How to create a NOUS account
Open the login page for NOUS from here (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin). And then click on the New User button on the login page.

Please note that it may take 2-3 days at the longest until your account is activated, because stuff at Okazaki Administration Center must accept your request. Please do not forget to leave extra time.
Make sure the webpage has been switched to registration page.
Enter your full name in the "⽒名 (Name in Japanese)" field.
Enter your family name (姓) and first name (名) in each field.
Enter your email address. If necessary, you could add another email address in the “メールアドレス2 (Email address2)” field.
Enter the name of your institute.

Even if you are going to transfer, please register current information.
Enter the name of your Department.

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Please fill in the name of your Department in the provided field.
Enter your job title.
Enter your work phone number. Phone number must be filled to register your account.
Fax number is optional. Please enter fax number if necessary.
Enter your year of birth in the “西暦年入力(year of birth)” field. If you do not would like to answer, please select “答えない(I will not answer.)”.

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1. Select the year you were born.
2. If you do not want to answer, select “答えない(I will not answer.)”.
Select your gender. If you do not want to answer, please select “答えない(I will not answer.)”.
Select your country. “未選択” means “blank”, thus please do not leave the filed as “未選択”.
Enter your year of degree. Year of degree must be filled to register your account.
Enter your MEXT/JSPS KAKENHI Researcher Number if you need.
Click the button in order to register your ORCID ID. It’s optional, however, if you register the ORCID ID here, you could use ORCID when you register information regarding your research papers while filling in proposals.
Select an institution where you are going to conduct your research project in the “照会先機関(Contact Institution)” field. “未選択” means “blank”, thus please do not leave the filed as “未選択”. This column must be answered to finish registering your information.
After filling necessary columns, please click the Go button next to Clear. If you would like to delete all information and enter them again, please click the Clear button to move onto next step.
Please confirm the webpage has been switched to confirmation page and check all information is correct.
There is the statement concerning the treatment of your personal information below the registration form. Please read the statement in English on the next page.
The statement Concerning Treatment of Your Personal Information upon New User Registration.

*Please note:*

- Your name, institute and job title could be displayed in application forms while representative researchers are filling them online via NOUS.

- Your personal information in application forms may be provided to both the staff in National Institutes of National Sciences and the people in other institutes upon examining the proposals with permission from representative researcher.

- In addition, your personal data may be used for conducting, managing research projects you might join and statistical works at both National Institutes of National Sciences and other institutes involved in the researches.

- Your information will be used only for above purposes.
After confirming the statement, click on **Register** if you agree. Unless you agree the statement, you can not register your account on NOUS. In case you want to revise your information, click on **Back** to go back to previous page. If you do not agree, please click on **Cancel**.
Please note that it may take 2-3 days at the longest until your account is activated, because stuff at Okazaki Administration Center must accept your request. Please do not forget to leave extra time.

After submitting your registration form, confirmation mail concerning acceptance of your request will be sent to the address you registered.
After your request is accepted, an email to set up your password will be sent via NOUS. Please click the URL in the massage and open the webpage.
Passwords should have more than 9 characters, at least one upper or lowercase letter, and one alphanumeric symbol. Please enter your password in the upper column on Change Password page.
Please enter the password again in the lower column for confirmation.

Please take care to enter correct password.
Click on the button "Change".
At this point, your password has been set. Please confirm that the “Password successfully changed” message has been displayed at the upper part of the screen.

If you see the error "Already changed", the password setting has failed. Please re-enter the password setting screen from the URL in the user approval email.
And then click on the "NOUS" button on the page and go back to login page (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin).
Please try to log into NOUS using your password.

The process of creating a NOUS account is completed.
How to log into NOUS with Two-Step Verification
Please open the login page for NOUS from here
(https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin).
If you cannot remember your Login ID, please send us email. There is our email address in “Inquiry” below.

Please click an Login ID entry field and enter your ID using your email address, which you registered when you applied for an user account.
If you cannot remember your password and would like to reset it, please check “Resetting password” below.

Please click an password entry field and enter your password. After that, please click the button **Login**.
Please confirm the webpage has been switched and your ID and password are correct. After that, please click the button to obtain your keycode.

If you wish to link your NOUS account with your Google account, you will first need to log in to your NOUS My Page using two-step verification and set it up.
Please confirm the message "認証キーを送信しました", which means an verification code has been successfully sent.
Please open an email sent via NOUS which subject is “認証コードの送付 (Sending a Verification Code)”. The email is sent to your registered email address. Please copy characters in the email. “認証キー” means a verification code in Japanese.

The code is valid for 10 minutes. If you need a new one, please go back to the webpage and click the button again.
Please go back to the login page and paste the code into the field. Then please click the button OK.
How to log into NOUS with Two-Step Verification is completed.

Please confirm you successfully logged into My Page.
My Page displays [New applications], [Approved applications], [Completed applications last year], and [Expired applications], so please check them as necessary.

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How to enable Single Sign On for NOUS with Google account
What is Single Sign On?

When you use several Web systems and log into any one of them, you do not have to log into the other systems if you could use Single Sign On.

Thus if you set up SSO, you do not have to use two-Step Verification for logging into NOUS and could simplify the process.

If you want to use SSO for NOUS login, you can enable it with a system called Shibboleth or a Google account.* If you want to use Shibboleth for SSO, please refer to the manual "How to enable Single Sign On for NOUS with Shibboleth " on the Institute's website.

NOTE

Only users who fulfill the following requirements can use Single Sign On for logging into NOUS:

>>For using Shibboleth:
• Your institute is authenticated as a member of Academic Access Management Federation in Japan (GakuNin*).
• Your institute give permission to use Single Sign On for NOUS.

Please ask person in charge at your institute if you would like to know whether you could use SSO or not.

*If you would like to know more about GakuNin and Shibboleth, please check the following URL. ( https://www.gakunin.jp/en )

>>For using Google account:
• You will need a Google account.
In order to activate Single Sign On, you need to log into NOUS with two-step verification and set it up from My Page at first.

The first step is to log in to NOUS with two-step verification. If you want to know how to log into NOUS, you can find guidelines in English on the Institute’s website.
Open the login page for NOUS from here (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin) and log in to NOUS by using two-step verification.
After entering My Page, please click the button **Login Settings** in the green bar at the upper part of the screen.
Check the instructions for linking your Google account with NOUS, then click the "Sign in with Google" button.
シングルサインオンに利用するGoogleアカウントをクリックしてサインインしてください。
Please select your institute from the drop-down list.
After selecting your institute, please select the button 「選択(Select)」.
Then you could see the login page of your institute. Please enter ID/Username and password and log into the system. (*The example is login page of IMS.*)
Please register your institute to skip the above process by clicking 「所属機関を保存して次へ(Please select your institute and go to the next step.)」

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At this point, Shibboleth has been set up. Please confirm that the 「アカウントの関連付けが完了しました(Your account is authenticated for Shibboleth.)」 message has been displayed at the upper part of the screen.
Please go back to login page (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin) and click the button.

Please do not enter your ID or password in upper entry fields.
The process of enabling Single Sign On for NOUS with Shibboleth is completed.

Please follow the instructions the Gakunin system at your institute indicates and log into NOUS. After this setting, you do not need to perform two-step verification using the authentication key.
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Open the login page for NOUS from here (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin) and log in to NOUS by using two-step verification.
After entering My Page, please click the button **Login Settings** in the green bar at the upper part of the screen.
Please click **Login via Shibboleth**. All of the written description above the button explains that you need to set up Shibboleth at first to use SSO.*

*The whole Japanese description above the buttons says:*
“NOUS allows single sign-on with Shibboleth. In order to use single sign-on, you need to link your NOUS account with your institution's Shibboleth account. Click on the Login via Shibboleth button below to set up your account.

This setting will enable single sign-on with Shibboleth from the next login”
Please click the arrow ↓ next to the Japanese text「所属機関の選択(Select your Institute)」.
Please select your institute from the drop-down list.
After selecting your institute, please select the button 「選択(Select)」.
Then you could see the login page of your institute. Please enter ID/Username and password and log into the system. (*The example is login page of IMS.)
Please register your institute to skip the above process by clicking 「所属機関を保存して次へ(Please select your institute and go to the next step.)」

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Please go back to login page (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin) and click the button.

⚠️ Please do not enter your ID or password in upper entry fields.
The process of enabling Single Sign On for NOUS with Shibboleth is completed. Please follow the instructions the Gakunin system at your institute indicates and log into NOUS. After this setting, you do not need to perform two-step verification using the authentication key.
How to reset your password
Click on the button menu on the login page (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin).
Enter your Login ID (the email address you registered when you applied for a new user) in the field marked [Enter your Login ID.] and enter it again at the bottom for confirmation.

⚠️ If you forget your login ID, please contact the Joint Research Section using the contact information on the last page.
Click on the **Enter** button.
Confirm that the “Password reset email sent.” message has been displayed at the upper part of the screen.
An E-mail to reset your password will be sent via NOUS. Please click on the URL and open the window to reset your password.
Enter your password in [New Password]. Passwords should have more than 9 characters, at least one upper or lowercase letter, and one alphanumeric symbol.

Do not click the Back button or backward button on your browser until you have set your password. If you click on the Back button or backward button in the middle of the operation, please re-enter the password setting screen from the URL provided in the e-mail.
Enter your password again in the [New password again] field for confirmation, and then click on the Change button.
If you receive the error message [Already changed!], the password setting has failed. Please re-enter the password setting screen from the URL provided in the e-mail.

At this point, your password has been reset. Please confirm that the “Password successfully changed” message has been displayed at the upper part of the screen.
Click on the Login User: (氏名) button on the page and then click Logout.

If the Login User: (氏名) button is not displayed, click the NOUS button in the upper left corner of the screen to return to the login screen.
Then you can go back to the login page [https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin](https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin). Please try to log into NOUS using your password.

The process of resetting your password is completed.
How to launch a new application
When applying for continuation

If you would like to apply for continuation of an approved application, please find your application in the list of “採択済課題” (Approved applications) and click continue.

※If you are unable to click on the continue button please click New application to create a new application.

From the list in “採択済課題” (Approved applications), you can find your approved application that you would like to apply for continuation and click on the button continue the right of the title so that you can start up a new application form with a copy of your previous application.
After logging into NOUS, click the button **New application** at the bottom of "新規申請／New applications".
Select the institute.
Please be sure to select the correct category, type and fiscal year of application.

If you cannot find the application category, scroll down the pop-up window.

Then, select the application category.
You will be asked "Do you really create an application with ☐☐ (category name)? Click "OK" when the confirmation screen appears.

The process of launching a new application is completed.
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If you are unable to click on the **continue** button please click **New application** to create a new application.
You will be asked “Do you really create a continuous application?”. Click "OK" when the confirmation screen appears.
You can start up a new application form with a copy of your previous application. Edit the information that need to be updated and submit the application.

Approval from your department head is required every year, even if you are applying for continuation. Please be sure to obtain the approval of your department head before submitting the application form.

The process of applying for continuation of an approved application is completed.
How to review rejected applications or approved proposals over two years ago
Please log into NOUS from here. (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin )
If you would like to know about the project approved this fiscal year, please see the "Approved applications" in my page.
If you would like to know about the project approved last fiscal year, please see the "Completed applications last year" in my page.
All of rejected applications and approved Collaborative Research Projects over two years ago is here. In order to show the list of Expand applications, please click “Click to expand” in blue.
A list of previous application years will appear.
Click on the blue text for the fiscal year you want to review.
A list of projects will appear.
In order to review the application, click on the text "Title."

The process of reviewing rejected applications or approved proposals over two years ago is completed.
How to add a collaborative researcher (collaborator/assistant researcher/participant)
NOTE:

If you would like to edit the information of your collaborators, etc., please contact the Joint Research Section with the **incorrect** and **correct** information.

On the last page, you will find our contact information.

e.g.
If you are supposed to type "Thomas" but you have typed "Thomaas" and have registered it.

(Incorrect) Thomaas

->(Correct) Thomas
Adding a collaborative researcher (collaborator/assistant researcher/participant)

After logging into NOUS, click or title of application and go to the application form editing screen.

The account information of the collaborators on NOUS can only be updated during the open call period. If you would like to change your account information after the deadline of the call, please contact the Joint Research Section.
Click on the “4.組織(members)” tab to open the registration page for collaborative researcher.
Click on **add** at the bottom of the screen to increase the number of fields for the Collaborative Researcher.

提案代表者: Proposal Representative
共同利用研究者：Collaborative Researcher
研究補助者: Assistant researcher
Click on the grayed-out area in the “共同利用研究者(Collaborative Researcher)” and/or “研究補助者(Assistant researcher)” information field.
When the "研究者確認(identify researcher)" window pops up, search for the member you want to add in the researcher search field. When you enter a researcher's name, affiliation, or email address, a list of potential researchers registered in the NOUS database will be displayed.

If you see more than three candidates in the list, you will need to refine your search by adding additional condition. If you do not see the corresponding researcher, click 新しい研究者を登録する (register new person) to register a new researcher.
If you would like to register a new researcher please go to page 9-12.

Click 選択 Select when appropriate researcher is displayed.
If the corresponding researcher is not registered in the NOUS database, please click on (register new person) to register a new researcher by yourself.
Please read the instructions for handling personal information (*) and click **Accept**.

(*) Full text of the explanation of the handling of personal information

With the consent of the principal investigator, personal information provided in the application form will be provided to parties not affiliated with the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) to the extent necessary for the review of the application, and will be used by NINS and the relevant research term(s) for the purpose of conducting joint research, management and statistical processing. In addition, your name, affiliation, and job title may be displayed on the screen when you complete the application form in NOUS. The personal information provided in the application form will not be used for any purpose other than those described above.
Please fulfill the researchers information.

Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) (Name, Family Name, First Name, E-mail address, Institute, Department, Job title) are required.
After fulfilling the blanks, click (register new person) and a new researcher's information on NOUS database will be created.

If the error pop "使用済のメールアドレスです。登録できません" is displayed, please search again from the "研究者確認(identify researcher)", as the researcher is considered to be already registered. If you still cannot find the researcher's information, please contact the Joint Research Section.
Once you have updated your application, click on **Save App.** in the green bar at the top left of the application form to temporarily save the updated information.

The researcher information will be reflected in the application form.

The process of adding a collaborative researcher is completed.
How to temporally save an application
Click on **Save App.** in the green bar at the top left of the application form to temporarily save the updated information.
Click “OK” when the confirmation screen “Do you really update your application data?” appears.

- Some items, such as expenses, will not show up in the auto-calculation results until you have temporarily saved them.
- Even you have submitted your application, you can edit it as many times as you like until the application deadline.

The process of temporally saving your application is completed.
How to submit an application
Click **Submit App.** in the upper green bar.
Click “OK” when the confirmation screen “Do you really update your application data?” appears.

Even you have submitted your application, you can edit it as many times as you like until the application deadline.

The process of submitting an application form is completed.
How to withdraw an application
NOTE:
You can only withdraw your application during the application period. If you would like to withdraw your proposal after the application period, please contact the Joint Research Section.
On the last page, you will find our contact information.

Once the application period is over, buttons will not be clickable, and you will not be able to edit, submit, or withdraw your application.
Withdrawing an application form

After logging in to NOUS, go to My Page, select the proposal from "新規申請/New applications", and click withdraw to withdraw on the right.

If you are unable to click on withdraw, please contact the Joint Research Section, as you are unable to withdraw your application by yourself. Our contact information can be found on the last page.
The withdrawn application form will be removed from the from "新規申請／New applications".

If you have mistakenly withdrawn your application form, please contact the Joint Research Section, as you will not be able to restore it yourself.

The process of withdrawing an application form is completed.
How to enter your visit schedule
NOTE:

• Please make sure to enter planned visiting period(s) if you/research members will visit NIPS.

• Please select "NO" for a member of NIPS.

• If you are unable to see the numbers after entering the dates of your visit, please refer to page 8 onwards of the manual.
Open the "2. 組織・来所計画 / Members" tab of your application form and select "YES" or "NO" in the "来所の有無 (Will they come to NIPS?)" column.

⚠️ “来所の有無 (Will they come to NIPS?)” is a required field. Please select “YES” or “NO”.

How to enter your visit schedule
If "YES" click the button.

Please be sure to enter the dates even if you are not sure of your visit plans. The schedule at the time of application is fine.
Please enter the dates of your visit in the field as [● Nights ▲ Days ■ Times]. If you have more than one visit, click on + to add more lines.

**Visiting Schedules** | **Input Example**
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One visit for a day trip | 0 Nights 1 Days 1 Times
Two visits for three days and two nights | 2 Nights 3 Days 2 Times
· Two one-day visits.  
· Two visits for one night and two days. | 2 Nights 3 Days 2 Times※  
(※You can add a column)

Click + to add a field for entering the schedule of your visit.
To add a Joint researcher or Undergraduate student, click on **add row** below the table.

If you are unable to enter the numbers, your browser's display zoom factor may be too high. You can lower the display magnification or download the application form in PDF format in order to see the correct display. For more details, please refer to page 8 onwards of the manual.

Click on **Download PDF** to download the PDF application form.
Click **Save App.** to temporarily save your entry.

The process of entering your visit schedule is completed.
If you are not able to see the dates you entered.

If you enter a number in the "Nights", "Days", or "Times" field and it does not appear, please try the two methods on the next page.
Method 1: Lower the browser's (web page) display magnification

Lower the browser's (web page) display magnification. The input field for the schedule of visits will be enlarged to make it easier to display the numbers.
Method 2: Download the application form in PDF format and check the contents.

After saving your application, click on the green bar in the upper left part of the application screen to download a PDF of the application form.
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You can view the schedule of visits on the PDF to confirm your input.

This is the end of "If you are not able to see the dates you entered".
How to update a NOUS account
NOTE:
If you wish to change your login ID (e-mail address), please apply for a new user instead of updating your existing account.

To apply for a new user
Click on the **New User** in the upper green bar on the NOUS login screen. (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin)
How to update your NOUS account

After logging in to NOUS, click on the My Profile in the upper green bar at the top of My Page.
Click on the account ID you suppose to renewal.
Click the button **edit** on the "所属" (Affiliation)
If the field is grayed out and you can’t change your account information click the button so that it will be editable.

Please reedit your account information.
Fields “生年” (Year Of Birth) and “学位取得年” (Year Of Degree) are required. Please enter any number you like.

Press **Go** at the bottom of the page.
Confirm the explanation of the handling of personal information at the bottom of the screen, and click OK.
Please make sure that your new account has been added in the upper of fields.
The process of update a NOUS account is completed.

Click **My Page** in the upper green bar to return to My Page.
How to add information to your profile
NOTE:
Your login ID (email address) will not be changed even if you add information to your profile.

If you wish to change your login ID (email address) due to a job change, etc., please apply as a new user instead of adding an account (*).

(*) To apply for a new user
Click on the **New User** in the upper green bar on the NOUS login screen. ([https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin](https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin))
Adding information to your profile

After logging in to NOUS, click on the **My Profile** in the upper green bar at the top of My Page.
Click an account ID that you would like to add profile information.
Please click on the **add** in the “所属(Affiliation)” column.
Enter your own profile information that you would like to add.
"生年 (Year Of Birth)" and "学位取得年 (Year Of Degree)" are required. Please enter any number you like.

Click on the **Go** in lower bar on screen.
Please confirm the explanation about the handling of personal information at the bottom of the confirmation screen, and then click **OK**.
Please make sure that your new profile information has been added at the top of screen.
Click on the **My Page** in upper green bar and go back to My Page.

The process of adding information to your profile is completed.
How to update a collaborative researcher’s information (collaborator/assistant researcher/participant)
NOTE:
In the following cases, please provide "before correction (incorrectly entered)" information and the "after correction (correct)" by email to the Joint Research Section. (See last page for contact information)

• When you would like to correct the collaborating researcher's information in case of misregistration when applying.

• If you need to change the account information of a collaborating researcher after the application period (because it can only be updated during the application period of the collaborative research).

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If you are supposed to type "Thomas" but you have typed "Thomaaas" and have registered it.

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Updating a collaborative researcher’s information (collaborator/assistant researcher/participant)

If you would like to update your collaborative researcher's affiliation information due to their changing sections, please follow the instructions in this manual.

Please log into NOUS. Click on the button or the green text of the “タイトル” (Title) of the appropriate proposal in the list of “新規申請” (New Applications). And then you can see

The account information of a collaborating researcher can only be updated during the application period. Please see the previous page for details.
After logging into NOUS, click or title of application and go to the application form editing screen.
Click on the “4.組織(members)” tab to open the registration page for collaborative researcher and click on the grayed-out area in the “共同利用研究者(Collaborative Researcher)” and/or “研究補助者(Assistant researcher)” information field.

申請者: Applicant/ Proposal Representative
共同利用研究者: Collaborative Researcher
研究補助者: Assistant researcher
Click on 所属を追加する (add affiliation) in the "研究者確認 (identify researcher)" window.
Please read the instructions for handling personal information (*) and click Accept.

(*) Full text of the explanation of the handling of personal information

With the consent of the principal investigator, personal information provided in the application form will be provided to parties not affiliated with the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) to the extent necessary for the review of the application, and will be used by NINS and the relevant research term(s) for the purpose of conducting joint research, management and statistical processing. In addition, your name, affiliation, and job title may be displayed on the screen when you complete the application form in NOUS. The personal information provided in the application form will not be used for any purpose other than those described above.
Please fulfill the researchers information.

Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) (Name, Family Name, First Name, E-mail address, Institute, Department, Job title) are required.

If you need to change an item that cannot be edited (name, family name, etc.), please let the section in charge know. See the inquiry below.

If you see the error message “The email address is already registered”, please go back to the Researcher Search screen and select an existing account.
After fulfilling the blanks, click "所属を追加する" (add affiliation).
Once you have updated your application, click on **Save App.** in the green bar at the top left of the application form to temporarily save the updated information.

The process of updating a collaborative researcher’s information is completed.
How to check your review result via NOUS
BEFORE YOU READ THIS GUIDELINE...

NOTE:

- After logging into NOUS, you can use your MY PAGE, which is your own account page on NOUS. It provides you with four contents, such as New applications, Approved applications, Completed applications last year and Expired applications.

- If your application is approved, it will be listed in “Approved applications”. If you can not find your project listed in Approved applications, your application is rejected. It will be listed in Expired applications.

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If your application is rejected, it will be listed in “Expired applications”, not “Approved applications”. In order to check the result in Expired applications, please make the list appear by clicking “Click to expand” highlighted in blue at the Expand applications button.
At this point, you could see your notification of the result in Japanese. If you would like to get PDF file, please click the **Download PDF** button in the green bar at the upper part of the screen.

⚠️ If you require a official sealed document, please let us know.
The date at the upper part of the screen is the approved/rejected date.
The uppermost word “審査結果” means “examination result”. “採択” means “approval”. “不採択” means “rejected”.

examination result
The second field from the top "種別" means "category of joint research".
The third field from the top “課題番号” means your project number.
"研究課題名" means "project tile".

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“配分額” means “budget”.

If your application is rejected, “budget” will not be showed.
“コメント等” means “comments from the judging committee”.
The lowermost word “連絡事項” means “notice”. Matters that require attention before conducting the joint research projects are written here. Please ask us what the notice says without hesitating.

If your application is rejected, the notice will not be showed.
How to check the approval date of your application and Reference number
BEFORE YOU READ THIS GUIDELINE...

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The string in the line marked “課題番号” in Japanese is the Reference number.

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If the application was approved in 2022 or later, the Reference number consists of last two digits of the year, the string NIBB and three digits of the serial number. If the application was approved before 2021, the Reference number consists of last two digits of the year, a single hyphen and three digits of the serial number.

The process of check the approval date of your application and Reference number is completed.
How to submit your annual report via NOUS
Please log into NOUS and go to your My Page.

Please log into NOUS from here. (https://nous.nins.jp/user/signin)

The guideline in English to log into NOUS is given below. (https://www.nibb.ac.jp/collabo/invite/nous.html)
There are four contents in My Page:

- New applications
- Approved applications
- Completed applications last year
- Expired applications

“New Applications”: list of the applications not being reviewed

“Approved applications”: list of the approved Collaborative Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021

“Completed applications last year”: list of the completed Collaborative Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020

“Expired applications”: list of the past projects and all of the rejected applications
Your Collaborative Research Projects conducted in Fiscal Year 2021 will be listed in [Completed applications last year].
Please click [OK] to confirm.
Click the Browse (［ファイルを選択］ in Japanese) button below and select your report*.

*Please note:
- make sure the file is word.
- name the file your Project number.
  (The Project number is listed in the notification of examination results.)
Click the [Send] button.

*You can upload the file as many times as you like until the due date.*
Please click [OK] for confirmation.
Check that the date of submission is visible and the report’s STATUS has changed to “Uploaded”
A confirmation email will be sent to you once the submission has been completed*. 

* Please check your spam folder if you don't receive it.
You can download all available reports by clicking the [Upload] button.

The process of submitting your annual report via NOUS is completed.
If you have any questions about NOUS, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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