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Mandom started 20th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments.
～ 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 is holding its 20th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments. This event will follow the 19th 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 20th time the event is held and Mandom is currently in the process of collecting research themes from all around the world. Up until March 2026, 46 research grants were given to researchers, including those who applied from overseas. A research report was given for two which were included in the theme for the 19th Mandom International Research Grants on Alternatives to Animal Experiments event. Research funding has started as of April 2026. Ordinarily, these projects report their findings to the annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments (JSAAE), but the reporting will be combined at the 39th Annual Meeting of JSAAE that is to be held at ACRIE Himeji from November 13th to 15th 2026.

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.

【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	Nov. 1, 2026 (Sun.)	Applications begin
		Jan. 29, 2027 (Fri.)	Application deadline
		Early Feb. 2027	Selection begins
		Late Mar. 2027	Grant recipients announced
		Apr. 1, 2027 (Thu.)	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

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【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. We make every effort when it comes to securing the safety of the cosmetics products we manufacture and market, which is something we promote as an initiative for one of the material issues(materiality) within our sustainability strategy, namely "maintaining/enhancing the corporate base." Our everlasting mission is expanding and strengthening our Dedication to Service, and we will continue our efforts as a company that recognizes the value of its existence from all stakeholders.