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## **"Operation of iCeMS" has been added to "Fund applications" for iCeMS Fund**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our donors for their continued generosity.

Through the combination of two different fields of scientific research—cell biology and materials science—iCeMS has pursued our research mission with the goal of unlocking the secrets of life and using them to improve lives, and has produced original and remarkable results. To maintain this work into the future, it is essential for iCeMS to establish a financial structure that is as self-sustaining as possible and that can fund the continuous operation of iCeMS and the employment of researchers and staff. One of the missions of the WPI Academy is to operate the institute with a view to sustainable development.

The "iCeMS Fund" has previously been used for three main purposes: researcher development, research support, and social contributions. The "operation of iCeMS" has now been added to the purpose of the fund to make the best effective use of the funds. This continues to fulfill our donors' desire to support the foundation of research activities at iCeMS.

We look forward to your continued support.

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### —Fund applicaitons: comparative table—

#### [Current]

- (1) Researcher development
  - Expenses for hiring young researchers and sending them abroad
- (2) Research support
  - Supporting research activities to promote interdisciplinary research
- (3) Social contributions
  - Holding lectures and events for the public
  - Sharing iCeMS research findings with the world

#### [Revised]

- (1) Researcher development
  - Developing young researchers and providing support to send them overseas
- (2) Research support
  - Supporting research activities to promote interdisciplinary research
- (3) Social contributions
  - Worldwide sharing of iCeMS information including research findings
- (4) Operation of iCeMS
  - Employment of researchers and staff
  - Administration of the institute