

13th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments to be Held

~ Researchers will receive 2.5 million yen in grants ~

Mandom Corporation (Head Office: Osaka City, Japan; President Executive Officer & Director: Motonobu Nishimura; hereafter called “Mandom”) is working to develop alternatives to animal experiments. As a part of this research effort, Mandom will be holding its *13th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments*. This event will follow the *12th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments* held last year.

About the *Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments*

This event began in 2007 with the aim of promoting research on alternatives to animal experiments. This will be the 13th time the event is held and Mandom is currently in the process of collecting research themes from all around the world. Up until March 2019, 28 research grants were given to researchers, including those who applied from overseas. Out of those 28 grants, a research report will be given for three which were included in the theme for the *11th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments* event. The research report will be given during the *32nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments*, which will be held from November 20 at the AIST (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology) Tsukuba Center’s shared auditorium (located in 1-1-1 Higashi, Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture). Two research themes have also been selected from the themes collected last year for the *12th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments* event, and grants have already started from April 2019.

Mandom uses this event to widely recommend research on alternatives to animal experiments, and contributes to society by promoting more active research in alternative methods.

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[Application Details]

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| 1) Theme | Research regarding alternatives to animal testing (any field of study) | |
| 2) Grant Amount | 500,000 – 2M yen per grant, total of 2.5M yen/year | |
| 3) Schedule | Nov. 1, 2019 (Fri.) | Applications begin |
| | Jan. 31, 2020 (Fri.) | Application deadline |
| | Early Feb. 2020 | Selection begins |
| | Late Mar. 2020 | Grant recipients announced |
| | Apr. 1, 2020 (Wed.) | Grants begin (1 year period) |

For more information on how to apply, please visit the website listed below.

<http://www.asas.or.jp/jsaae/> The Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments homepage

[Circumstances Surrounding the Development of Alternatives to Animal Testing]

There have been more and more animal rights movements in countries all around the world in recent years. As a result, the European Union (EU) has banned animal testing on finished cosmetic products since 2004, the ingredients of cosmetic products since March 2009, and banned the selling of cosmetic products with animal-tested ingredients since March 2013.

In Japan, the reconsideration of animal testing has tended to be highly regarded in society from the perspective of animal welfare according to the concept of the 3Rs (Replacement: Using other methods that do not involve animals, Reduction: Decreasing the amount of use on animals, and Refinement: Lessening the suffering caused to animals). This has resulted in the more active development of alternatives to animal testing.

On the other hand, various methods need to be utilized to confirm the safety of cosmetics. For this reason, it is imperative that alternatives to animal testing are further developed in order to ensure the safety of cosmetic products. This is why Mandom is currently focusing on “Replacement” in particular among the 3Rs, and is working on developing alternatives to animal testing, and a part of this initiative is to give grants by inviting the public to join in the effort to research alternatives to animal testing.