

Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society
SmaSo-X Challenge Project
Graduate Students Research Grant
AY2026 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)

Details of Support

Research grant: Up to 300,000 yen per project

Grant period: From when your application is approved until either December 31 of the following year or your completion date, whichever is earlier.

Eligibility

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

(Those who were selected in the past are also eligible; however, details from past applications will also be taken into consideration during the selection process.)

* The applicant should be in a standard study period.

** Students who have been selected, including those with a provisional offer and recipients of the JSPS Research Fellows for Young Scientists or the Hiroshima University HU-SPRING Research Support Program are NOT eligible.

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period that it is not possible to receive the grants at the same time, the selected candidate's acceptance may be rescinded and the candidate may be required to reimburse the amount of this research grant (including the amount which has already executed).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

Application deadline: Monday, October 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Late submission will not be accepted.

Submission: Upload all required documents via Microsoft Forms:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/L7aFPkBgMZ>

Required Documents:

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

1. **Application form** (Use prescribed Word format; either written 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 late November 2026. For the selection, interviews will be held as needed.

Others

Grants that remain unclaimed after the payment deadline must, in principle, be returned. Please contact the office for further details.

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

When publishing research outcomes supported by this grant, the selected candidates must include an acknowledgement stating that they received funding from this grant and report the outcomes to the office.