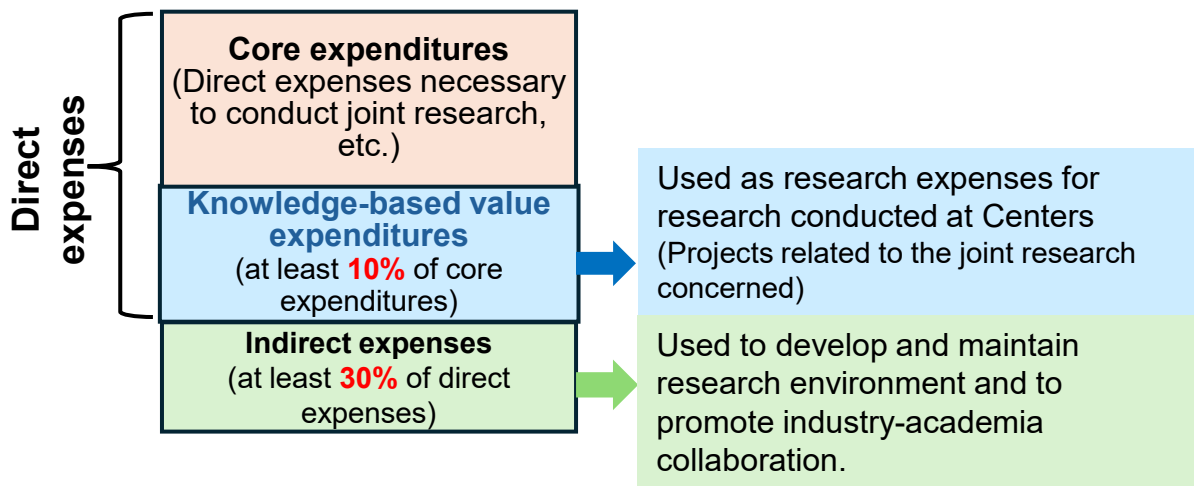


- “Knowledge-based value expenditures” will be introduced and included in expenses for joint research, etc.* starting in April 2025 or after.
- The indirect expenses rate will be changed from “at least 20%” to “at least 30%.”

Outline

“Knowledge-based value expenditures” are expenses based on the added value that RIKEN’s scientific and technical knowledge gives to the joint research etc., and the degree of its contribution to the external institution (such as companies).



*Joint research, etc.: collaborative research, commissioned research/tests, and technical consultation

- ✓ Joint research partners are asked to agree on a total expenditure that will include knowledge-based value expenditures, based on the value created through joint research with RIKEN.
- ✓ Considering individual status and contribution to joint research from each side, knowledge-based value expenditures and indirect expenses will be determined flexibly.
- ✓ “Knowledge-based value expenditures” do not include royalties from intellectual property rights owned by RIKEN (including those generated through joint research, etc.).
- ✓ If coordination related to research expenses had already commenced prior to this amendment notice, agreements under the previous terms may still be possible. We ask for your understanding that future agreements will be based on the new terms.

Reasons for the introduction of “knowledge-based value expenditures” and changes to indirect expense rate

- Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) advocate for assigning value to the “knowledge” possessed by researchers. Universities and research institutions are also promoting the introduction of “knowledge-based value expenditures” in joint research agreements.
- Regarding indirect expenses, it is common practice for universities and research institutions to set at least 30% of the direct expenses as indirect expenses when collaborating with external organizations.