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English version

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the Japanese version applies

Kansai Venture Creation Program

Global Research to Market Program for Researchers

Program Application Details

Application Deadlines

First Call for Applications: 2026/09/06 (Sun) 23:59 (JST)

Second Call for Applications 2026/09/23 (Wed) 23:59 (JST)

*The application period has been extended



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01 OUTLINE | コース概要

Purpose of the program

Creation of global startups from commercializeable research & technologies

1	Creation of global founder team
2	IP & Legal support, planning of product, business model and market strategy
3	Connecting and negotiating with potential global partner companies

Program Location

Kansai region and online

Participation Costs

Free, except for any personal costs such as transportation and food

Target Audience

Eligibility	Researchers and entrepreneurs based in Kansai (Hyogo, Osaka, Kyoto, Shiga, Nara and Wakayama Prefectures)
Stage	Unincorporated or early-stage startups looking for co-founder
Field	Any (Excluding pharmaceuticals and medical devices)
Other Criteria	For researchers with an original research IP considering entrepreneurship and sufficient English level to explain their research



02 PROGRAM STRUCTURE | プログラム構成 – 全体像

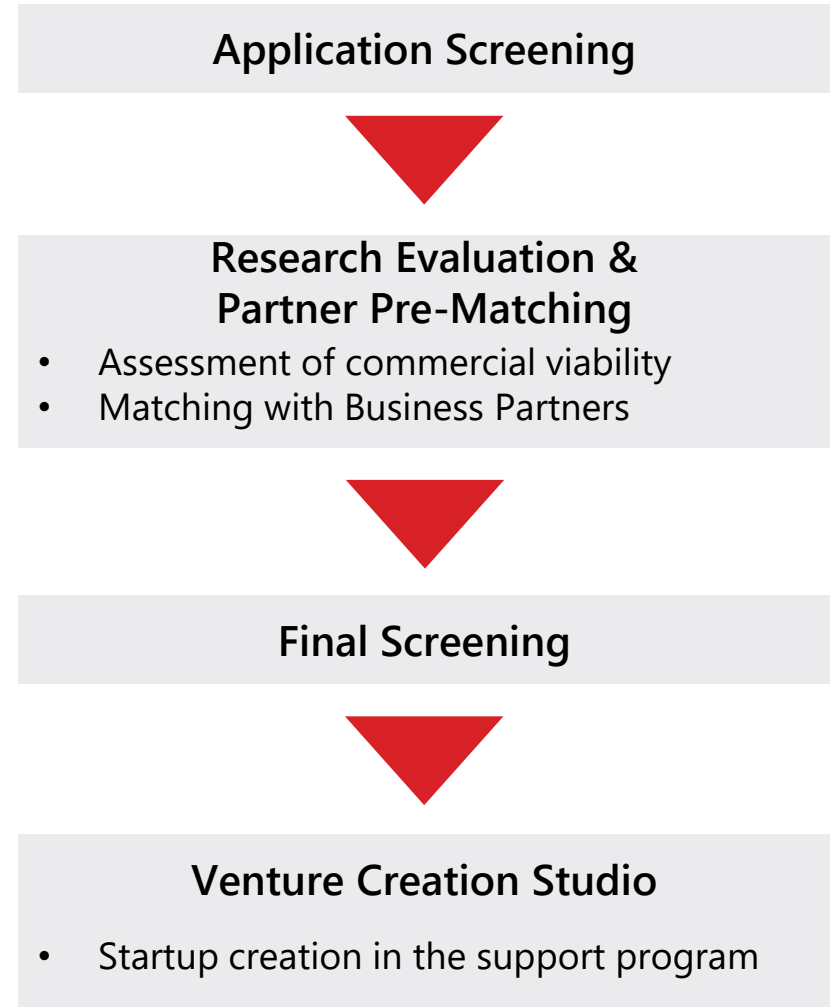
【構成図】

Program Overview

This program provides researchers in the Kansai region with the opportunity to launch investment-ready global startups based on their own research results and technologies.

Through the program, the commercial potential of researchers' technologies is assessed, and participants are matched with globally minded business professionals who can serve as co-founders.

The top three teams selected through the second-round screening will receive approximately five months of venture creation support. By the end of the program, they will be equipped with a strong foundation for launching their own startups.



02 PROGRAM STRUCTURE | プログラム構成 – 詳細

1 Pre-matching with a Business Partner

Before launching the program, selected applicants are pre-matched with experienced global entrepreneurs.

Cap Approximately 10 applicants

Schedule From early September to early October 2026
Format: Online

Contents

Due Diligence Evaluation

- Overseas venture capital company analyzes and evaluates the applicant's research's commercial potential

Matching with a Co-founder

- Pre-matching with potential co-founder from overseas networks

Online Meetings

- Online meetings with potential co-founders to confirm compatibility

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2 Final Screening

After pre-matching and evaluations, 3 teams are chosen to the venture creation phase.

Cap Up to 3 teams

Schedule Early October 2026

Contents

Selection Criteria

- Results of due diligence evaluation and analysis
- Results of pre-matching, team's internal combability
- Holistic review of the team
- Expected program results, assessed likelihood of continuing the startup after the program

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3 Venture Creation Studio

Planning the company together with a co-founder

Cap 1-3 Teams

日程 From mid October 2026 to early March 2027
Format: mainly online, partially on-site in Osaka

概要

Up to 3 teams will be selected to the Venture Creation Studio phase. The selected teams will receive holistic support over 5 months whilst tackling milestones required for startup creation.

Team Milestones	Support
• Market research & business plan formation • Intellectual property strategy formation • Go-to-Market strategy formation and execution • Proof of Concept planning • Fundraising preparation etc.	• Mentoring & coaching, periodical progress review and advice • Intellectual property & legal support • Support to obtaining first clients and preparing to pitch for investors etc.

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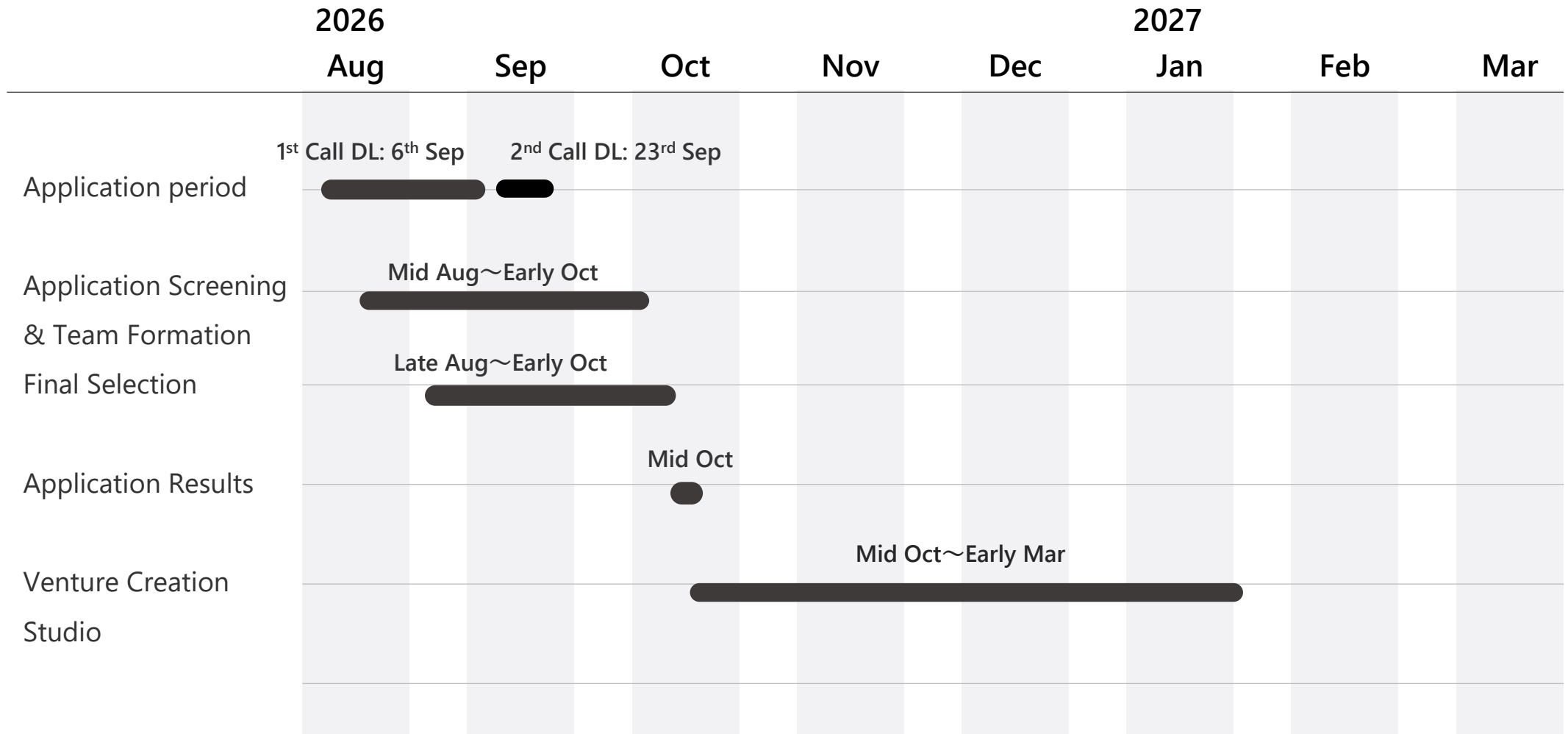
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Details on program partners announced at later date

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Details on program partners announced at later date

03 SCHEDULE | スケジュール



04 ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS | 対象者・応募要件

Participant capacity

- Pre-matching & evaluation: 10 applicants
- Venture Creation Studio: 3 applicants/teams

Target Audience

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Application Requirements

Applicants must meet all the following criteria

- Engaged in research or other activities based in Japan (All nationalities are eligible)
- Interested in or aims to commercialize research
- Capable of explaining their technology and research in English
- Has ownership of the to-be-commercialized research
- Cooperates in filling questionnaire*

*This program is part of the Cabinet Office and JETRO's project and its contributions are tracked and surveyed via questionnaires as required

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Requirements for Participants (Researchers and Teams)

Research and Technology Information Management

- Disclose only information that has been approved for release by the participant's affiliated institution.
- Consult with the participant's affiliated institution in advance regarding unpublished research results or content that may be subject to future patent applications.
- Conduct a self-review of presentation materials and pitch decks before use.

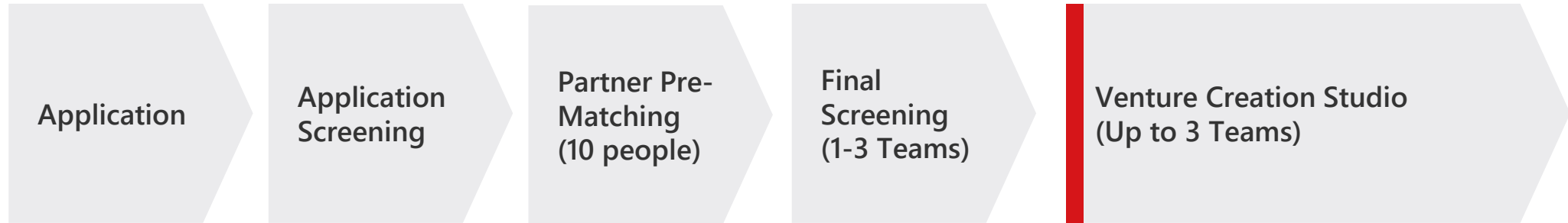
Compliance with Laws and Rules

- Comply with the participant's affiliated institution's regulations concerning export control, research integrity, and research security.
- Promptly report any concerns arising from meetings or other interactions with overseas organizations to the program office.

Intellectual Property Management

- Recognize the potential need for invention disclosures and patent applications, and coordinate with the intellectual property office of the affiliated institution.
- Exercise due care in handling information obtained through mentoring or other program activities.

05 SELECTION PROCESS・CRITERIA | 選考プロセス・基準



Selection Criteria

- Applicant's academic achievements and language skills
- Applicant's technology's/research's potential in the global markets
- Interest from potential partners
- General suitability for the course

Application Form

Supporting Documents Upload

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- All applicants will be contacted about screening results
 - Applicants are required to submit a pitch deck or other documents such as research papers that explain their research as part of the application.
 - Applicants may be contacted for further questions during the screening process
 - Please acknowledge that we will not reply to any questions regarding screening criteria or results
 - Applicants who pass the initial document screening will be contacted separately for an interview

07 NOTES | 注意・免責事項

1. If you are admitted to this program, JETRO may publicly share information about your participation for the purposes of promoting its projects and reporting program outcomes. Any information to be disclosed will be reviewed with you in advance.
2. This program is part of Cabinet Office's ecosystem initiative (内閣府スタートアップ・エコシステム拠点都市機能強化プログラム).

Terms and conditions

Please apply only if you have read and accepted the [terms & conditions](#)

Cancellation Policy

Withdrawal from the program will not be accepted for any reason after receiving and accepting the program invitation.
Withdrawing from the program may affect any future applications to JETRO programs.

08 CONTACT | お問い合わせ

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