

# KERNEL

## FY2026 Term 1 Call for Workshop Proposals

Kamioka Extremely Rare-phenomena and  
NEutrino-research Laboratory (KERNEL)  
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The Kamioka Extremely Rare-phenomena and NEutrino-research Laboratory (KERNEL) supports the organization of workshops as part of its research activity supports aimed at advancing and expanding rare-phenomena research internationally. We are now inviting proposals under the guidelines below for workshops to be held in FY2026 Term 1. We warmly welcome a wide range of proposals from the community.

### KERNEL Workshop Application Guidelines

1. Purpose of the Call
  - (a) The Kamioka Extremely Rare-phenomena and NEutrino-research Laboratory (KERNEL) promotes research that leverages an ultra-low-background environment and ultra-low-background technologies to uncover exceptionally rare phenomena governed by as-yet-unexplained laws of physics. As part of its research support activities aimed at promoting the international development of this field, this call provides support for hosting workshops.
2. Implementation Period
  - (a) We are accepting proposals for workshops to be held in FY2026 Term 1 (August–September).
  - (b) If desired, we will also accept proposals for workshops scheduled to be held in FY2026 Term 2 (October–December) and beyond.
3. How to Apply
  - (a) Applications will be accepted via the Google Form below.
    - ① <https://forms.gle/Mw48bjMToHqbCeJ68>
  - (b) Please complete the Google Form in accordance with the notes below.
    - ① Name of Applicant (affiliation, phone number, e-mail address)
    - ② Workshop Title
      - Please provide a title that clearly indicates the purpose of the workshop.
    - ③ Workshop Abstract (Approx. 200 words)
      - Please describe the workshop theme and the expected developments resulting from the workshop.

- ④ Organizing Committee Members
  - Please list the names and affiliations of the workshop chair and other members of the organizing committee.
  - In principle, the organizing committee members should include KERNEL faculty members.
  - The applicant in ① will be the contact person for the organizing committee.
- ⑤ Co-sponsors, supporting organizations, etc.
  - If there are co-sponsors, supporting organizations, etc., please list the cooperating institutions/organizations (including those for which applications are currently pending or planned).
  - If selected, please include KERNEL as one of the organizing bodies.
- ⑥ Requested budget amount
  - Please include amounts for which applications are currently pending or planned.
  - Please list the total amount for each co-sponsoring or supporting organization.
- ⑦ Breakdown of the budget requested from KERNEL and the basis for the requested amount
  - Workshop expenses other than travel expenses, such as venue fees, may also be supported. However, only expenses that are eligible for payment according to accounting rules will be supported.
  - The maximum application amount is generally 500,000 yen.
  - Examples of budget breakdown items:
    - (a) Travel expenses: cost and number of participants (proportion of postdocs and students)
    - (b) Venue fees:
    - (c) Other (tea and snacks, etc.):
- ⑧ Workshop Style and Scale
  - Example: International workshop, approximately 20 participants from abroad and 50 participants from Japan.
- ⑨ Workshop Venue
- ⑩ Planned Workshop Dates
  - Please specify the dates for the planned workshop.

#### 4. Application Deadline & Review

- (a) Application deadline: June 30, 2026
- (b) In principle, the submitted workshop proposals will be reviewed by the

Research Steering Committee, which is scheduled to meet in July 2026. The committee will decide whether to accept or reject each proposal, taking into account factors such as academic significance and timing.

(c) The review results are expected to be announced sometime in July 2026.

(d) Selected workshops will be posted on the KERNEL website.

5. Contact Information

(a) KERNEL Secretariat

(b) E-mail: [kernel-info@lowbg.org](mailto:kernel-info@lowbg.org)

6. Post-Workshop Report

(a) After the workshop, organizers are requested to submit a report using the Google Form below.

① <https://forms.gle/68DQqHedgp4uHLf28>