

Research Proposal

(Your proposal, following the outline below, should be no longer than **five A4 pages**.)

(Diagrams and tables may be included)

Please **delete** the notes in parentheses as you complete the form.)

Name: _____

A. Title

B. Summary (200 words)

C. Objectives (specific aims)

(Clearly and concisely describe what the proposed research is intended to accomplish.)

D. Background and significance

(Describe the research problem including the proposed rationale, current state of knowledge and potential contributions and significance of your research to the field.)

E. Preliminary studies and progress report

(Describe prior work you have done, if any, that is directly relevant to the current proposal.)

F. Research design and methods

(Describe how you plan to carry out the research in a three-year term.)

G. Reason for selection of the desired lab

Please describe why you selected the specific lab, including the following.

- 1). How you learned of the lab, and how much communication you have had about the research you plan to do at the lab.
- 2). The merits of the lab you chose for the research you plan to carry out, and what potential it offers for further development of your research
- 3). If there is a possibility you will carry out a substantial part of your research work at an institution outside of Japan, please indicate the reason.