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1. Purpose

Hiroshima University supports students who have been selected for the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation of Innovative Researchers at Hiroshima University (hereinafter referred to as "Next-Generation Fellows") to conduct research in collaboration with outstanding researchers outside the university at top-level research institutions in Japan and abroad for a certain period of time, with the goal of nurturing excellent doctoral candidates with rich experience, who are expected to be active internationally in the future.

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2. Eligible applicants

Next-Generation Fellows.

Next-Generation Fellows will have their expenses be subsidized in relation to participating in a "(A) research study abroad at world-class research institutions (including private research institutes)" or "(B) temporary research activities abroad (including conducting joint

fieldwork, survey research, and sampling activities with collaborative researchers abroad, but not including travel solely for presentations at academic conferences, etc.).

While overseas research institutions are especially encouraged, it is also possible to apply to top-level research institutions in Japan (e.g., RIKEN, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST), etc.).

While all research fields are eligible, we encourage study abroad programs related to carbon neutrality, as HU has been actively working toward carbon neutrality, including its "Carbon Neutral x Smart Campus 5.0 Declaration" issued in January 2021, with the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

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3. Support details

Hiroshima University Financial Accounting Procedures for expenses deemed necessary for travel related to studying abroad, such as transportation expenses (round-trip airfare, Shinkansen, etc.), daily allowances, accommodation expenses, and various procedural expenses (study abroad insurance enrollment, passport application, etc.) will be supported. Support for travel related expenses will be provided up to a maximum of 1 million yen. Please note that travel related expenses which exceed the upper limit can be reimbursed through your own Next-Generation Fellow research funds, etc.

4. Application schedule and number of planned positions

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Call for Applications	Application Period	Notification of Results	Period of time for study abroad	Number of Positions
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1 st Call	September 3 –	Within	2024	
	September 30	October		Abn°
			Those whose	
			dispatch date	
			starts/ends in	
			FY 2024.	

5. Eligibility requirements

The applicant must meet all of the following requirements. Please note that all of the following requirements must be met at the time of selection.

The applicant must be a Next-Generation Fellow at the time of application and at the time of when the research study abroad commences.

If the applicant is going to study abroad in the future, they must have had sufficient discussions with their academic advisor and the host institution, (the Letter of Intent to Accept Prospective Fellow by Host Researcher must be submitted).

The applicant must not be receiving financial support for study abroad from other programs (however, it is possible to apply for support provided that the applicant is not receiving support for the same expenses from other programs. For example, if you are receiving support only for transportation expenses under another program, it is possible to receive support for only accommodation and study abroad insurance under this program.)

6. Application procedures

Please submit the application form (designated format, Word document) and Letter of Intent to Accept Prospective Fellow by Host Researcher (designated format, Word document) (not required if the applicant has already started their study abroad at the time of application) to the address listed in "10. Contact information" by e-mail, with the subject title "Application for HU SPRING Research Study Abroad Program".

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7 Application deadline
Monday, September 30, 2024, 12:00 p.m. (Japan Standard Time)
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8. Selection method and results

Selection will be made based on the submitted application documents.

All applicants will be notified of the selection results by e-mail in October 2024.

Please note that we cannot respond to individual inquiries in regard to the selection results.

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9. Others

We are considering asking the successful candidates to submit a report after their study abroad to confirm the results of their research study abroad. In addition, there is a possibility that interviews and debriefing sessions on the results of the study abroad may be conducted, and we would appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

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10. Contact information

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