HIRAKU-GLOBAL
WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REGIONAL COLLABORATION

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Call for Applications for the 5th Cohort of HIRAKU-Global Researchers (FY2024)

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).

1. Number of Openings and Research Fields

Hiroshima University: [redacted] (any field)
Yamaguchi University: [redacted] (any field)
Tokushima University: [redacted] (any field)
Ehime University: [redacted] (any field)

* The number mentioned above is the number of candidates that will be nominated from each of the universities mentioned above to the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) for the Strategic Development of World-class Researchers Program. The Program will accept applications from candidates who belong to the above-mentioned universities, only if they are currently employed by the said universities.

2. Eligibility (applicants must satisfy all of the following criteria)

- Possess less than 10 years of research experience after obtaining their doctoral degree (40 years or younger) as of April 1, 2024
- Hold a recent full-time academic faculty position (tenure-track) within the past 2 years, including those who will be appointed at Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University or Ehime University.