

## 1) OVERVIEW

The Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Welfare Foundation (MSIWF) was founded in 1975 in Japan and dedicates itself to practicable research in the areas of **traffic safety** and **senior citizen welfare**. To date, the foundation has handed out more than 2,323 awards with a combined value of JPY 2,594 million (THB 623.6 million).

The grant was made available outside of Japan for the first time in 2007. From 2008, the grant was extended to Thailand.

## 2) RESEARCH AREAS

In Thailand, applications are welcomed for the following subject:

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

#### **Eligible Projects**

Research in the areas of traffic safety measures for traffic accidents and various disasters in Thailand related to roads, railways (tramways), ports (including access to port), and airports (including access to airport), as well as related basic traffic phenomena, legal systems, plans, safety measures, prediction methods, etc.

#### **Scope**

Issues towards autonomous driving vehicle society, road management technology and traffic management technology associated with autonomous driving, issues on expressways, national highways, prefectural roads, and municipal roads, road traffic phenomena, traffic signals, and other road traffic safety measures, traffic phenomena for the elderly and young children and safety measures to them, vehicular safety equipment, traffic safety education (methods, ways of being, etc.), safety and safety measures for pedestrians, bicycles, next-generation mobility, etc., restoration of transportation facilities and logistics in the event of a disaster, prehospital care system (emergency system, accident reporting system from the accident scene to the hospital), medical care for traffic accidents, traffic safety in residential areas, behavioral characteristics of children, traffic safety measures in school zones, characteristic disorders of traffic accidents and its treatment, rehabilitation after traffic accidents, railway (level crossings, etc.), airport/port access (parking problems for buses and trucks, access road problems, etc.), etc.

#### **Selection Committee**

##### *Committee Chairman*

Kunimichi Takada  
Professor Emeritus, Nihon University

##### *Members*

Haruo Suzuki  
Professor Emeritus, Chiba University  
Takeki Ogawa  
Professor Emeritus, The JIKEI University School of Medicine  
Hiroo Ohta  
Professor Emeritus, Tohoku Institute of Technology  
Taro Sekine  
Professor, Nihon University

#### 4) GRANT PERIOD

The length of research covered by the grant is one year. Research projects should commence in December 2024 or January 2025.

#### 5) ELIGIBILITY

Thailand-based researchers and academics are invited to apply. Both individual and group proposals are acceptable. Young researchers are especially welcomed to apply. Members of for-profit organisations and research projects that have been completed are not eligible.

#### 6) APPLICATION FORM

The Application Form consists of 5 parts, all of which must be completed and typed.

- A. GENERAL INFORMATION
- B. RESEARCH PLAN
- C. RESEARCH TEAM *(include a CV of the Primary Researcher)*
- D. REFERENCE
- E. BUDGET PROJECTION *(note the categories of permissible expenses and include catalogues and quotations as necessary)*

Be sure to proof-read applications for clarity, grammar, spelling and math. The foundation reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete, inaccurate or fail to attach supporting documents. Falsification of information may result in the revocation of grants.

Application Form can be downloaded at <http://www.ms-ins.co.th>.

Submit applications (.doc or .pdf of not exceeding 5 MB) to Ms. Pornrat Hanprasert at [pornrat@ms-ins.co.th](mailto:pornrat@ms-ins.co.th), or by post to:

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#### 7) APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed applications must be received by **15 July 2024 (Monday)**.

#### 8) REVIEW CRITERIA

All completed applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Shortlisted applications will be subjected to a second review by the MSIWF Board. All decisions are final.

Applications must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (i) Necessity in receiving grant from MSIWF
  - (a) The project is unable to receive aids/grants from public organisations or other means due to the interdisciplinary and/or budding nature of the research, or due to the inexperience/lack of substantial track record of the researchers, such that the grant from MSIWF is essential and instrumental to allow the project to proceed.

## (ii) Originality, Practicality, Social Significance

- (a) The project is original in its research subject and/or employs an original research methodology.
- (b) The project demonstrates ability to analyse current issues and apply insightful measurements.
- (c) The project has great social significance and strong practical applications.
- (d) The project achieves the aim of improving traffic safety, with broad local, regional and/or future implications.

**9) NOTIFICATION**

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome in November 2024. MSIWF regrets that they will be unable to provide feedback to unsuccessful applications.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Award Ceremony in Bangkok in **January 2025**.

**10) OBLIGATIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS**

- (i) Before receiving the grant, each successful applicant should endorse a “Document of Formal Agreement” to acknowledge the grant terms and conditions.
- (ii) “Report of Research Results” and “Report of Utilisation of Research Grant”
  - (a) The “Report of Research Results” and “Report of Utilisation of Research Grant” should be submitted within **one (1) month from the end date of the grant period**. In the event that the above documents are not received within the said time frame, without the explicit consent from MSIWF for an extension, MSIWF reserves the right to revoke the research grant.
  - (b) The “Report of Research Results” shall be incorporated in the *Compilation of Reports of Research Results* which is slated to appear on the MSIWF website. With the exception of the above, all literary rights and patents with regards to this grant belong to the grant recipient.

**11) ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESEARCH RESULTS**

In principle, results of all MSIWF grant-funded research should be announced in academic journals. Acknowledgements of the MSIWF research grant should be included in such announcement(s). Copies of the official announcement(s) should be forwarded to MSIWF.

**12) HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- (i) MSIWF shall limit the use of personal information obtained in relation to the research grant to areas pertaining to the selection of grant recipients.
- (ii) Once a decision has been made regarding grant recipients, MSIWF shall release to the public details such as the names and affiliations of the recipients, grant award amount etc. In addition, the “Report of Research Results” that is submitted for inclusion in the *Compilation of Reports of Research Results* may also be released to third parties.
- (iii) MSIWF shall act appropriately and promptly to requests made for the termination of release of the above-mentioned information to third parties.

If you have any questions or require instruction and application form, please contact:

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\*\*Application Instructions and Application form are also available in [www.ms-ins.co.th](http://www.ms-ins.co.th)