

【Abstract of 2009 Grant – in – Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas
(Research in a proposed research area)】

Title of project	Elucidation of social stratification mechanism and control over health inequality in contemporary Japan: New interdisciplinary area of social and health sciences
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Abstract of Research Project	This interdisciplinary project contributes to elucidation of mechanisms underlying the social stratification and the social disparity in health and establishment of measures to control over the health inequality. Through the research, it intends to develop a new interdisciplinary academic field integrating social sciences (sociology, psychology & behavioral science, economics, political science, etc.) and health sciences (public health, health science, brain sciences, etc.). Large-scale prospective panel surveys are planned, which are central resources driving a wide range of research within the whole project. It is expected that the project will clarify the connection between social stratification and health and the control measures, and establish a new academic field on social disparity in health.
Term of Project: 2009–2013	