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<Outline of Support by the Program for Developing and Supporting the Next-Generation of Innovative Researchers at Hiroshima University>

1. Support to Next-Generation Fellows

(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 their enrollment*. Based on the principle monthly amount of 190,000 JPY, two months' worth of payments will be provided in May, July, September, November, January, and March. The detailed schedule of payment will be announced after adoption.

And fellows with outstanding academic performance in the initiative of New SPRING at Hiroshima University will be provided further 120,000 JPY as HU-SPRING Award in March of the year.

* If a Next-Generation Fellow's tenure exceeds the standard study 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 childbirth, childcare, illness, studying abroad, etc., the individual's particular circumstances will be considered before a decision is made.

(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 this Program for Next-Generation, 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's enrollment, research funds of up to 400,000 JPY per year will be funded from the academic year in which they have been selected as a Next-Generation Fellow. And the maximum amount of research expenses for a fiscal year in which the period of support is six months or less is 200,000 JPY.

(4) For international students who are unable to commute to the campus on the first day of the month in which they start receiving support, support will begin in the month following the day they are able to commute to the campus (or the same month if that day is the first day of the month). Additionally, after support begins, the stipends will not be provided for any month during which the student is entirely absent from Japan for personal reasons unrelated to study or research.

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. In particular, it is essential to cooperate with follow-up surveys on the career for 10 years after completion of the program.
- (5) Based upon the “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) To participate in the initiatives, activities, etc. which are carried out by the “HU SPRING” or are informed on the “HIRAKU-PF” for career development of the Next-Generation Fellows. In particular, to participate actively in the “HU SPRING 3QUESTIONS” and the “HIRAKU 3MT Competition”.
- (7) Register the account for the Cooperative Education through Research Internships is essential.

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) The Fellow's annual income, from January to December, exceeds a certain amount (2.4 million JPY or more per year). Note that this annual income refers to stable incomes such as standard salaries/remunerations, and does not include income received from paid internships, RA/TA, part-time work, etc.

(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) The Fellow's research plan progress and/or the fulfillment of the Next-Generation 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, etc., the individual's particular 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 eligibility requirements. (In this case, full-repayment of stipends and research funds is claimed.)

(8) 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) As long as it does not interfere with a Fellow's research activities, it is possible to receive a salary via a RA/TA position, etc., or work part-time.

(2) The names of those who are selected as Next-Generation Fellows will be published on the University's website.

(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.