

Kyushu University Pioneering Personnel Development Fellowship Project (Information/AI fields) Application guidelines

< For prospective students enrolling in a doctoral program in October, 2021 >

The objective of Pioneering Personnel Development Fellowship Project

We select doctoral students as fellows among those who are doing research on informatics and AI, and provide them with the financial assistance and the following four types of supports to help them strengthen their research abilities, find the careers, and become active doctoral degree holders in various fields:

- Cross-field workshop with participants from various study fields
- Career path expansion seminar by prominent researchers and business operators
- Advice to fellows by a career support mentor who has a lot of experience at companies and universities
- Systematic support for internship at domestic companies/laboratories and foreign countries

In this project, we aim to create a new model for supporting young researchers that gives constant financial support and career support by cooperation of university academics and people from companies. The model utilizes the know-how of cross-disciplinary education and collaborated education with businesses that Kyushu University has been cultivating, and provides the student with opportunities to come into contact with technology utilization trends in different fields from their own and various industries.

2. Eligibility for application

Applicants must fall under all of the following:

- ① Those who are going to enroll in a doctoral program at Department of Information Science and Technology, or Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering in October 2021
- ② Those who are less than 30 years old as of April 1st, 2022
- ③ Those who wish to dedicate themselves to their academic research in respective departments listed in ① above. However, it is allowed to be a teaching assistant or to have a part-time job as long as it does not negatively affect the research activity
- ④ Those who promise to comply with “4. Obligations as a fellow.”
- ⑤ Those who have not and are not going to apply for other fellowship.

3. Non-eligible person

- ① A student who has already employed as a research fellowship for young scientists of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- ② A student who is on the MEXT scholarship
- ③ An international student who is on a scholarship from home country
- ④ An adult student (a person who is working to earn salary or other regular income, a retired person, or a homemaker)
- ⑤ A person who is on a scholarship from other organization and is not allowed to get financial supports from other organizations than this organization.

4. Obligations as a fellow

- ① Concentrate on your study and research based on the research project plan determined beforehand
- ② Report your research progress during the period designated by the executive committee
- ③ Report usages of research fund when the executive committee requests.
- ④ Obey the rules to promote proper research activity.

5. Publication of names

Names of selected fellow will be published on Kyushu University website.

6. The amount of research scholarship

- ① Funds to help concentrate on research: 2.4 million yen/year
【two hundred thousand yen per month】
- ② Research funds (used for research activity): A maximum of one hundred thousand yen per year

7. Support period

Three years (① Funds to help concentrate on research : October 2021 - September 2024 ② Research funds : Fiscal year 2022 – Fiscal year 2024)

8. The Number of fellows to be hired

1 person

9. Application process and selection

- ① Application documents
 - Application form for Informatics and AI fields (Form1)
 - Research project proposal (Form2)
 - Recommendation letter (Form3)

(Notice)

Incomplete documents will not be accepted.

After receiving the application documents, any changes of the contents will not be allowed as a general rule.

- ② Application period : Friday, August 6th, 2021 – 5pm, Monday, August 30th, 2021
(Japan Time)

- ③ How to apply

- Compress the 3 application documents of ① in a zip file and name it with your name.
- Upload the file to URL below. (Before uploading, make sure that it does not have computer viruses)

https://archive.iii.kyushu-u.ac.jp/public/QfXQAAuJCIHAp_cBbSF5S8P0QkVCIoq-Xc5yy6yxKEc0

- Email to isee-sec@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp notifying the submission of application documents.

- ④ Selection process

Individual interview examination will be held based on application documents. (Regarding dates and details, we will contact the applicants later.)

⑤ Announcement of selection results

Selection results will be sent to individual applicants in mid-September, 2021.

⑥ Handling of personal information

All of the information collected will only be used for the selection and the project and will not be used for any other purpose.

10. Students now in other graduate schools

An applicant who is currently not in Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Kyushu University has to send an e-mail to the address given in "16. Contact" to receive instructions before applying. Note that failing to contact before application may result in invalidation of your application.

11. How to receive research scholarship

Necessary information such as the payment method of research scholarship (funds to help concentrate on research and research funds) will be notified after the selection results are announced.

12. Suspension, cancellation and paying-back of research scholarship

- ① The research scholarship will be suspended or canceled if any of the following applies to a fellow:
 - Becomes a non-eligible person described in "3. Non-eligible person"
 - Takes a leave of absence (unless he/she can fulfill the obligations as a fellow), drops out, or gets expelled from the school
 - Receives a disciplinary punishment.
 - Being judged not to have well complied with the obligation as a fellow at the annual assessment for continuation of scholarship
 - Being judged not to be qualified as a fellow because of not concentrating on study or research or because of misconduct
 - Being deceased
- ② The fellow has to return the research scholarship immediately when the scholarship payment that was suspended or cancelled has already been transferred into his/her bank account.

13. Resumption of scholarship

Payment of research scholarship for a suspended fellow may resume when the cause of suspension has been resolved and the resumption of payment is judged to be appropriate.

14. Tax on the funds to help concentrate on research

- ① Funds to help concentrate on research are subject to taxation. Fellows need to file a tax declaration by themselves. The amount of fund you received over a year (from January 1st to December 31st) will be taxable after deducting the necessary expenses to do research such the tuition fees. Therefore, it is necessary to keep evidence documents such as receipts and to keep records of income and expenditure in preparation for the declaration
- ② It is necessary to pay a residence tax depending on the taxable amount. (The taxation can vary for international students depending on the agreement on taxation between Japan and their home countries.)

15. National health insurance

① Losing the qualification as a nonworking dependent

If a fellow covered by a health insurance as a nonworking dependent of her/his family member gets a regular income of 1.3 million yen per year or more including the fund to help concentrate on research, she/he loses the qualification as a nonworking dependent and must enroll her/himself in the national health insurance.

※The premiums of national health insurance depends on municipalities. Contact the health insurance section of your local city/ward office.

※Ask a person under duty to support you to check his/her employer's policy of dependent allowance.

② Payment of national pension

- All people who reside in Japan and are aged over 20, irrespective of their nationalities, must be covered by the National Pension system and pay contributions by law. However, there is a system in which students are entitled to moratorium of national pension premiums if their previous year's incomes are below the designated amount (*), which is called "Special Payment System for Students."

- If you loses the entitlement to the moratorium because of receiving the fund to help concentrate on research, you must pay the national pension premium.

* The rough estimate of designated amount to be compared with the fellow's income in the previous year:

$(1.18\text{million yen}) + (\text{the number of family members to support}) \times (380\text{ thousand yen})$
+ (deduction for social insurance and others)

※Regarding details of national pension process, contact the national pension section of your local city/ward office.

16. Contact

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