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Hiroshima University has been selected as an implementing institution for "Program for Developing the Next-Generation AI Researchers" proceeded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). Hiroshima University has established the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation AI Researchers at Hiroshima University with the aim of creating an environment where doctoral students acting well in the field of AI 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 realization of Japan's target of future society (Society 5.0) due to overcoming social problems by AI technology expected further development in near future. Therefore, we are calling for students who are eligible for support (hereinafter referred to as "Next-Generation AI Fellows").

The aim of this program is not to utilize conventional AI technology just for research but to call for resources who can contribute to realization of Society5.0 with innovation to solve social problems through development of AI and original proposals to utilize AI as a technology which is foundation of Society5.0.

Next-Generation AI Fellows to be adopted need to belong to laboratory of AI division in 3 @  
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\*If you have difficulty applying through the online application form, please attach and send the application documents below 1) and 2) (with your name appended to the file name) to the e-mail address detailed within "7. Contact Information".

The subject of the e-mail should be Next Generation AI 4 /

Application Documents:

- 1) Application Form (specified format, Excel)
- 2) Application Documents (specified format, converted from Word into PDF)
- 3) Video (specified format (MP4)) uploaded to the above cloud

#### **4. Application Deadline**

August.19th (Monday), 2024, 17:00 (Japan Standard Time)

\*Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted for any reason. Please plan ahead and anticipate the time it will take to prepare your application documents and fill out the application form.

\* As deadlines approach, inquiries will be concentrated and it will take time to respond to inquiries. Please prepare your application documents systematically and contact us as soon as possible if you have any questions.

\*The university will be closed from August 10 (Sat.) through August 18 (Sun.). Please note that we will not be able to respond to inquiries.

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

The screening is implemented based on the application document and the video. Adoption is determined according to the consultation of the AI Talent Review Committee which consists of researchers of the AIDI Center and external experts.

All applicants will be notified of the screening results by e-mail during October, 2024. (Please note that applicants who were initially unsuccessful in their application may be selected at a later date, depending on the status of adoption. In such a case, we will contact you by e-mail separately.)

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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 AI Researchers at Hiroshima University".

#### **7. Contact Information**

Next Generation AI Fellowship Application Office (Global Career Design Center)

E-mail: [fellowship@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:fellowship@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp)

※Please send inquiries by e-mail.

## 1. Support to Next-Generation AI Fellows

(1) In order to support the Next-Generation AI 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 250,000 JPY, provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March. The detailed schedule of payment will be announced after adoption.

\* If a Next-Generation AI Fellow support will be discontinued. However, if it becomes necessary for a Next-Generation AI Fellow to suspend or extend the period of support due to childbirth, childcare, illness, studying abroad, circumstances will be considered before a decision is made.

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

Furthermore, if a student with dependents (parents, etc.) is provided with a Next-Generation AI Fellowship, they may need to be excluded from their dependents. Therefore, if a student is selected as a Next-Generation AI 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-Generation AI Fellow 900,000 JPY per year will be funded from the academic year in which they have been selected as a Next-Generation AI Fellow. And the maximum amount of research expenses for a fiscal year in which the period of support is six months or less is 450,000 JPY.

(4) For international students and others who are currently overseas and are provisionally selected for the Next-Generation AI Fellowship, 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 AI Fellow Obligations

Next-Generation AI 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) 広島大学における研究活動に係る研究倫理教育に関する細則 (only available in Japanese), make sure to undertake necessary research ethics education.

(6) Participate in the "HIRAKU-PF" for career development of the Next-Generation AI Fellows. In particular, to participate actively in the "HIRAKU SPRING 100 Thesis" and the "HIRAKU 3MT Competition".

(7) Register the account for the Cooperative Education through Research Internships is essential.

(8) Apply for the application of AI under the guidance of two supervisors that one is in the laboratory of research institute at doctoral course and another is in AI division of the AIDI Center.

(9) To participate in the presentation held by AIDI Center to confirm the progress of research.

(2) The Fellow receives a Research Fellowship for Young Scientists from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for international students, or any other scholarship/s from their home country.

(3) 4  -Generation AI 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, studying abroad,