

The Japanese version is the authoritative version, and this English translation is intended for reference purposes only. Should any discrepancies or doubt arise between the two versions, the Japanese version will prevail.

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.

On this occasion, there is a vacancy amongst the Fellows, hence why a call for applications for a replacement Fellow (support planned to start from April 2023) is being undertaken.

1. Number of Positions

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

2. Eligibility

1. Next-Generation Fellow Support

(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

provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March.

*If a Next-Generation Fellow is absent for a long period, the support will be discontinued.

However, if it becomes necessary for a Next-Generation Fellow to suspend or extend the period of support due to illness or other reasons, the support will be continued before a decision is made. Also, for those selected during a call undertaken to replace previously selected Next-Generation Fellows, their support period will be up until the end of the support period of the previous Next-Generation Fellow.

(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 a Next-Generation Fellowship, 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-Generation Fellow is selected as a Next-Generation Fellow.

Furthermore, the Highest-Ranking Fellows and the High-Ranking Fellows will be selected according to the screening results, with the Highest-Ranking Fellows being provided research funds of up to 700,000 yen per year, and the High-Ranking Fellows being provided research funds of up to 600,000 yen per year. The selection of the Highest-Ranking Fellows and the High-Ranking Fellows will be reviewed each fiscal year based on the research results, participation in HU SPRING initiatives, etc. Therefore, the same Fellows may not be selected as one of the Highest-Ranking Fellows or High-Ranking Fellows every year.

(4) For international students and others who are currently overseas and are provisionally selected for the Next-Generation 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 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, including follow-up surveys on careers after graduation.

(5) B 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) A research capabilities, etc. of the Next-Generation Fellows.

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) ...ore per

- (5) The Fellow takes a leave of absence from the University. However, in the case of childbirth, childcare, illness, or other special circumstances will be considered before a decision is made on the suspension and 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 original eligibility requirements.
- (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) position, etc., or work part-time.
- (2) The names of those who are selected as Next- .
- (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.