

AY 2023 Application Guidelines for Doctoral Fellowship in Integrated Research Practice at University of Yamanashi

1. Objectives

This fellowship targets doctoral students who enrolled in the field of integrated research, regarded as a strength of the university. In light of the instability and an uncertain future that lies ahead, the fellowship seeks to nurture PhD candidates by enhancing their overall research potentials, research environments and choice of career paths. The candidates are expected to conduct research independently, create solutions by integrating knowledge accumulated from various disciplines, and transcend the academic disciplines and industrial fields with liberated courage for implementing the solutions.

2. Target applicants

Applicants who plan to enroll in a doctoral course at the Integrated Graduate School of Medicine, Engineering, and Agricultural Sciences, University of Yamanashi in October 2023, or applicants who already enrolled in the above course and meet the application criteria listed below (especially those who already enrolled in the field of integrated research).

3. Number of fellowships awarded

One student for FY2023 (filling a vacancy)

4. Eligibility for application

The applicant should be a student who fulfills the conditions stipulated in ‘2. Target applicants’, possess outstanding research capabilities and wish to concentrate on research, while fulfilling the requirements listed in each of the following items.

- (1) Applicants must be enrolling in a doctoral course of University of Yamanashi in October 2023 or already enrolled in the above course. (excluding those who are treated as “working adult students” receiving or having a system to receive an amount equivalent to living expenses from their affiliated companies/institutions, and those who are taking a leave of absence from the university or have exceeded the standard candidature period).
- (2) Applicants who are awardees of JSPS fellowship, scholarships of Japanese government for international students, doctoral scholarship of University of Yamanashi “Support Project for PhD Candidates in the VUCA Age”, “Co-no-hana Fellowship”, and international students who receive scholarship from their own countries are not eligible for this project.

5. Fellowship Period

By the end of March 2024. Note that the support is subject to termination because of the insufficient achievement of each. In addition, the project is subject to termination depending on the budget allocation from the government.

6. Terms of support

Financial support that will allow students to concentrate on their research, together with research funds, will be provided so as to nurture creative researchers who can take on important roles in the future, by preparing opportunities for them to independently engage in research without restriction of ideas at early stage of their research careers.

- Support for living expenses that will allow students to concentrate on their research: 150,000 JPY per month (paid on the date stipulated by the University)
- Research budget: 200,000 JPY per year

NOTE: The amount of living expenses may be subject to change depending on budget conditions, but will not be reduced from the above amounts.

7. Application procedures

Application Documents : Attached Application Form (Form 1)

Please fill out Form 1 and submit it as an attachment via email to the Graduate School Support Office of the Educational Affairs Planning Division by the deadline

e-mail: inshien-as@yamanashi.ac.jp

NOTE:

- The subject of the email should be ‘Application for Doctoral Program Student Support Project’.
- The application documents will not be accepted after the submission deadline.
- You should receive a reply email acknowledging receipt of your application by the next day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays). If you will not receive this acknowledgement email, please contact us immediately at inshien-as@yamanashi.ac.jp.

8. Application Deadline

Strictly by 15:00 p.m. on October 16 (Monday), 2023

9. Selection of applications

The selection will be conducted by the Screening Committee for Doctoral Fellowship in Integrated Research Practice at the University of Yamanashi.

10. Selection method and screening policy

Selection will be made based on the application documents and a question-and-answer session regarding the applicants’ research plans, etc. using the following screening policies (1) to (4):

- (1) Awardees are expected to be excellent researchers who will lead the future of academia.
- (2) The application should clearly demonstrate the trajectory through which the applicant arrived at own research theme, and the ideas contained within should be of high quality. In addition, the

research method should contain originality, and future developments in terms of the applicant's own research agenda should be presented.

- (3) Awardees are also expected to have high research capabilities.
- (4) Experiences and/or achievements applying on JSPS Fellowship will be considered in the selection process.

11. Selection Results

Notification of the selection result will be made to the applicant and their supervisor.

12. Obligations of selected applicants

In accordance with the purpose and objectives of the support system, the successful applicant will have to take on following obligations.

- (1) After being selected as a fellow, the student has to submit a detailed research proposal by the end of March 2024.
- (2) Concentrate on your research activities based on the plan proposed, except for disruptions related to childbirth, childcare, injuries or illnesses.
- (3) Participate in the programs related to improving research capabilities implemented by the university
- (4) Regularly report to the university the status of your research
- (5) Have regular face-to-face meetings with your mentor(s)
- (6) Apply for JSPS Fellowship
- (7) Be fully aware that this is a public funding and comply with legislations to conduct your research properly and efficiently without misconducts.

13. Termination of financial support

The support will be terminated and refund of the previously received amount from the awardees will be requested under the following circumstances.

- (1) The fellow student no longer meets the criteria stipulated under Item 4.
- (2) The research is not progressing according to the research plan or when the fellow student is deemed to have not adequately met his/her obligations.
- (3) The fellow student offers to resign from the fellowship.
- (4) The university president of the project leader deems that there is sufficient reason to terminate the financial support

2 The amount to be returned to the university will be as follows.

- Financial support to allow the student to concentrate on her research

Category	Amount to be reduced
Eligible between the 1st to the 15th of the month	No reduction for that month
Eligible between the 16th and the end of the month	50% reduction for the month
Terminated between the 1st and the 15th of the month	100% reduction for the month
Terminated between the 16th and the end of the month	50% reduction for the month
Terminated on the last day of the month	No reduction for the month
In the case of loss of life	No reduction for the month

- Research fund

A portion unused from the date of eligibility to the that of termination.

14. Career Path

- If the fellow wishes to do so, he or she may continue to be employed as a special assistant professor at the University of Yamanashi after completing the doctoral program.
- The period of the above employment is two years, and depending on the evaluation conducted prior to the expiration of the employment period (results of faculty evaluation, etc.), the employment contract may be renewed, or the fellow may be reemployed as a permanent staff member.

15. Notes

- The support for living expenses is subject to taxable as a miscellaneous income and a final declaration concerning income tax is required. Each individual must be responsible to the declaration.
- It is allowed to receive wages for TA or part-time works, prize money from academic societies or compensation for a paid internship as long as those works do not interfere with research activities.
- If the fellow presently receives a support from other scholarship, etc., the fellow should check the conditions stipulated by the other institution and take appropriately a necessary action such as declining.
- Regarding Item 4 (1) mentioned above, the amount equivalent to living expenses received from the affiliated company is stipulated at 2.4 million yen per year, and the applicant may be requested to provide documentary proof in order to verify the income status.

16. Others

- The fellows will be requested to submit a written consent to fully carry out the research activities.
- Information regarding selected fellows' names, majors, and courses will be published on the website of the university.
- After the selection, the correspondent supervisor(s) will be requested to submit a document describing the education and guidance policies for the student concerned. The document's forms and other information will be available when the result of the selection is notified.
- If selected, you have the possibility of receiving tuition waiver assistance.

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