

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) promotes the "Project for Establishing University Fellowships for the Creation of Innovation in Science and Technology" with the aim of fostering and securing creative researchers who will assume essential roles for the future creation of science, technology and innovation in Japan.

Recently, MEXT selected Hiroshima University to establish Fellowships within the following four research categories: information/AI, quantum physics, materials, and sustainability science. As a result, Hiroshima University has established the Hiroshima University Graduate School Research Fellowship to train advanced research personnel who can lead the creation and utilization of new wisdom, create value that will tow the next generation, and bring science and technology innovation to society. The Fellowship will recruit and select Research Fellows from amongst 1st-year doctoral students of graduate schools and programs related to information/AI, quantum physics, materials, and sustainability science, and provide them with financial and career support so that they concentrate on their research.

The information/AI research field promotes the acquisition of technologies necessary for the realization of Society 5.0. Besides, we are developing leading human

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3. Application Method

Please submit (via e-mail) a single, combined PDF file of all application forms as an attached file to the e-mail address of the operating office detailed with . XZ @ X Y K Ya Z -mail
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4. Application Deadline

Monday, August 30, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (noon) (Japan Standard Time. Please make sure to take care of the application deadline date and time when submitting your application.)

5. Selection Process and Notification of Results

The Screening Committee for the Research Field Information/AI Research Fellowship will conduct the First Screening (screening of the submitted application documents) and the Second Screening (screening via an interview). Applicants will proceed to the Second Screening only if they successfully pass the First Screening. The Committee will announce the date and time of the interview to each applicant individually. Please note that depending on the results of the First Screening, the Second Screening may not be undertaken.

- First and Second Screenings (planned): Early-September to Mid-September, 2021
- Notification of Results (planned): Late- September, 2021

All applicants will be notified of the screening results for the Fellowship by e-mail. Please note that individual inquiries regarding each decision will not be able to be responded to.

6. Outline of Support after Selection for the Research Fellowship

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7. Contact Information

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<Outline of Support by Hiroshima University Graduate School Research Fellowship>

1. Research Fellow Support

(1) To support Research Fellows to concentrate on their studies and/or research, stipends will be provided for three years after their enrollment. The stipends will be provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March.

*For those who have already enrolled before they apply for the Research Fellowship, the stipends will start from the month in which their Research Fellowship commences. Therefore, the overall period of stipends may be shorter than three years for such a case.

(2) The stipends will be provided on or at the timing of termination of a Research Fellowship.

(3) Research expenses (maximum amount of 300,000 yen per year) will be funded to the Research Fellows for up to three years after their enrollment.

(4) The financial support for living costs is taxable as a miscellaneous income. Therefore, Research fellows are required to file the income tax return.

(5) If you are an international student who is currently overseas and is provisionally selected for the Research Fellowship, your Fellowship will only be formally confirmed once you arrive in Japan. Hiroshima University will provide you with the stipends and the research expenses once you have arrived in Japan.

The amount of the stipends for the month of your arrival will be calculated on 8431 0 59.32 841.9 reW* 0.000004q0.0E

institute means a person who commences a job for salary, wages, remuneration or other ordinary income, or a person who has quit their job or is a housekeeper).

(2) When the Research Fellow commences being supported by the following fellowships or scholarships:

- Research Fellowships for Young Scientists from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

(including those unofficially selected by JSPS).

- Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarships for international students.

- Any scholarship/s from the home countries of international students.

(3) When the research progress or the fulfillment of the Research Fellow Obligations is insufficient.

(4) When it is found that after selection, a Research Fellow does not meet the eligibility requirements.

(5) When the Research Fellow requests to terminate the Fellowship.

(6) When the Research Fellow takes a leave of absence from the University. However, in the case of childbirth, childcare, illness, etc., the payments will be suspended during the period of leave and resume with the return of the Research Fellow. (The timing and conditions of the suspension and subsequent resumption of the payments will be decided according to the X X

(7) When the Research Fellow withdraws from Hiroshima University or is removed from the University.

(8) When the President of the University decides that there is a valid reason to terminate the Fellowship.

4. Reimbursement of Excess Stipend Payments

In the case where a Research Fellowship is terminated before the end of the formal award period, a Research Fellow must reimburse any excess amount of the stipends deemed excessive at the period of termination.