

Dean's Office

Project Coordination Office

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Our major missions are to coordinate institutional projects and to enhance the mutual cooperation and alliance among teaching and research staff, administration staff, and technical staff in order to execute the activities in our institute effectively. For these purposes, we carry out several tasks such as planning for new institutional research programs and symposiums, fundraising, supporting international students and researchers, outreach activities, providing academic advice to administration staff, and other projects directed by the Dean. In May 2023, the Project Coordination Office merged with the former International Affairs Office, which was responsible for public relations and language support, to strengthen its functions. On the public relations front, the Office continues to focus on an effective PR strategy including publishing new information about a variety of scientific research conducted by IMSUT on its official website and social media. The Office is also working to increase IMSUT's international presence through press releases in both Japanese and English, and IMSUT's PR magazines. On the language support side, the Office provides translation support from Japanese to English to create a more inclusive working environment for all IMSUT members.

1. Support for the management of institutional projects

Kiyomi Nakagawa, Yoko Udagawa, Ayako Miyake

We served as a secretariat for institutional projects implemented by the Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT) and supported their management. The projects we supported are as follows:

- "Studies to Control Emerging, Re-emerging and Imported Infectious Diseases to Be Conducted in International Collaboration Sites in China" supported by Japan Program of Infectious Diseases Research and Infrastructure from Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)
- "World-leading Innovative Graduate Study Program for Life Science and Technology (WINGS-LST)" supported by the Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education from Japan Society

for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

- On-campus job project for student financial support FY 2025

2. International Joint Usage/Research Center Program of MEXT (International Joint Usage/Research Center Office)

Kaori Inoue

Accredited by MEXT in 2010 as a Joint Usage/Research Center and in 2018 as an International Joint Usage/Research Center (IJURC), IMSUT serves as a global hub for universities and research institutions, promoting international collaborative research to advance both basic and applied medical science and realize cutting-edge medical care.

The IJURC Office, functioning as the management

office for this initiative, undertakes the following responsibilities in partnership with the Research Promotion Team:

- Managing calls for joint research proposals
- Preparing evaluation materials for MEXT
- Hosting seminars led by IMSUT Joint Research Project (JRP) Researchers
- Creating presentation materials to introduce IJURC's activities
- Organizing academic events for students and young researchers
- Contributing articles on IJURC's joint research to the IMSUT PR magazine

The IJURC Office compiles these activities and achievements into an annual report submitted to MEXT. In 2024, IMSUT's efforts and achievements, aligned with the goals of this initiative, received high recognition, earning the highest "S" rating in the interim evaluation for the 4th Mid-term Goals period (from FY2022 to FY2027) and maintaining its top rating from the previous evaluation at the end of the 3rd term.

3. Data acquisition about research and educational activities of IMSUT

Kiyomi Nakagawa

We collected and stocked data using an original format to construct a data system available any time for evaluation, submission of various reports, public relations activities, and basic data for application of external funds

4. Public relations (Press Releases, PR magazine "PLATINUM STREET TIMES")

Mariko Oka, Kiyomi Nakagawa

Working alongside Ms. Reiko Suzuki from the IMSUT Technical Office's research communications team, we published over 50 press releases in both Japanese and English. These releases, detailing various new findings from IMSUT, were distributed to media outlets and science journalists, as well as shared globally via our official website and EurekAlert!.

Furthermore, in collaboration with faculty members belonging to the Public Relations Magazine Working Group, we published the public relations magazine "PLATINUM STREET TIMES" in June and December 2025. The June issue featured messages for the future of IMSUT, while the December issue highlighted research achievements on vaccines at IMSUT.

We continue to conduct public relations activities using social media platforms such as X and Facebook.

5. Language support

Kazuyo Ohara

The language support section continues to work closely with the Executive Board and administrative staff to ensure that important notices and updates are communicated in English to international members of IMSUT. In 2025, the section provided a broad range of translation services, including Dean Iwama's inauguration message, a scenario and reference document for an internal emergency drill, and a complete English version of the research ethics review application system, which had previously been available only in Japanese until this year's major revision. By providing tailored language services, the section aims to fulfil its role in fostering a more inclusive working environment for all members of IMSUT.

6. Others

Kiyomi Nakagawa, Ayako Miyake, Yoko Udagawa

a. Educational activities:

- Support for the call for applications and the selection of the Outstanding Student Publication Award of IMSUT

b. International activities:

- Support for the conclusion and renewal of MOUs

- Support for the delegation and management of international exchange events, "East Asia Joint Symposium on Biomedical Research" and "International Symposium of the Institute Network for Biomedical Sciences"

- Translation of documents and manuscripts

- Support for foreign researchers by providing assistance in English

- Support for reception of overseas visitors

- Support for management of the University of Tokyo New York Office, Inc. and its event organization

c. Public relations:

- Support for updating information on the IMSUT website

- Editing of brochures of IMSUT (Japanese and English versions) and support for edition of the Annual Report

d. Support for evaluation work:

- National university corporation evaluation

- Self-Assessment of IMSUT

- External review of IMSUT

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Research Platform Office

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The “Platforms for Advanced Technologies and Research Resources” (square.umin.ac.jp/platform) was launched in fiscal year (FY) 2022 under the new framework of the Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A) by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT). It consists of six platforms, four of which support life science research. These platforms have been developed and strengthened based on previous programs: “Support Programs for Three Fields in Life Sciences (Cancer, Genome, and Brain Sciences)” (FY 2010–2015) and “Platforms for Advanced Technologies and Research Resources” (FY 2016–2021). The initiative aims to establish academic research support platforms that effectively address the diverse needs of researchers funded by grants-in-aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI). It also strives to promote close cooperation with relevant core institutions including Inter-University Research Institutes and Joint Usage/ Research Centers. Our office primarily serves as the representative secretariat for the “Committee on Promoting Collaboration in Life Sciences”, an academic collaborative foundation, and coordinates with the four platforms mentioned above. The goal is to contribute to the continuous progress of academic research in Japan by providing cutting-edge technologies and biological resources to individual researchers receiving KAKENHI. We also aim to strengthen cooperation among researchers across different support functions and disciplines, while promoting the development of human resources. To achieve this, the General Management Group was established to facilitate close cooperation among the four platforms, which include 53 universities and 22 research institutions nationwide, and provide more than 70 support functions. In 2016, our office was established within this institute as the Dean's Office to enable flexible management. Furthermore, we hold several management board meetings with 21 members, including representatives from the four platforms and 17 board members. This helps build a cooperative system that facilitates cross-functional support and provides technical assistance to universities and research institutions nationwide.

Management of the “Committee on Promoting Collaboration in Life Sciences” and the two platforms: Advanced Animal Model Support (AdAMS) and Cohort Study and Biospecimen Analysis (Co-BiA):

Tomoko Fujita, Yuko Sonoda, Ayumi Shimase, Atsushi Takano, Yataro Daigo, Jun-ichiro Inoue, and Mutsuhiro Takekawa

The following activities were carried out under the management of our office in 2025.

1. Planning and organizing budget allocations.
2. Providing a one-stop service to applicants through our website.
3. Organizing events to foster the development of young scientists and promote interdisciplinary research.
4. Organization of public symposiums to communicate life science research to the general public.
5. Conducting informational sessions for target applicants and posting videos of the sessions on our website.
6. Carrying out public relations activities, including organizing luncheon seminars, participating in life science conference exhibitions, and posting updates on social media platforms such as X, Instagram, and Facebook.
7. Facilitating collaboration between our platforms and other domestic and international organizations supporting life science research.

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In 2003, BioBank Japan (BBJ) was launched as one of the world's largest disease-oriented biobanks, establishing a robust foundation for genomic and clinical research. BBJ has collected DNA, serum samples, and detailed medical records from approximately 267,000 patients, encompassing about 440,000 cases across 51 primarily multifactorial diseases. By actively promoting the utilization of these biospecimens and associated data—including longitudinal clinical information as well as genomic, metabolomic, and proteomic datasets accumulated over the years—BBJ has generated numerous important research findings that contribute to the advancement of personalized medicine.

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