

HU SPRING Research Grant Program Application Guidelines for Application in FY2024

1 . Objectives

Hiroshima University will provide research grants for Next-Generation Fellows, Next-Generation AI Fellows and STEM Female Research Fellows (Collectively called Next Generation Fellows and others) to form independent research teams and conduct interdisciplinary research. We expect that by participating in this program, the next generation of Fellows and others will grow as independent researchers.

2 . Program outline

a. Requirements

- Teams must include at least 2 doctoral students affiliated to Hiroshima University from different research fields (students belonging to different laboratories are acceptable).
- Approval must be obtained from all team members' supervisors.
- Proposals that address social issues related to the SDGs/peace and teams with a high degree of diversity in terms of year, gender, nationality, etc. are especially encouraged.
- As Hiroshima University made the "Carbon Neutral x Smart Campus 5.0 Declaration" in January 2021 and is actively working toward carbon neutrality by 2030, proposals that address carbon neutrality are especially encouraged.

b. Number of projects supported About 5 projects per year will be selected.

c. Budget of projects supported About 1 million yen per project

d. Research period of projects supported Since Adoption – March 2026

* The project must be completed within the above time frame, and the application representative must be employed as a Next-Generation Fellow and others for the duration of the proposed project.

3 . Eligibility

(1) The application representative must be a Next-Generation Fellow and others. Team members other than the application representative (PI) do not have to be Next-Generation Fellows and others, however only Next-Generation Fellows and others are authorized to execute the budget.

(2) A Next-Generation Fellow and others may not submit multiple applications.

(3) There are no restrictions on the application representative (PI) becoming a co-investigator on other applications.

4 . Budget execution and validated expenses

This budget can only be executed by Next-Generation Fellows and Next-Generation AI Fellows. It can't be used for other members' expenses.

Budget execution will be done through the supervisor of the application representative (PI). Examples of validated expenses are as follows:

(1) Goods expenses

- Expenses to purchase equipment and fixtures necessary for the proposed project. Equipment and fixtures are defined as items which cost at least 100,000 yen and have a service life of at least one year.
- Expenses to purchase expendables necessary for the proposed research project. Expendables are defined as goods, books, reagents, materials and expendables for research, etc.

(2) Travel expenses

- Travel expenses (transportation expenses, accommodation fees, daily allowance) of the team members themselves for overseas and domestic business trips for the proposed project (e.g., material gathering, data collection, meetings, announcement of the results of R&D, etc.).

(3) Rewards

- Honorarium for those who work on the proposed project (e.g., organization of materials, assistance for experiments, translation & proofreading, provision of expertise, distribution and recovery of questionnaires, collection of research materials, etc.). Team members are not eligible to receive rewards.

(4) Others

- In addition to the above items, other expenses which are necessary to carry out the proposed research project (e.g., printing costs, photocopying costs, photo developing and printing costs, communications expenses (stamps, phone calls, etc.), transportation charges, rental fees for dedicated facilities, meeting fees (e.g., rental fees for venues, etc.), rental fees (e.g., computers, automobiles, experiment instruments & tools, etc.), equipment repair costs, research results presentation fees (e.g., participation fees for academic conferences, submission fees for academic journals, official website creation costs, pamphlet preparation cost for public relations of research results, etc.), etc.)

5 . Application procedures

Submit the application form (specified Form #1, WORD) by e-mail to the address given in "9. Contact". The title of the e-mail should be "Application for HU SPRING Research Grant".

6 . Application deadline

February 28 (Fri.), 2025, 12:00 p.m. (noon, Japan Standard Time)

7 . Selection process and results

Selection will be made based on the submitted application forms. Interviews will be conducted as necessary. All application representatives (PIs) will be notified of the selection results by e-mail

in November 2024. Please note that we cannot respond to individual inquiries in regard to the selection results.

8 . Others

The successful application representatives (PIs) have to submit a final report (specified Form #2, WORD) within one month after the project completion. In addition, interviews and final presentation on the results of the project may be requested.

9 . Contact

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