

# Designated Research Projects Units 2014

Designated Research Project Units are established for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of the University's academic research through University faculty members and researchers and other participants from both inside and outside the University carrying out joint research and other activities on designated research themes during fixed periods of time (up to five years).

Project title	Research theme	Representative researchers			Period
		Affiliation	Title	Name	
Meiji University Environmental Agriculture Institute	Research on development of agricultural technologies to protect the environment	Agriculture	Professor	TAMAKI Masahiko	2008.7~ 2013.6
Complex Networks Institute	Research on subjects including analysis, control, forecasting, and planning of complex networks such as bio-networks, network robots, and power networks	Science and Technology	Professor	ENDO Tetsuro	2009.1~ 2013.12
General Laboratory on New Wood-Based Construction Systems	Development of wood-based construction systems with advanced environmental performance	Science and Technology	Professor	NOGUCHI Hiroyuki	2009.4~ 2014.3
Basic Laboratory on Development of Foods to Defend Against Lifestyle-Related Conditions	Analysis of the molecular basis of stress in the body and development of foods to defend against lifestyle-related conditions, using advanced technologies	Agriculture	Professor	HAYASE Fumitaka	2009.4~ 2014.3
New Water Supply and Drainage Systems Institute	Development of and research on new water supply and drainage systems	Science and Technology	Professor	SAKAUE Kyosuke	2009.4~ 2014.3
New Materials Development Institute	Creation and application of functional nano structures	Science and Technology	Professor	YOSHIMURA Hideyuki	2009.4~ 2014.3
Cultural Inheritance Institute	Research and further investigation on the domains of cultural history, social history, and historical issues with regard to transmission of	Arts and Letters	Professor	ITODA Soichiro	2009.4~ 2014.3

	culture, from an international comparative perspective, in cooperation with the institutes of Japanese studies at major universities overseas including the University of Vienna.				
Nonmaterial Chemical Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Effective use of greenhouse gases</li> <li>•Development of hydrogen generation catalysts toward realization of energy systems to replace oil</li> <li>•Development of environmental purification materials</li> </ul>	Science and Technology	Associate Professor	OTAKE Yoshinobu	2009.6~ 2013.6
Carbon/Nitrogen Recycling and Control Agricultural Institute	Development of food production technologies aimed at low-carbon, low-nitrogen emissions	Agriculture	Professor	NOBORIO Kosuke	2009.6~ 2014.3
Meiji University Malaysia Institute	Surveying industry-government-academy cooperation throughout Malaysian society and research on planning and promotion of cooperation	Science and Technology	Professor	ONO Osamu	2009.7~ 2014.6
Law and Linguistic Science Institute	Research aimed at practical applications of linguistic-science analysis of the use of language in a legal context	Law	Professor	HOTTA Syugo	2009.10 ~2014.9
Social Innovation/Design Institute	Research on creation of abundant communities through creation of new industries and social security systems to support societies with very low birth rates, aging populations, and decreasing populations	Commerce	Professor	OSHIO Tadayuki	2010.4~ 2015.3
Center for Rural Developments and Policies	Integrated, interdisciplinary research on policies for rural areas	Agriculture	Professor	ODAGIRI Tokumi	2010.4~ 2015.3
Institute for Service Innovation Studies of Meiji University	Research on creation of next-generation services and of new value in each industry through development of a theoretical framework and methodology for creation of new services	Law	Professor	SAKAI Kazuo	2010.4~ 2015.3

Advanced Medical Materials Development Research Unit	Development of next-generation biomaterials for realizing advanced medicine and application of these to medical devices	Science and Technology	Professor	AIZAWA Mamoru	2010.4~ 2015.3
Bioresources Chemical Institute	Research and development on functional materials using biomaterial resources, research on effective use of biomaterial resources, development and application of organic synthetic reactions using enzymes and microorganisms, scientific analysis of historical lacquer-ware products with long histories, use of the natural resources of Southeast Asia	Science and Technology	Professor	MIYAKOSHI Tetsuo	2010.4~ 2015.3
Meiji University Institute for Disarmament and Peace Studies	Analysis of historical and contemporary issues related to the world peace, factors impeding disarmament, international political and economic relations, international conflicts, international trade in weapons, technological progress, and war, and research on topics including conflict, starvation, and development in the Third World	Commerce	Professor	FUKUDA Kunio	2010.4~ 2015.3
Human-Centered Heat Fluid and Energy systems Institute	Performance improvements for and development and research on heat fluids and energy devices	Science and Technology	Professor	TSUCHIYA Kazuo	2010.4~ 2015.3
Antiquities and Cultural Assets Institute	Natural-science analysis on antiquities and other cultural assets and restoration of ancient environments	Arts and Letters	Professor	YAJIMA Kunio	2010.6~ 2015.5
Research Centre for the History of Religious and Cultural Diversity	Inclusion and exclusion in British history: the range of personal narrative	Arts and Letters	Professor	SATO Kiyotaka	2010.10 ~2015.9
Community Revitalization Systems Institute	Research on regional revitalization through regional alliances	Commerce	Professor	MIZUNO Katsushi	2010.12 ~ 2015.11
Political Systems	Empirical research on the credibility of	Political Science and	Professor	NISHIKAWA	2011.1~

Research Center	political systems, using Japan as a case study	Economics		Shinichi	2015.12
Financial Psychology Institute	Psychological research on financial transactions	Commerce	Professor	SASAKI Mika	2011.1~ 2015.12
Smart Grid Innovations Institute	Research on smart grid operation, planning and control	Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences	Professor	MORI Hiroyuki	2011.1~ 2015.12
East Asia Stone Carvings Institute	Research on stone carvings in East Asia, centered on China. Collecting materials related to stone carvings, preparing data, and investigating these, and communicating data and research findings based on these both in Japan and worldwide	Arts and Letters	Professor	KEGASAWA Yasunori	2011.4~ 2014.3
International Cooperation Policy Institute	Policy research on international cooperation in international economics fields (e.g., trade, investment, environment, resources and energy, tourism, finance, development)	Organization for International Collaboration	Associate Professor	SEKIYAMA Takashi	2011.4~ 2014.3
Institute of Reproduction and Endocrinology	Studies for molecular mechanism of reproductive control underlying bioenvironmental-hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis	Agriculture	Professor	KATO Yukio	2011.4~ 2016.3
Intergenerational Policy Institute	Political and economic analysis and policy recommendations regarding issues of intergenerational inequalities in fields such as pensions, medicine, long-term care, and employment	Political Science and Economics	Professor	KATO Hisakazu	2011.4~ 2016.3
International Center for Research on Contemporary Management Strategy	Reinterpretation of management strategy using the strategy-as-practice framework	Commerce	Professor	KOBAYASHI Hajime	2011.4~ 2016.3
Centre for Business Information Ethics	Information ethics in business organisations	Commerce	Professor	MURATA Kiyoshi	2011.4~ 2016.3

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Polymer Science Institute	Basic research, applied research, practical research, and probing new research fields related to polymer science	Science and Technology	Professor	NAGAI Kazukiyo	2011.4~ 2016.3
Nonprofit/Public Management Institute	Studies on Social Impact Investments and Social Enterprises	Business Administration	Professor	TSUKAMOTO Ichiro	2011.4~ 2016.3
Meiji University Graduate School of Law, Legal Education Research Center, Environmental Law Program	Research on environmental legal policy and integrated efforts related to educational support	Juris Doctor Program	Professor	YANAGI Kenichiro	2011.4~ 2016.3
Institute for Urban Governance	Analysis of various issues in urban governance in the 21st century and development of future prospects and new models	Governance Studies	Professor	AOYAMA Yasushi	2011.4~ 2016.3
Meiji University Contemporary Canadian Study Center	The Promotion of Interdisciplinary research on multi-cultural society	Arts and Letters	Professor	FUJITA Naoharu	2011.4~ 2016.3
Cross-Border Cultural Studies Institute	Comparative research on cross-border culture	Political Science and Economics	Professor	HIROMATSU Satoru	2011.4~ 2016.3
Local Area Community Systems Institute	Development of systems for industry-academy cooperation through development and provision of next-generation telecommunications systems for regions and specific facilities	Political Science and Economics	Professor	ANZO Shinji	2011.4~ 2016.3
Italian Cultural Institute	Study of Italian culture from a broad-ranging perspective, including its relations to the Catholic Church, and identification of its distinguishing features	Business Administration	Professor	TSUJI Masahiro	2011.4~ 2016.3

Proverbs Studies Institute	Integrated research on proverbs	Law	Professor	YAMAGUCHI Masanobu	2011.4~ 2016.3
Citizens' Governance Institute	Recommendations on formation of citizens' autonomous governance through international comparative study of participative decision-making in local government	Governance Studies	Professor	KANEMURA Takahumi	2011.5~ 2016.3
Plant Environmental Response Institute	Elucidation and control of environmental response mechanisms in seed germination	Agriculture	Professor	KAWAKAMI Naoto	2011.5~ 2016.3
Global Governance Institute	Research on governance in countries of Asia and Africa	Governance Studies	Professor	MINAMOTO Yuriko	2011.5~ 2016.4
Center for Research in Service Marketing (CRSM)	Theoretical and empirical research within new trends in service marketing research	Commerce	Professor	INOUE Takamichi	2011.6~ 2015.3
Institute for Civilization & Management	Research to examine P.F. Drucker's management philosophy as the new integrated disciplines of liberal arts	Organization for the Strategic Coordination of Research and Intellectual Properties	Professor	TAKAGI Naoji	2011.6~ 2016.3
Tama Hills Nature Research Unit	Seeking out measures to develop the Kurokawa area using the Meiji University Kurokawa Farm located in the Tama Hills and nearby natural lands, and to contribute to the natural environment of the Kurokawa region through redevelopment of the neighboring Tama New Town community	Agriculture	Professor	KURAMOTO Noboru	2011.6~ 2016.3
Meiji University Research Institute of International Education	Research on promoting international education at institutes of higher education and infrastructure, systems, and evaluation for global human-resources development	Global Japanese Studies	Professor	YOKOTA Masahiro	2011.9~ 2014.3
Research Institute of	Interdisciplinary research on and development	Information	Associate	HATERUMA	2011.10

Dance and Body Communication	of educational methods for dance and physical expression	and Communication	Professor	Nagako	~2016.9
Bio-Information Processing Institute	Research on bio-information processing	Science and Technology	Professor	ISHIDA Yoshihisa	2011.10 ~2016.9
Institute of Business Innovation	Theoretical and empirical (entrepreneur-historical) research on business innovation	Business Administration	Professor	SASAKI Satoshi	2012.2~ 2017.1
Management of Sustainability (MOS) Institute	Interdisciplinary, integrated research on management of sustainability (MOS)	Business Administration	Professor	FUJIE Masatsugu	2012.2~ 2017.1
Computational Materials Design Institute	Computational design of new materials with the first-principles molecular dynamics methods	Science and Technology	Professor	TSUMURAYA Kazuo	2012.4~ 2015.3
Institute of Dynamic Analysis for Environmental Material	Dynamical analysis for environmental materials on the earth's surface including human society	Science and Technology	Professor	NAKAMURA Toshihiro	2012.4~ 2016.3
Community Industrial Human-Resources Development Center	Research on community economic and social stimulation through human-resource development and management innovation by local enterprises	Political Science and Economics	Professor	ITO Masaaki	2012.4~ 2016.3
Institute of Law and Social Sciences	The role of law and judicial systems in a legalized society	Law	Professor	KATO Tetsumi	2012.4~ 2017.3
Meiji University Liberal Arts Institute	Integrated research on humanity and pursuit of an appropriate environment for it, from a liberal-arts perspective	Law	Professor	YAMAIZUMI Susumu	2012.4~ 2017.3
Romanian Cultural Institute	Integrated research on Romanian culture and society	Law	Associate Professor	ITO Mayumi	2012.4~ 2017.3
New Energy Materials Development Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Development of photolysis catalysts for water decomposition by visible light</li> <li>•Synthesis of functional inorganic materials</li> </ul>	Science and Technology	Professor	WATANABE Tomoaki	2012.4~ 2017.3

	<p>through the polymerized complex method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Compounding of new polynuclear metal complexes</li> <li>•Development of new methods of synthesis of ruthenium complexes for use in photosensitive pigments</li> </ul>				
Science Communication Institute	<p>Research on expression of scientific discourse and its understanding, focusing in particular on the current state of media advertising including pseudoscientific discourse and solutions, and on basic theoretical research on the science of the mind</p>	Information and Communication	Professor	ISHIKAWA Masato	2012.4~ 2017.3
The Institute of Management Quality Science	<p>Corporate sustainability strategy and business quality</p>	Commerce	Professor	YAMASHITA Hiroshi	2012.4~ 2017.3
The Institute of Organizational Discourse, Strategy, and Change	<p>Organizational discourse, management strategy, and organizational reform</p>	Business Administration	Professor	TAKAHASHI Masayasu	2012.4~ 2017.3
Meiji University Community-Based Planning Institute	<p>Practical research on construction and community-based planning</p>	Science and Technology	Professor	KOBAYASHI Masami	2012.5~ 2017.3
Japan-Europe Social Enterprise Comparative Research Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Policy recommendations on the social connotations of exclusion from labor markets</li> <li>•Practical policy recommendations on employment creation and community revitalization for victims and affected areas of the Great East Japan Earthquake</li> <li>•Comparative research on social enterprises between Japan and Britain (including training of graduate students and young researchers)</li> </ul>	Political Science and Economics	Professor	NAKAGAWA Yuichiro	2012.5~ 2017.4
Meiji University Institute of Life and Death Studies	<p>(i) Probing basic culture (restoration of narrative)</p> <p>(ii) Festivals and the performing arts (researching and recording disappearing</p>	Law	Professor	KANEYAMA Akio	2012.6~ 2017.3



	<p>rituals)</p> <p>(iii) Seeking new forms of religion</p> <p>(iv) Literature and religion concerning life and death</p> <p>(v) The physical body as an idea (discovering the possibilities of the body)</p> <p>(vi) Becoming familiar with art, music, and the theater: creating culturally abundant living</p> <p>(vii) Modeling community revitalization (centered on health, welfare, and culture)</p>				
GPI-anchored Protein Institute	Identification of GPI-anchored proteins and clarification of GPI modification mechanism	Science and Technology	Associate Professor	IKEDA Yuri	2012.6~ 2017.5
ESG Investment Institute	<p>Research on expanding corporate value through engagement related to environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG)</p> <p>Fiduciary responsibility of institutional investors in ESG investment</p> <p>Theory and methods of responsible investment and long-term investment</p>	Commerce	Professor	MIWA Yumiko	2012.10 ~2015.9
Gas Hydrate Laboratory	Studies on resource potential and environmental impact of shallow gas hydrate of Japan Sea	Organization for the Strategic Coordination of Research and Intellectual Properties	Professor	MATSUMOTO Ryo	2012.10 ~2017.9
Meiji University Sustainable Construction Institute	Practical research on sustainable construction and urban development methods	Science and Technology	Senior Assistant Professor	KADOWAKI Kozo	2012.11 ~2017.3
One Asia Research Association	Research and education to deepen mutual understanding among Asian Countries	Political Science and Economics	Professor	KONISHI Tokuou	2012.12 ~2015.6
Meiji University International Policy	Transformations in the geopolitical structure	Political Science and	Professor	ITO Tsuyoshi	2013.1~

Institute	and the responses of each country	Economics			2017.12
Research Center for Labor Education and Media	Research on labor education in high schools, colleges, and labor unions, and development of teaching materials (including audiovisual materials). Research and development on labor media. International comparative research on the labor media of the labor movement, labor unions, labor nonprofits, and other organizations. Research on the movement history of the Japanese Trade Union Confederation and the history of the self-welfare movement.	Business Administration	Professor	ENDO Koshi	2013.1~ 2017.12
Institute for Informatics of Consciousness	Research on the state of conscious and unconscious human information processing and its relation to specific psychological phenomena	Information and Communication	Associate Professor	HIRUKAWA Tatsu	2013.4~ 2018.3
Contemporary Social Studies Institute	Interdisciplinary research on transformations in social aspects and communication in public and intimate spheres	Information and Communication	Associate Professor	MIYAMOTO Shinya	2013.4~ 2018.3
Renewable Energy Economics Institute	Analyzing the actual conditions of adoption of renewable energy and recommending policies for its future spread and expansion	Agriculture	Professor	OOE Tetsuo	2013.4~ 2018.3
Behavioral Economics Institute	Interdisciplinary research on economic decision-making	Information and Communication	Professor	TOMONO Norio	2013.4~ 2018.3
Safety Science Institute	(1) Systematization of safety knowledge (2) Establishment of a curriculum for safety studies (3) Education and promotion (holding public lectures, cooperative courses, seminars, etc.) for safety studies	Science and Technology	Professor	SUGIMOTO Noboru	2013.4~ 2016.3

Solar Cell Institute	<p>Research and development on high-efficiency solar cells</p> <p>Improving the performance of crystal silicon solar cells</p> <p>Solving various problems in use of solar cells</p>	Science and Technology	Professor	OGURA Atsushi	2013.5~ 2018.4
East Asia Cultural Institute	<p>Elucidating cultural history and the history and actual state of cultural exchange through folklore, cultural anthropology, drama, and other studies of the regions of East Asia, centered mainly on China</p>	Business Administration	Professor	FUKUMITSU Masahiro	2013.7~ 2018.6
Institute on the Culture of the German-Speaking World	<p>Research on cultural phenomena in the modern German-speaking world</p> <p>Mainly researching cultural phenomena in the modern German-speaking world from a comparative cultural studies perspective</p>	Law	Professor	SUNAGA Tsuneo	2013.7~ 2018.6
Veterinary/Livestock/Environmental Institute	<p>Research on risk assessment and environmental assessment concerning the impacts of risk factors in areas such as climate, genetics, management, and agricultural pests on livestock production, breeding performance, plants, food, behavior, and epidemics</p>	Agriculture	Professor	KOKETSU Yuzo	2013.9~ 2018.8
Meiji University Prehistoric Japanese Culture Institute	<p>Multifaceted research on prehistoric Japanese culture</p>	Arts and Letters	Professor	ABE Yoshiro	2013.9~ 2018.8
Systems Biology Institute	<p>Research on maximizing use of genetic resources, based on comprehensive analysis of omics information and knowledge information</p>	Agriculture	Associate Professor	YANO Kentaro	2013.9~ 2018.8
Origami Engineering Research Center	<p>1) Creation of industrial innovation through origami engineering; 2) Creation of industrial innovation through origami engineering methods</p>	Organization for the Strategic Coordination of Research and Intellectual	Professor	HAGIWARA Ichiro	2013.10 ~2016.9

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Integrated Human Studies Institute	Advancing integrated research on human beings and publicizing the findings of such research	Arts and Letters	Associate Professor	HIRAYAMA Maki	2013.10 ~ 2018.9
Quantum Functional Materials Development Institute	Seeking out novel functional materials generated by quantum clusters and control of singular phase transitions	Science and Technology	Associate Professor	YASUI Yukio	2013.10 ~ 2018.9
Micromachine Institute	Development of new production engineering adopting nanotechnology	Science and Technology	Professor	NAKABEPPU Osamu	2013.10 ~ 2018.9
Creative Interaction Institute	Realization of an individualized recycling-oriented society based on sensitivity	Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences	Professor	ARAKAWA Kaoru	2013.11 ~ 2018.10
International Arms Transfer History Institute	Integrated historical research on collapse of disarmament and arms control: centered on the chain structure of arms transfers between the world wars	Commerce	Professor	YOKOI Katsuhiko	2013.12 ~ 2017.11
Meiji University Statistical Science Institute	Research on applications of information technology in the field of statistical science and research on IT business strategies and industry-government-academy partnership	Political Science and Economics	Professor	NAGAHARA Yuichi	2013.12 ~ 2018.11
Meiji University Urban Policy/Risk Management Institute	Research of urban strategy and urban policy for international competitiveness on metropolitan regions, as well, study on burden sharing of managing a crisis among a central government, local governments and private sectors. In addition to these researches and studies, networking in various layers of scholars, government officials and policy makers in both domestic and international sphere.	Governance Studies	Dean, Professor	ICHIKAWA Hiroo	2014.1 ~ 2018.12
The Global Human Rights Institute	A Multidisciplinary Study on Human Rights in a Globalized Society	Juris Doctor Program	Professor	Ejima Akiko	2014.1 ~ 2018.12