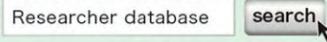


How to use the network joint research center

- 1 Access the researcher database.  
<http://star-five.net/>  
  
 You can search with the name, affiliation, and keywords of the host researchers

Always
- 2 Consult with the researcher you would like to collaborate with or contact the Kyoten headquarter.  
 Email address of Kyoten headquarter:  
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Until around December
- 3 Apply with the prescribed format.  
 Details of the open call for participants will be announced on the Kyoten website.  
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Around January
- 4 **Acceptance**  
 The applicant will be notified by email.

Around April

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Osaka University, Kyushu University

Create the future  
Beyond the field  
Network Joint Research Center



# About The Network Joint Research Center for Materials and Device and The Dynamic Alliance for Open Innovation Bridging Human, Environment and Materials

In FY2005, "Materials Science & Technology Research Center for Industrial Creation" was launched between The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research at Osaka University (ISIR) and Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials at Tohoku University (IMRAM), which has attracted great attention as a pioneering case of the so-called Collaboration project among Research Institutes beyond the boundaries of their affiliated universities.

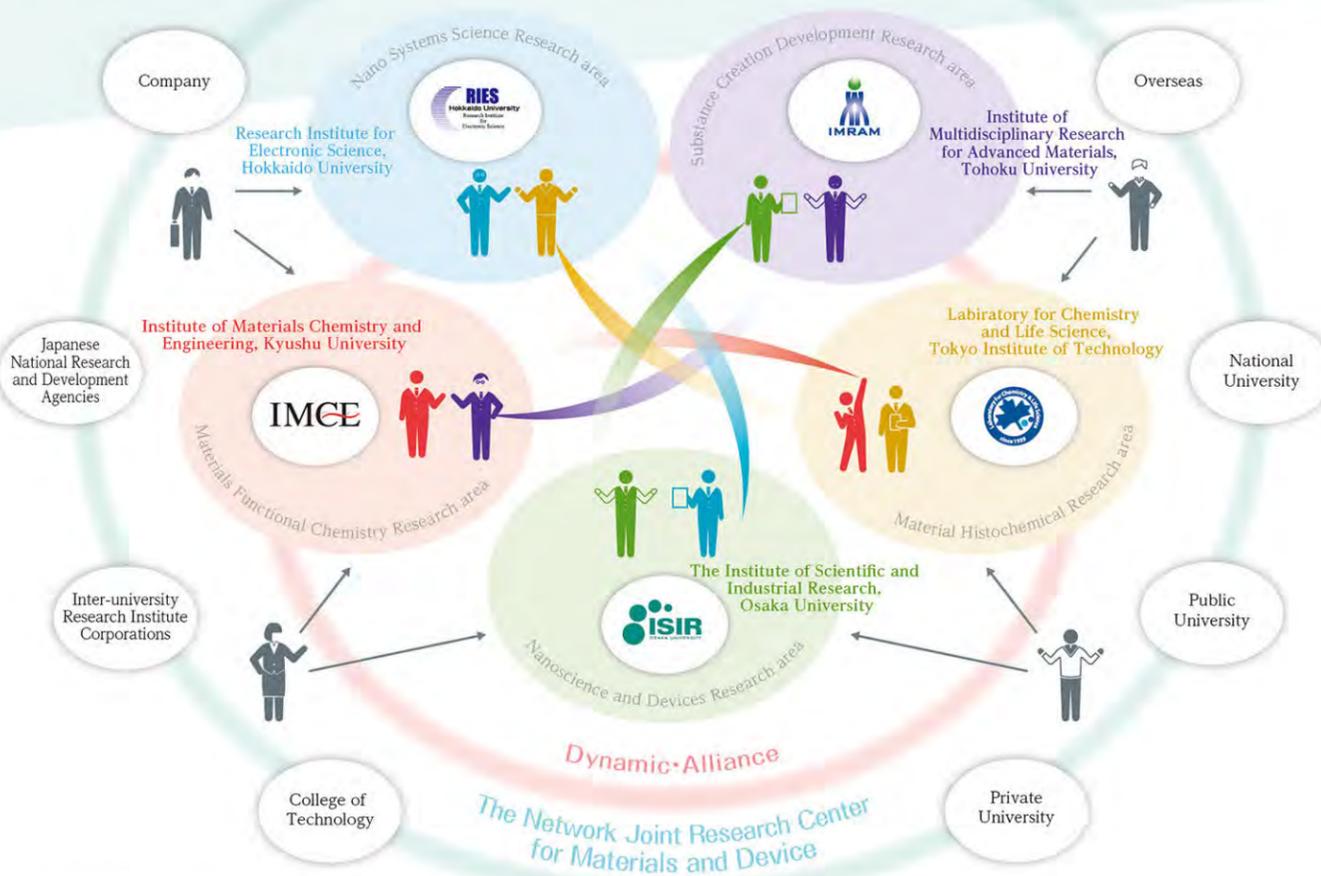
In FY2006, Research Institute for Electronic Science (RIES), Hokkaido University and Chemical Resources Laboratory (now Laboratory of Chemistry and Life Science (CLS)), Tokyo Institute of Technology newly joined as the constituents of the project to expand the Alliance framework, which started as "Post-Silicon Materials and Devices Research Alliance". Furthermore, from FY2010, "The Strategic Project for the Creation of Materials, Devices and Systems Connecting Nano and Macro through the Inter-institute Alliance" was launched with the addition of Institute for Materials Chemistry and Engineering (IMCE), Kyushu University.

In line with the start of the alliance among the five universities and five research institutes, the first phase of the "Network-type" Joint Research Center for Materials and Devices was launched in FY2010 with the approval of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), aiming to dramatically strengthen the domestic and international collaborative research network.

The Network Joint Research Center's enterprise has been approved for continuation. In FY2016, when the second phase of the enterprise began, the "Dynamic Alliance for Open Innovation Bridging Human, Environment and Materials" was newly started in parallel, and is unfolding its activities, which are complementary and linked to the Network Joint Research Center's enterprise.

In this Network Joint Research Center for Materials and Devices, we aim to create innovative materials and devices by establishing a joint research system in the field of materials and devices, which spans the five research areas of Nano Systems Science, Development of New Materials, Histochemistry of Materials, Nanoscience and Devices, and Materials Functional Chemistry, and by forming a core to promote various Diverse cutting-edge interdisciplinary joint researches.

Based on the alliance-type joint research network formed among the five research institutes, we aim to develop research, nurture young human resources and create innovation by further collaboration with domestic and foreign researchers, students, and companies.



## About the Dynamic Alliance

We are conducting a new type of joint research called as "Horizontal skewer type joint research" characterized by cross-group and cross-disciplinary research, which dynamically incorporates and densely develops People and Different Fields by five Alliance Research Institutes. Also, we are nurturing young researchers and students with abundant creativity who will be responsible for the next-generation of science and technology, and promoting network activities of research support organizations, such as technical staffs.

## Message from Center Headquarters Manager, Joint Research Center/Director and Project Manager, Dynamic Alliance Headquarters/Director

The Center for Materials Science and Device Research (hereinafter referred to as the "Center") was established in FY2010, and is a network of equally-connected institutes with outstanding research achievements in the field of materials and devices, including Hokkaido University, Tohoku University, Chemical Research Institute for Advanced Materials Science and Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Osaka University, and Institute for Materials Chemistry and Engineering, Kyushu University. We invited researchers from national, public and private universities, technical colleges and other institutions of technology across the country to join us, and over the past 10 years we have promoted more than 4,600 joint research projects through the first (2010-2015) and second (2016-2021) phases of the project.

A noteworthy ingenuity in the second year was the restructuring of the COE and the alliance among the five research institutes (the Dynamic Alliance for Innovation between People, Environment and Materials (hereinafter referred to as the "Dynamic Alliance"), headed by Dr. Toru Sekino, Director of the Institute of Industrial Science and Technology, Osaka University) so that they are mutually inseparable from each other, and the preparation of a variety of programs as follows

We have positioned "basic joint research" and "use of facilities and equipment" as center programs in the field of materials and devices in Japan.

The Dynamic Alliance Program includes the "Developmental Joint Research" to develop outstanding research results, the "Next Generation Collaborative Research" where graduate students, undergraduates and technical college students plan and carry out their own research, and the "CORE Lab Collaborative Research" where outstanding young researchers promote creative interdisciplinary research.

All of these programs are vigorously supported by both the centers and the Dynamic Alliance business as a whole.

This center was highly evaluated for its continuity and developmental potential, and was the only network-type cooperative research center to receive an "S" rating, the highest possible, at the 2015 year-end evaluation and the 2018 interim evaluation. Through the development of the center's activities, the network formed among the center's users has expanded, and in some cases it has developed into the development of new research fields, and in other cases, the center's users have developed joint research projects across multiple research institutes, making it possible to feel that new research is being carried out across the country.

Our goal is not only to strengthen the research capabilities of the institute's member institutes, but also to revitalize the research community at home and abroad and to support future-oriented and challenging research.

We also respect the diversity of research and support research that is full of potential.

We hope that many researchers will take advantage of this program and expand the network of research activities.



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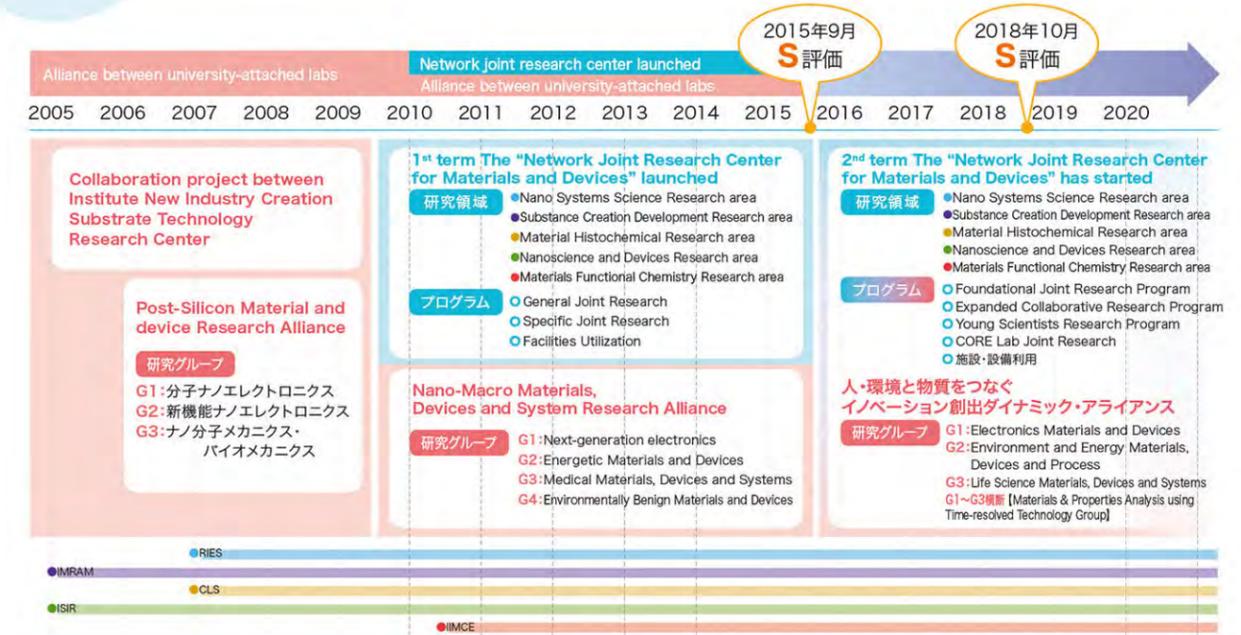


Project Manager, Dynamic Alliance Headquarters/Director  
Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research,  
Osaka University

Prof. Toru Sekino

## History

It was the only networked location to receive an S rating in the 2015 year-end evaluation and the 2018 interim evaluation. In the second phase, which began in fiscal 2016, we added new programs, including a program for the development of young human resources, as well as joint research with young people that leverages our networking skills.





## Features of The Kyoten

Diversity-filled interdisciplinary research that could not be achieved through joint research with a single research institute, "Sharing knowledge and research environment" utilizing domestic & overseas networks, and fostering motivated young research personnel are being promoted together with "Dynamic Alliance for Open Innovation Bridging Human, Environment and Materials". From basic research to applied research, we are contributing to the development of humanistic science and technology that brightens and enriches future society.

### POINT 1 Further expanding network

We accept joint research with researchers from a wide range of research institutes such as national, public and private universities, technical colleges, and overseas universities, etc. and promote challenging academic research created by interdisciplinary fusion.

### POINT 2 The power to connect and cooperate with each other

We comprehensively support researchers nationwide by building on a powerful collaborative research platform cultivated through the existing dynamic alliance. Utilizing the network, we support research activities in emergencies such as disasters.

### POINT 3 Formation of international network

We create an environment where Japanese researchers can cooperate while studying diligently with researchers from all over the world, support to participate in international joint research activities, and to demonstrate leadership.

### POINT 4 Fostering young researchers

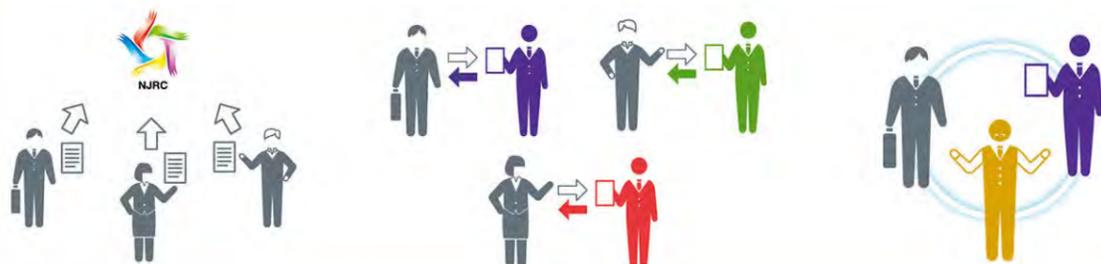
We provide young researchers and students with opportunities to actively present their research at workshops and symposia. We improve research ability by sharing results and improve our motivation through human exchange.

## STEP 1

### Foundational Joint Research Program

Since the purpose of this program is for "Grow the buds of research on Materials and Devices", this is a joint research program in which the Kyoten and the Five-star alliance support bottom-up proposals based on the applicant's free ideas.

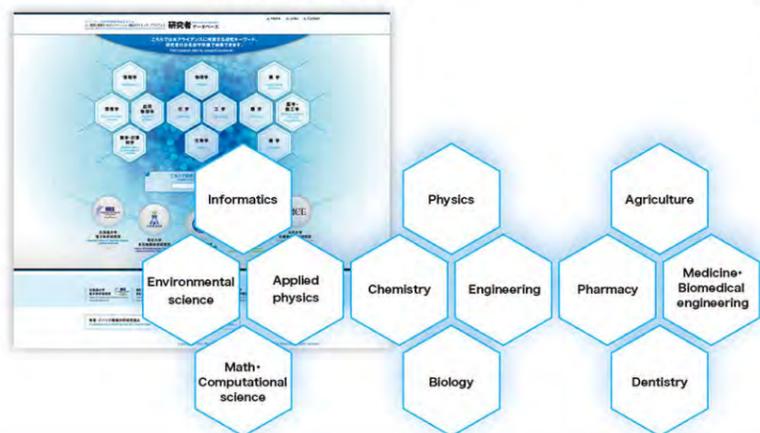
We ensure diversity by inviting a wide range of applicants and adopting as many joint research issues as possible.



A network of technical staff and a researcher database have been established to further develop network-type joint research beyond the boundaries of universities. In addition, information to encourage the use of the cutting-edge facilities and equipment of each institute is available to the public.

#### 【 Researcher database 】

Approximately 370 researchers belonging to 5 research institutes are registered in the database. You can search for your perfect collaborators by keyword.  
<http://star-five.net/>



#### 【 Equipment introduction 】

Please visit on the following URL to see the research facilities of each research center.  
<http://five-star.tagen.tohoku.ac.jp/equipment/>



## STEP 2

### Expanded Collaborative Research Program

Among the " Foundational Joint Research ", particularly excellent research are designated as " Expanded Collaborative Research " and are given priority support. "Expanded Collaborative Research Program" is a program unique to the Network-type Joint Research Center/Dynamic Alliance, which aims to "participate the applicant researchers in the framework of the Alliance between multiple research institutes". It has the property of easily creating ingenious research results through synergistic effects.



The "Joint Research Center for Materials Science and Devices" and the "Five-star Alliance" promote the dissemination of information on active young researchers. We introduce the research of particularly excellent students as a role model for the further development of young researchers of the future and for those who will follow in their footsteps.

### CORE\*Lab Joint Research

The CORE Lab is a place for practical research and education for human resource development and talent growth. Young researchers become Principal Investigators, forming teams with outstanding researchers from five research institutes, and conducting medium-to long-term research activities. Principal Investigator, etc. will stay in the CORE lab set up at the host research institute to carry out joint research.

\*Collaboration Research



### Young Scientists Research Program

In this program, creative undergraduate and graduate students and technical college students, who will be responsible for the future of science and technology in the next generation, become Principal Investigator (PI) and proactively engage in joint research in close collaboration with host researchers. Principal investigators will be awarded the title of "NJRC Excellent Student Researcher".



