

***15<sup>th</sup> Mandom International Research Grants on  
Alternatives to Animal Experiments,  
Applications begin from August 23***

~ Researchers will receive 3 million yen in grants ~

Mandom Corporation (Head Office: Osaka City, Japan; President Executive Officer & Director: Ken Nishimura; hereafter called “Mandom”) is working to develop alternatives to animal experiments. As a part of this research effort, Mandom will be holding its 15<sup>th</sup> *Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments*. This event will follow the 14<sup>th</sup> *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 15<sup>th</sup> time the event is held and Mandom is currently in the process of collecting research themes from all around the world. Up until March 2021, 31 research grants were given to researchers, including those who applied from overseas. Out of those 31 grants, a research report will be given for three which were included in the theme for the 14<sup>th</sup> *Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments* event. Research funding has started as of April 2021. Ordinarily, these projects report their findings to the annual meeting of the *Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments* (JSAAE). However, due to the impact of COVID-19 last year, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> rounds of research grant reports were not made, but the reporting will be combined at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of JSAAE that is to be held at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) in November 2021. 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]**

1) Theme	Research regarding alternatives to animal testing (any field of study)	
2) Grant Amount	500,000 – 2M yen per grant, total of 3M yen/year	
3) Schedule	Aug. 23, 2021 (Mon.)	Applications begin
	Jan. 31, 2022 (Mon.)	Application deadline
	Early Feb. 2022	Selection begins
	Late Mar. 2022	Grant recipients announced
	Apr. 1, 2022 (Fri.)	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]**

In the wake of the EU ban on animal testing for cosmetics issued in March 2013, the global effort to develop alternatives to animal experiments has sped up. The developed replacements are now coming on stream as new methods of safety evaluation.

In Japan, the principles of the 3Rs to promote animal welfare are guiding the way in developing these methods. The 3Rs are namely: Replacement (Using other methods that do not involve animals); Reduction (Decreasing the amount of use of animals); and Refinement (Lessening the suffering caused to animals). Discussion and development are ongoing on testing methods that bring greater precision in predicting and evaluating products and their effectiveness.

At Mandom, our policy is not to use any animal testing. The safety of cosmetics products we manufacture and market are assured through the use of replacement methods as well as of testing on human subjects (including patch test and skin test). We are highly aware that the development of alternatives to animal experiments focusing on greater experiment precision is an essential part of further raising safety standards.

Mandom has been awarding international research grants on alternative to animal experiments as part of our current drive to promote the development of replacement methods to animal testing, with a special focus on one of the 3Rs, that of Replacement.