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Hiroshima University has been selected as an implementing institution for "Challenging Research Program for Next-Generation Researchers" proceeded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). Hiroshima University has established the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation of Innovative Researchers at Hiroshima University with the aim of creating an environment where doctoral students can concentrate on their research with peace of mind, and making them leap forward by support and foster so that they can contribute to the future of science, technology and innovation in Japan and who will be future leaders of the world. Therefore, we are calling for students who are eligible for support (hereinafter referred to as "Next-Generation Fellows").

This program seeks individuals who can contribute to Japan's future science, technology, and innovation and who can promote initiatives to make the world a better place through their comprehensive ability to have a broad perspective and knowledge, excellent judgment, and the acting power.

The program will provide to adopted fellows the support grant which is an amount equivalent to living expense to devote their research as well as research funds, and will refer the opportunity of study abroad for research to overseas institutes and the acquisition of transferable skills. Besides it will implement the various initiatives related to their career development and raising.

In addition, HU SPRING, an emergent scene for Next-Generation Fellows to interact and collaborate beyond their own areas of expertise, will be established to provide a forum for discussion on how to approach solving social problems and achieving world peace.

The call for applications for support starting from April 2024 and from October 2024, has been shown below.

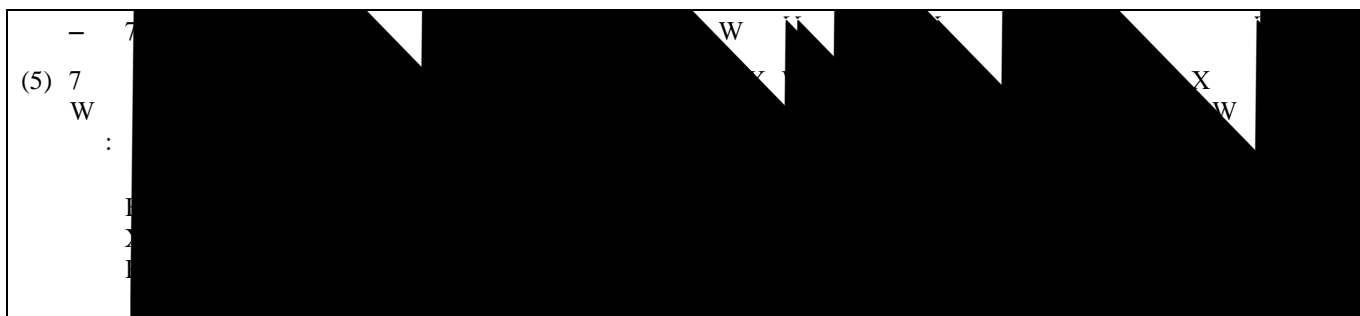
1. Number of Positions

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*Current and prospective students of the Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society are also eligible to apply.

2. Eligibility

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3. Application Method

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- (2) The applicant is planning a mid- to long-term overseas study program. (The term means more than one month at least.)

Please note that individual inquiries regarding each decision will not be able to be responded to.

6. Outline of Support after Selection

For further details, please refer to the attached "Outline of Support by the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation of Innovative Researchers at Hiroshima University".

Furthermore, it is highly recommended that students apply for the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1/DC2) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) as well, even if they are selected as Next-Generation Fellows.

7. Contact Information

Next Generation Fellowship Application Office for Graduate School at Hiroshima University (Global Career Design Center)

E-mail: fellowship@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

1. Support to Next-Generation Fellows

(1) In order to support the Next-Generation Fellows and allow them to concentrate on their studies and/or research, stipends will be provided for up to three years (or four years for doctoral students of the 4-Year Ph.D. Programs) after their enrollment*. Based on the principle monthly amount of 190,000 JPY" W X provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March.

Regardless of the timing of notification of the results of the adoption, the payment will be made retroactively from April for those adopted for the start of support in April 2024. (Those adopted for the start of support in October 2024 are applied from October). The detailed schedule of payment will be announced after adoption.

And fellows with outstanding academic performance in the initiative of New SPRING at Hiroshima University will be provided further 120,000 JPY as HU-SPRING Award in March of the year.

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 However, if it becomes necessary for a Next-Generation Fellow to suspend or extend the period of support due
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 decision is made.

(2) The stipends are taxable as a miscellaneous income. Therefore, every Next-Generation Fellow is required to file an income tax return.

Furthermore, if a student with dependents (parents, etc.) is provided with this Program for Next-Generation, they may need to be excluded from their dependents. Therefore, if a student is selected as a Next-Generation Fellow, they should inform their dependents (parents, etc.) that the stipends they receive will be treated as a miscellaneous income under the Japanese tax law. For the procedures required to change your health insurance or dependents, please contact the person in charge at the workplace of your dependents (parents, etc.).

(3) For a period of up to three years (or four years for doctoral students of the 4-Year Ph.D. Programs) after a Next- W " W * " JPY per year will be funded from the academic year in which they have been selected as a Next-Generation Fellow. And the maximum amount of research expenses for a fiscal year in which the period of support is six months or less is 200,000 JPY.

(4) For international students and others who are currently overseas and are selected for the Next-Generation Fellow, as a general rule, the stipends and research funds will begin to be provided once the Fellow has entered Japan and is able to commute to the University campus.

2. Next-Generation Fellow Obligations

Next-Generation Fellows shall fulfill the following obligations to receive support:

- (1) Develop a yearly research plan for each academic year and concentrate on research activities based on the plan.
- (2) Participate in programs offered by the University related to improving research capabilities.
- (3) Report the progress of research activities to the University regularly.
- (4) Cooperate in various surveys. In particular, it is essential to cooperate with follow-up surveys on the career for 10 years after completion of the program.
- (5) BW (only available in Japanese), make sure to undertake necessary research ethics education.
- (6) J W W W "W " W W X K IFH D W "HIRAKU-PF" for career development of the Next-Generation Fellows. In particular, to participate actively in the "HU SPRING 100 Thesis" and the "HIRAKU 3MT Competition".
- (7) Register the account for the Cooperative Education through Research Internships is essential.

3. Next-Generation Fellow Cancellation

If a Next-Generation Fellow falls under any of the following cases, the Next-Generation Fellow will be withdrawn, and the provision of stipends and research funds shall be discontinued:

(1) J W W " @W W : X " W W W (* JPY or more per year). Note that this annual income refers to stable incomes such as standard salaries/remunerations, and does not include income received from paid internships, RA/TA, part-time work, etc.

(2) The Fellow receives a Research Fellowship for Young Scientists from the Japan y32 84 0 1 57.36 5 209.54 Tm0 g0 G{088

(3) J W W W D -Generation Fellow Obligations is deemed insufficient.

(4) The Fellow requests to cancel their Fellowship.

(5) The Fellow takes a leave of absence from the University. However, in the case of childbirth, childcare, illness, " W W W W X X W W W subsequent resumption of payments, and other such factors.

(6) The Fellow withdraws from, or is removed from the University.

(7) The Fellow does not meet the eligibility requirements. (In this case, full-repayment of stipends and research funds is claimed.)

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

4. Repayment of Excess Stipend Payments and Research Funds

If the period of support is shortened due to early completion, cancellation of support, etc., the payment of the stipends will be stopped at the end of the shortened support period, and any excess amount which has been paid will need to be returned. Also, in principle, the research funds will also need to be returned in proportion to the number of months the support period was shortened by.

5. Others

(1) 7 W W W W " X W WW WWH7 J7 position, etc., or work part-time.

(2) The names of those who are selected as Next-Generation Fellows will be X K X .

(3) Any personal information stated within the application documents, and any other necessary personal information provided by the graduate school to which an applicant belongs to, will be used only for the purposes of the selection of candidates, preparation for acceptance, education/research guidance, etc.