ways to make best use of existing research resources.*

The project presents a path for solving global environmental problems by utilizing rich research resources related to the research question that the project strives to answer.

*(8) Contribution to the Research Program.*

The project can contribute towards the realization of the goal of the Research Program.

*(9) Appropriateness of the Project Structure.*

The various elements in the research proposal have been selected appropriately and their relationship to the ultimate goal is clear.

*(10) Feasibility of the Proposal.*

Considering the choice of project members, research organization, budget, utilization of research resources, progression of the plan, target sites, etc., it can be clearly expected that this project can be implemented smoothly.

**3. Expectations Towards Core Projects**

*(1) Necessity of the Theory or Methodology.*

The theory or methodology to be developed is necessary for solving global environmental problems.

*(2) Innovativeness.*

The theory or methodology to be developed is innovative in solving global environmental problems.

*(3) Utilization of Existing Research Resources.*

Existing research resources at RIHN and elsewhere are being well-utilized.

*(4) Collaboration with Research Projects.*

The concept and methodology that the project proposes has the potential of co-creation with multiple Research Projects.

*(5) Potential Utilization of the Theory or Methodology.*

The theory or methodology developed by the project will be used at RIHN or elsewhere.

*(6) Contribution to the Core Program.*

The project can contribute towards the realization of the goal of the Core Program.

*(7) Appropriateness of the Project Structure.*

The various elements in the research proposal have been selected appropriately and their relationship to the ultimate goal is clear.

*(10) Feasibility of the Proposal.*

Considering the choice of project members, research organization, budget, utilization of research resources, progression of the plan, target sites, etc., it can be clearly expected that this project can be implemented smoothly.