

## Call for Applications for the 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort of HIRAKU-Global Researchers (FY2023)

Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University and Ehime University formed the Consortium World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration (hereafter referred to as HIRAKU-Global), focusing on the Chugoku and Shikoku regions, with the aim of developing innovative, influential and impactful researchers in the global community. The HIRAKU-Global Program (the Program) provides various kinds of support to early career researchers who are proactively promoting international collaborative research, such as start-up research funding, travel and accommodation expenses for medium- to long-term research visits overseas, advice from mentors, opportunities for career and skill development, to name a few.

For more details about the Program, please visit the HIRAKU-Global website via the link below:

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/hiraku-g>

The Program will select promising early career researchers from newly or recently appointed tenure-track faculty members at Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University and Ehime University, who possess high aspirations to promote international collaborative research while utilizing this Program (further details to be outlined below).

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Promoting international collaborative research, and publication of their research outputs/achievements, etc.

Attending the Starter Course and Annual Conference of the Program

Submitting materials required for the evaluation of the progress and completion of the Program

Actively participating in the initiatives, projects, and management of the Program

Proactively participating in promotional activities of the Program within/outside of Japan

### 3. Application Procedure

Download the Application Form for the 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort of HIRAKU-Global Researchers (FY2023) from the URL below

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/hiraku-g/news/74738>

< b d < e t c and submit the complete set of required application documents to the HIRAKU-Global Office via the e-mail address listed d , 9 e d W Information .

<Required application documents>

Application Form (prepared in English)

Letter of Recommendation from your affiliated graduate school or center (securing more than 50% of research effort)

\*Please submit all of the required application documents in PDF format.

### 4. Application Deadline

Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:59 a.m. (Japan Standard Time)

\*This is subject to change depending on the situation of the Program.

\*If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledging that your application has been received from the HIRAKU-Global Office by Monday, April 17, 2023, please contact the Office via the details listed d , 9 e d W d e t c W e d .

### 5. Selection Process and Notification of the Results

Scheduled Date of the First Screening (Screening of the Application Documents): Mid-April to Early-May 2023

Scheduled Date of the Second Screening (Screening by Interview): Mid-May to Late-May 2023

Scheduled Date of Selection Results Notification: Late-June to Early-July 2023

The First Screening will be undertaken on the High Application Documents . Those who pass the First Screening will be notified of the date, time and venue of the Second Screening (interview) by e-mail. For the Second Screening, the interviews will be conducted mainly in English, and comprehensive evaluations will be made on academic uniqueness and achievements (including overseas research experience, etc.), motivation, communication skills (highly proficient in order to conduct international collaborative research), personal qualifications, etc. Please note that we will not be able to respond to individual inquiries in regard to the screening process.

## **6. Contact Information**

HIRAKU-Global Office  
(Office of Research and Academia-Government-Community Collaboration, Hiroshima University)

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**<Features of the HIRAKU-Global Program>**

Support Period of the Program

Up to five years, or until the HIRAKU-Global Researchers acquire tenure at their respective institutions.

\*During the support period, an environment where research activities can be performed independently and a research effort of 50% or more as a PI, must be secured.

\*If the HIRAKU-Global Researcher acquires tenure during the support period, the Program may continue to provide support to the individual as a HIRAKU-Global Researcher.

\*If the HIRAKU-Global Researcher is considered to have reached the level of achievement specified by the Program, they shall graduate from the Program early

