

Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society  
SmaSo-X Challenge Project  
Graduate Students Research Grant  
AY2024 Application Guidelines

## Purpose

The Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society promotes interdisciplinary practical research (crossover research) "SmaSo-X" that transcends expertise (fields), internal and external organizations, national borders, and generations in order to realize "Smart Society Practical Science". As part of this promotion, the SmaSo-X Challenge Project encourage the graduate students who engage in crossover research providing the support as below. Please refer to the following website for application forms. (Reference : [https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/smart\\_society/smasox](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/smart_society/smasox))

## Details of Support

Research grant: Up to 300,000 yen per project

Grant period: Students enrolled in April From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Students enrolled in October From October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

\*Grant period is different depending on the enrollment month.

## Eligibility

Graduate students (both master's course and doctoral courses) of the Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society.

(Those who selected in last year are also eligible, but the content of the previous year's application will be also taken into consideration.)

\* The applicant should be in a standard study period.

\*\* Those who have selected (including unofficially selected) for the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, or HU-SPRING Research Project by Hiroshima University are NOT eligible for this research grant.

\*\*\* If you are currently receiving research grants or scholarships, please confirm that you can receive both grants before applying. If it is proved after the start of grant period that it is not possible to receive the grants at the same time, the selected candidate's acceptance may be rescinded and the candidate may be required to reimburse the amount of this research grant (including the amount which has already executed).

\*\*\*\* Applicant should obtain approval from supervisor before applying. If selected, supervisor will be in responsible of the grant administration and its execution will be made in accordance with the regulation by Hiroshima University.

## How to apply

After obtaining approval from your primary supervisor, please submit the required documents in the following manner.

Application deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (No submission will be accepted)

Submission: Upload the required documents to Microsoft Forms (link below)

<https://forms.office.com/r/eWjBuhXsQY>

**Required Documents**

Please submit all of the following documents. One application per person.

1. Application form (as prescribed Word format, either in Japanese or English)
2. Conceptual image of your research (1page A4 size in PowerPoint format)

**Selection Criteria**

The selection will be made according to the selection criteria specified separately to ensure that the content of the application is appropriate for the crossover research that SmaSo is aiming for.

**Selection and Notification of Results**

After the selection by the SmaSo-X Working Group and the Steering Committee, the applicants will be notified of the results in early-December 2023. For the selection, interviews will be held as needed.

**Others**

The selected candidates will be asked to make a presentation at the results reporting meeting hosted by Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society.

When the selected candidates publish research outcome gained with the support of this grant, please write in acknowledgement that you received this grant.