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JST selected Hiroshima University to promote the "Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation" program. As a result, Hiroshima University established the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation of Innovative Researchers at Hiroshima University (or the "Next-Generation Fellowship"), and subsequently, a call for applications for the targeted students (or the "Next-Generation Fellows") has been opened. This program aims to provide an environment where doctoral students can devote themselves to research without financial worries and grow as PhDs to bring scientific and technological innovations to society in the future and contribute to the sustainable development of the international community.

The program seeks to develop human resources who have a broad perspective and knowledge, and can contribute to the achievement of SDGs + Beyond and promote efforts to improve the world using their comprehensive power, consisting of excellent judgment and action.

To support the Next-Generation Fellows, the program will provide them with financial and career support to allow them to concentrate on their research. The financial support will consist of stipends and research funds. As a career support measure, the program will provide them with opportunities to study abroad for research at overseas research institutes, improve their research capabilities, and provide various initiatives related to career development and human resource development. In addition, the Next-Generation Fellows will independently plan and manage the "HU SPRING" to deepen the exchanges amongst the Next-Generation Fellows and take the initiative in improving their research capabilities.

The call for applications for support starting from October 2022 and April 2023, has been updated below.

1. Number of Positions

* Fourth-year students are only those enrolled in the 4-Year PhD Programs.

2. Eligibility

(1)	(1)
(2)	(2)
(3)	(3)

(4)	(4)
(5)	(5)

*If you have already applied for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program at Hiroshima University (support starting from October 2022 and April 2023) and have been selected, you will automatically be excluded from this Next-Generation Fellows selection process.

3. Application Method

Please access the online application form (Google Forms) from the following URL or QR code, enter the following

5. Selection Process and Notification of Results

Selection will be conducted through the First Screening (screening of the submitted application documents) and the Second Screening (screening via an interview). In principle, the First Screening will be conducted by one judge in a specialized field that is close to the application content and two judges in different research fields. The Second Screening via the interview will be conducted by the Integrated Screening Committee. Please note that depending on the results of the First Screening, the Second Screening may not be undertaken.

All applicants will be notified of the screening results by e-mail around mid-August, 2022. (Please note that applicants who were initially unsuccessful in their application may be selected at a later date, depending on the situation of available positions. In such a case, we will contact you by e-mail separately.)

sustainable development of the international community as of the purpose of this program.

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".

7. Contact Information

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

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

1. Next-Generation Fellow Support

(1) To support the Next-Generation Fellows to concentrate on their studies and/or research, stipends will be provided for up to three years (or four years for the doctoral students of the 4-Year PhD Programs) after their enrollment (*). Based on the principle monthly amount of 150,000 yen, two months' worth of payments will be provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March.

*If a Next-Generation Fellow is enrolled beyond the standard study period, the stipends will not be provided anymore. However, if a Next-Generation Fellow must take a leave of absence from the University or extend the period of the stipends in the case of childbirth, childcare, illness, etc., the President of Hiroshima University will make a decision regarding the stipends according to the individual's situation.

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(8) When the President of Hiroshima University decides that there is a valid reason to terminate the Next-Generation Fellowship.

4. Reimbursement of Excess Stipend Payments