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## Press Release



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Shonan Health Innovation Park

### **Shonan iPark Collaborates with Johnson & Johnson Innovation, Janssen Research & Development, LLC, and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited to Launch Japan Innovation Bloom GRANT CALL 2022**

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Shonan Health Innovation Park (“Shonan iPark”) announced today that it has launched the “Japan Innovation Bloom GRANT CALL 2022” in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Innovation<sup>1</sup>, Janssen Research & Development, LLC, one of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited. The Japan Innovation Bloom GRANT CALL is an open call for research incubation projects aimed at discovering innovative ideas and technologies from academia and venture companies alongside support for their commercialization following the World Without Disease Call-for-Proposals conducted in 2020.

In Japan, high-quality research that have the potential to drive innovative technologies exist among academia and venture companies. However, connections within the industry are not always enough, with limited access to the knowledge and know-how to commercialize these technologies. Against such a backdrop, this initiative aims to attract research and based on innovative science and technology from academia and venture companies so that sponsors can provide research funding, mentoring, coaching for commercialization, and research facilities to support commercialization.

The World Without Disease Call-for-Proposals conducted in 2020 welcomed applications from the five fields of lung cancer, myopia, healthy aging, infant allergies, and neuroscience, with a total of 79 applications received. Twelve research teams selected in the first round of applications received mentoring from each hosting company. A total of five teams were then selected in the final screening. \*For details of the 2020 World Without Disease Call-for-Proposals, please click [here](#).

The following is the outline of the Japan Innovation Bloom GRANT CALL 2022.

#### **Japan Innovation Bloom GRANT CALL 2022 Details**

Organized and sponsored by: Shonan Health Innovation Park

Johnson & Johnson Innovation

Janssen Research & Development, LLC

## Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

Application period: May 12, 2022 - July 31, 2022

Details (application requirements, etc.): [https://www.shonan-health-innovation-park.com/en/service-initiative/incubation-program\\_en/sponsored-by-companies](https://www.shonan-health-innovation-park.com/en/service-initiative/incubation-program_en/sponsored-by-companies)

\*Research areas for application: [Janssen] Renal Cell Carcinoma, Cell Therapy for Oncology  
[Takeda] Oncology, Neuroscience

\*If awarded, selected applicants would get the opportunity to enter into a collaboration agreement with the selecting party (Janssen or Takeda) and would become eligible to receive research funding, research support, and various mentoring/coaching for up to three years. In addition, the awardees could opt for a Membership at Shonan iPark

\*A maximum of 5 applications (teams) may be selected.

Toshio Fujimoto, General Manager of Shonan iPark, said, "Johnson & Johnson Innovation, Janssen Research & Development, LLC, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, and Shonan iPark, with combined expertise in drug discovery and incubation, co-hosted the 2020 World Without Disease Call-for-Proposal, and were reminded once again that Japanese science is among the best in the world. We are delighted that these four parties are reuniting to host the second phase of the project and look forward to connecting science-based cutting-edge technologies on offer from academia and venture companies with the power of business to reach patients around the world."

1. Division of Johnson & Johnson (China) Investment Ltd.

### **About Shonan Health Innovation Park (Shonan iPark)**

Shonan iPark is a science park founded in April 2018 by a pharmaceutical company. It convenes private and public sector organizations and academic institutions that widely range in terms of business type and scale and aims to be a space where health innovation can be accelerated. More than 2,000 joins (as of May 2022) from about 150 pharmaceutical, next-generation medicine, AI, venture capital, and government-related companies and organizations together form an ecosystem to enable such innovation.

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