

Call for Proposals of Nuclear-Physics Experiments at RI Beam Factory

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This is a call for proposals for nuclear-physics experiments at the RI Beam Factory (RIBF) in the RIKEN Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science (RNC). The Program Advisory Committee (PAC) will review all nuclear physics proposals for the RIBF facilities, including SHARAQ and CRIB operated by the Center for Nuclear Study (CNS), the University of Tokyo, and KISS operated by Wako Nuclear Science Center (WNSC), Institute of Particle and Nuclear Studies (IPNS), KEK. The review will be made based on their scientific merits and feasibility. The PAC constituted by international members submits its recommendations to the Directors of RNC, CNS, and IPNS.

Since the date of the 26th PAC meeting has been set for December 3–5, 2025, we are now calling for proposals to be discussed at the 26th PAC meeting. All the spokespersons of the submitted proposals are requested to attend the PAC meeting. The meeting is held in person, and oral presentations and Q&A sessions will take place in the meeting. Remote presentation is not available in this meeting. For each submitted proposal, specific PAC members will be assigned to review the proposal in detail prior to the PAC meeting. The PAC members may contact the spokesperson prior to the meeting.

Participants who need an arrangement of a short-stay visa through RIKEN must contact UserSupportOffice@ribf.riken.jp by September 15, in order to start documentation processes before the proposal submission deadline.

In principle, approved experiments are expected to be completed within two years. If an experiment does not finish within 4 years, a request for an extension or a new experimental proposal must be submitted.

We call for the following types of proposals:

1. Nuclear physics experiments at the RIBF accelerator facility
2. Updates of previously approved proposals
3. Development of experimental equipment that requires beam-time use
4. Construction of large-size instruments, such as a spectrometer, whose design study has been completed (Note: the 4-year rule does not apply to proposals of this type).

Please note that the use of the RIBF facility must be limited to non-military purposes.

In the coming 26th NP-PAC, our call includes the proposals which utilize the C2URIE Germanium detector array. Please make sure to inform the contact person Dr. Shunji Nishimura (nishimu@ribf.riken.jp) of your intent of proposal submission before your preparation. The technical information is given in the following web page:

<https://ribf.riken.jp/C2URIE/> .

Item 2 is for those who wish to make significant updates to their proposals. One can submit the updated version of the previously approved proposal, so that the PAC will review the proposal again. One should consider resubmission of the updated proposal if one of the following two cases applies:

- i) The approved experiment will be run by using a primary beam which is different from that in the original proposal.
- ii) The priority granted to the approved proposal is not high enough, and the spokesperson aims at raising its priority. In particular, to be graded as S or A, spokespersons of proposals previously approved as B or A/B are encouraged to resubmit appropriately revised proposals.

The updated proposal should contain clear statements of what updates have been made in the proposal, including any change that may affect the physics aspects. Our tentative two-year plan of primary beams for BigRIPS-based experiments is as follows:

In 2026:	$^{238}\text{U} + (^{124}\text{Xe}, ^{78}\text{Kr}, ^{70}\text{Zn}, \text{light ions})$
In 2027:	(to be decided)

This beam plan is subject to change depending on the situations of the utility power, beam development, and status of the accelerator operation. The ^{48}Ca beam will be unavailable until the ^{48}Ca ion source material becomes ready. The ^{208}Pb beam will not be available until the ion source upgrade is completed. Review of ^{208}Pb -beam proposals will start from the next NP-PAC, to be held in December 2026.

A new type of proposal, called “proposals for scientific program”, has been started in the 13th PAC meeting. This category is for project-type experiments, such as surveying a broad range of nuclei

for specific physics quantities with a certain detector setup. A collaboration led by RIKEN with partner institutes which, for example, introduce an experimental device to facilitate the measurements of interest, can initiate this category of proposal. Please contact one of the group directors of Radioactive Isotope Physics group, Nuclear Structure Research group, and Nuclear Dynamics Research group if you are interested in this category.

The submitted proposal must contain (i) a cover sheet, (ii) a detailed description of the proposed experiment or construction, and (iii) a GDPR consent letter (for EU applicants). The main part of the proposal must be **within 10 pages** (cover sheet not included). Appendices can be added to provide supplementary information. Those who propose experiments with BigRIPS are also requested to submit (iii) a LISE++ input file describing the secondary-beam setting in your proposal. For (i) and (iii), please use the latest versions available at:

<http://www.nishina.riken.jp/RIBF/NP-PAC/index.html> .

Detailed information on the experiment or construction can be given in a free format, and must be submitted with the cover sheet attached as the first page. It should include the following description:

1. Goals and methods of the proposed experiment
2. Estimation of beam time requested
3. Experimental conditions such as beam conditions, targets and detectors
4. Readiness

Information on the facility, including the list of the available primary beams and the latest secondary-beam production cross sections, is given on the RIBF web page:

<http://www.nishina.riken.jp/RIBF> .

The deadline for proposal submission is **October 2, 2025, 24:00 JST**. Submission or replacement of submitted documents after the deadline will not be accepted.

The following is a list of contact persons for the experimental equipment and detectors. Those who plan to use the following equipment and/or detectors are requested to get in touch with the contact persons prior to the proposal submission.

Equipment

- GARIS : Kouji Morimoto (morimoto@riken.jp)
- RIPS : Shintaro Go (go@riken.jp)
- BigRIPS : Shin'ichiro Michimasa (mitimasa@ribf.riken.jp)
- ZeroDegree : Marco Rosenbusch (marco.rosenbusch@riken.jp)
- SHARAQ : Kentaro Yako (yako@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

- OEDO : Nobuaki Imai (n.imai@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
- SAMURAI : Hideaki Otsu (otsu@ribf.riken.jp)
- Rare RI Ring : Yoshitaka Yamaguchi (yamaguch@ribf.riken.jp)
- CRIB : Hidetoshi Yamaguchi (yamag@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
- KISS : Yoshikazu Hirayama (yoshikazu.hirayama@kek.jp)
- Polarized Ion Source :
Naruhiko Sakamoto (naruhiko.sakamoto@riken.jp)

Detectors

- DALI2 : Pieter Doornenbal (pieter@ribf.riken.jp)
- GRAPE : Nobuaki Imai (n.imai@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

The personal information given in the submitted proposal will be used for the PAC evaluation purpose only. Please note that the proposal title, name, and affiliation of the spokesperson will appear in the program of the NP-PAC meeting on the Nishina Center web site and other documents relevant to the PAC meeting.

Proposals should be sent through the following uploader:

<https://riken-share.ent.box.com/f/88989132af81495590da0c4bc45a9aca>

Please include your name in the filename of the submitted files, and email a short note that you submitted your proposal to:

Dr. Ken-ichiro Yoneda

RIBF Users Office

Email :UserSupportOffice@ribf.riken.jp .

In case the uploader does not work in your environment, please send your files as email attachments to:

Uploade.a14q6ohum18rvp50@u.box.com

Key dates:

Issuance of this Call for Proposals: August 29, 2025

Deadline of proposal submission: October 2, 2025

26th NP-PAC meeting: December 3 – 5, 2025



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