

FY2019 Primary call

Application Guidelines for the Fellowship Program of Promotion of Internationalization

1. Purpose

This is a single-year fellowship program designed to support and encourage laboratories to employ outstanding young foreign researchers (postdocs) to internationalize their research environments with the aims to enhance CiRA's international competitiveness and spread iPS cell technology abroad.

2. Amount and term of the fellowship

About JPY7,000,000 (including social insurance) should be provided as personnel cost for a young foreign researcher who will be employed from April 2019 to the end of September, 2019(※1,2), and personnel transfer allowance based on Kyoto University rules (※3) should be provided. Research fund (※4) up to JPY2,000,000 should be provided for the researcher to conduct his/her research.

This support should last for one year from the hiring day, with application of extension by PI, however, the examination should be conducted for the continuation of the employment of the researcher based on the personnel evaluation system. If approved, the employment can be extended to a maximum of two years. Research results should be reported at the end of research of the year, and the amount of research fund should be decided for the following year.

Please keep in mind that if you wish to renew the support program, you need to apply for the renewal.

※1: If you do not succeed in selecting a candidate in spite of public recruitment until the end of September 2019, the adoption will be cancelled.

※2: If you select a candidate and the candidate arrives after October 2019, this support period will be reduced by the months to the arrival.

※3: All the cost for transfer will not be provided. For details, please contact Accounting Support Section, Accounting Division, Southwest Administration Office.

※4: Please use the fellowship grant properly, satisfying the purpose of the research plan. However, this fellowship cannot be used for the rent of facilities, utility expenses, annual membership fee for academic societies, subscription fee to journals, and submission fee for papers that are not related to this research.

3. Eligibility

PIs who meet all the followings are eligible:

- 1) Actively address internationalization of their research environment;
- 2) Are able to recruit and employ a young foreign researcher (postdoc); (※1,2,3)

- 3) Are able to secure necessary space for the young foreign researcher to conduct research;
- 4) Are able to manage their labs in English.

※1: As of April 1, 2019, a male researcher is under 40 years of age (born on or after April 2, 1979) and a female researcher is under 43 years of age (born on or after April 2, 1976), and obtained doctoral degree less than 8 years before. However, when the candidate has taken maternity leave or childcare leave, the number of days can be added to the limitation of under 40 years of age or 43 years of age.

※2: The fellowship program cannot be applied to young foreign researchers who are already employed at CiRA.

※3: Candidates who are native English speakers or have equivalent ability of English have priority for the time being.

4. The number of projects to be adopted

- About 0~2

If the projects do not suit the purpose or the applicants do not meet the eligibility, no projects may be selected.

5. Application procedure

- Deadline: 12:00 pm, Friday, December, 21, 2018
- Address to : Planning and Coordination Office (cira-plan@cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Please apply by email with the application of the “FY2019 Primary call for CiRA Fellowship Program of Promotion of Internationalization”.

※ Application must be sent in the original file format. Please do not change the file into PDF. Application cannot be accepted after the deadline for any reason.

※ A PI who applies for the fellowship program is required to prepare the application. The application which is found to have been prepared by a candidate for the employment will not be reviewed, even if it is submitted by the deadline.

6. Selection process

Screening application documents, and interviewing applicants when needed, should be conducted by the review committee consisting of the Director, the Deputy Directors and members the Director deems necessary, and decision should be made by the Administration Committee.

7. Notification of selection results

A written notice of review results should be sent by the end of February 2019.

8. Recruiting a young foreign researcher

When you receive the notification of selection results, please contact the Human Resources group at Director's Office and start the procedures for recruiting young foreign researchers.

As for this recruitment, the hiring date of a young foreign researcher should be in or April 2019 in principle.

9. Report on research results

- 1) Please send a report on research results written in the prescribed form via email to Planning & Coordination Office (cira-plan@cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp) within 60days after the end of support period.
- 2) If you are a recipient of the fellowship, please submit the document that shows expense details (ex, balance sheet of Kyoto University financial accounting system). We may ask you about the details of the expenditure. If it is found that the fellowship has been used for other purposes, we may ask you to return it.
- 3) Since the fellowship programs is paid out of the iPS Cell Research Fund, when International Public Communication Office and Fundraising Group of Director's Office may request recipients of the fellowship to make a presentation at events for donors such as "Thank you (for Donation) meeting." If you are requested to do, please accept it.

10. Others

- 1) Research fund allocated by this fellowship program should be spent within the amount granted.
- 2) When the extension of the fellowship is approved, the research fund can be carried over for the extension period.
- 3) The remainder of the research fund should be returned at the termination of the fellowship. You are kindly requested to understand the purpose of the iPS Research Cell Fund and refrain from spending excessively when the termination of support comes near.
- 4) If competitive funds (JSPS: Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, etc.) are available during the period when this fellowship is granted, the young researcher is encouraged to actively apply for competitive funds. (When competitive funds are obtained, or the research fund is reduced, the difference will be covered to the upper limit of the research fund provided by the fellowship program.)
- 5) When making a presentation of your research results to external audience, please clearly state that your research has been conducted by the support of this fund in the acknowledgment. The official name is 「iPS 細胞研究基金」(Japanese), and "iPS Cell Research Fund"(English).