

For everyone who receive travel expenses or honorariums,

STOP!

Misuse of Public Research Funds

Scientific research at universities is supported by the trust and expectations of the general public. The misuse of public research funds can seriously damage such trust and expectations. Osaka University will take strict actions against the misuse of public funds, and is working to create an environment free of misuse.

If you receive travel expenses or honorariums, be particularly aware that it is paid from Osaka University, not the faculty member under whom you work, and observe the rules. As such, the university requests that you refrain from participating in the preparation of false documents regarding the expenses and working content that form the basis of the amount of compensation.



What is misuse of public research funds?

- Fictitious honorariums:
Applying for payment of honorariums by reporting fictitious or overstated work hours
- Fictitious business trip:
Applying for payment of travel expenses by submitting a false business trip report for a business trip that did not take place or was cancelled
- Overstating travel expenses:
Pocketing the difference from the full or overstated travel fare when having purchased a discounted ticket or using a package tour
- Kickback of travel expenses or honorariums:
Paying travel expenses or honorariums to research assistants in the laboratory for fictitious travel or service and making them return these travel expenses or honorariums to apply towards expenses for operation of the laboratory or other purposes

When forced to assist in misuse

If you are asked to make fictitious documents by an Osaka University staff member, please consult with the administrative division of your department or report to the Audit office.

- The information will be kept confidential under the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies, etc.
- The reporter will never suffer detrimental treatment for reporting.

Any involvement in misuse is a criminal act.

Osaka University may consider taking legal action against individuals involved in fictitious payments based on false documents, such as filing a criminal complaint (for fraud, document forgery, etc.) and/or a civil suit.

Consultation offices for rules regarding use of public research funds

If you have any questions regarding procedures, paperwork, or rules of use for public research funds handled by the university, please contact the administrative division of your department.

[URL] <https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/fuseiboushi>

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