

**HIRAKU-GLOBAL
WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH REGIONAL COLLABORATION**

Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users Driving Global Impact

2nd Call for Applications for the 4th KOHRIKI Foundation Endowment Fund (2023-2024) (H24) F

Development Through Regional Collaboration (hereafter referred to as
Hiroshima and Shikoku regions) with the aim of developing innovative influential
researchers and promoting international collaborative research such as
research visits overseas, accommodation expenses for medium to long-term research visits overseas,
career and skill development, etc. (name a few).

Please visit the HIRAKU-Global website via the link below

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

Primary duties as HIRAKU-Global Researchers

In addition to their regular faculty duties at their respective institutions, the HIRAKU-Global Researchers will be engaged with the following duties during the Program development period (up to 5 years):

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 4th Cohort of HIRAKU-Global Researchers (FY2023)” from the URL below

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/hiraku-g/news/76811>

Fill in the Form and submit the complete set of required application documents to the HIRAKU-Global Office via the e-mail address listed within “6. Contact 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

Wednesday, May 31, 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 Friday, June 2, 2023, please contact the Office via the details listed within “6. Contact Information”.

5. Selection Process and Notification of the Results

Scheduled Date of the First Screening (Screening of the Application Documents): Early June 2023

Scheduled Date of the Second Screening (Screening by Interview): Mid-June 2023

Scheduled Date of Selection Results Notification: Early July 2023

The First Screening will be undertaken on the “Required 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)

E-mail: consortium-koubo@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

<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 earlier than planned.

2. Main Support Provided by the Program

(1) Start-Up Research Funding

For a duration of up to two years from the start of the support period, a maximum amount of 2 million yen^(Note) will be provided to each HIRAKU-Global Researcher.

(Note) Tenure-track faculty members who have already been selected under the “HIRAKU” program or those selected under the JSPS Leading Initiative for Excellent Young Researchers, and who have already received start-up research funding through those programs, will not receive an additional payment from the HIRAKU-Global Program

(2) Support for International Research Exchange (a maximum amount of 2 million yen over three years)

For a duration of up to three years from the start of the support period, a maximum amount of 2 million yen, will be provided to cover the costs involved with undertaking collaborative research or research exchange with institutions overseas, (including travel and accommodation expenses). At least one or more medium- to long-term (minimum of a few weeks) international trips must be conducted. This financial support can also be used for multiple international trips, including short-term trips as well as inviting overseas researchers. The host organizations for these international trips will be selected from overseas organizations that the HIRAKU-Global Program intends to strengthen collaborations with and/or organizations that the HIRAKU-Global Researchers (HGRs) choose based on their preference. The HGRs will be able to seek advice from the Program Mentors about overseas research exchange opportunities and preferences. For medium- to long-term international trips undertaken over several weeks, the research proposals made by the HGRs to their host organizations and the outcomes of their trips may be evaluated.

(3) Support for Skill Development of the HIRAKU-Global Researchers

Various kinds of support will be provided to improve the abilities of the HIRAKU-Global Researchers, depending on their individual expertise and needs, such as: collaboration with domestic and overseas researchers, management of research teams, guidance for research, mentoring, acquisition of external funds, submission of papers to top journals, etc. The Program will also support the development of their vision and medium- to long-term career development from a global perspective.

(4) Support by Multiple Mentors

During their support period, multiple mentors will be assigned to the HIRAKU-Global Researchers to provide advice on their action plans, progress against their objectives, tenure acquisition, career development, etc.

HIRAKU-Global Program Mentors: Assigned by the Program with the view of helping to develop leading early career researchers in the global community.

Organizational Mentors: Arranged by the organization that the HIRAKU-Global Researcher is affiliated with.

Overseas Mentors: Independently explored by the HIRAKU-Global Researchers.

(5) Support from the HIRAKU-Global Office

University Research Administrators (URAs) will provide the HIRAKU-Global Researchers with support for external funding acquisition and promotion of international collaborative research, etc., while the HIRAKU-Global Office will provide them with various support for international trips and for enhancing their international visibility.