

# Recruitment Notice: Sponsorship Program for Fostering of Young Scientists for the Fiscal Year 2017

*by the International Platform for Dryland Research and Education (IPDRE)*

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IPDRE has been promoting education, research and contribution to society such as on arid regions and developing countries. As part of the project, IPDRE will offer financial support to Ph.D. students with the aim of the capacity-building of young scientists as stated below. Before the application is made, please confirm the following conditions.

## 1. Types of financial support

- Overseas Conference Presentation or Overseas Survey – 8 students (up to 300,000 JPY per student)
- Research Assistant – 14 students (Up to 520,000 JPY/400 hours for 10 months)
  - ※Work 20 hours or less per week
  - ※The above-mentioned amounts of money are the payment amount limits. Since the budget for this sponsorship is limited, the amounts of grants may be reduced, depending on the numbers of applicants, etc. In addition, the number of adopted students is subject to change, depending on the application states.
  - ※Either “Overseas Conference Presentation” or “Overseas Survey” can be applied, but NOT both.

## 2. Applicant eligibility and other conditions

- a. Applicants must be (1) Ph.D. students who are enrolled in the Course of the Global Arid Land Science of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences and allocated in Tottori Campus, or (2) the Division of Health Administration and Promotion of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences as of April 1, 2017. (Note: Adult students are excluded.)
- b. Applicants must be excellent students seeking future research positions in overseas institutions or professional positions in international organizations.
- c. Applications must be related to arid land, developing countries and so on.
- d. Applicants must not have similar financial support from other sources.
- e. The grants must be used within the fiscal year 2017.
  - ※ Concerning “Overseas Conference Presentation” and “Overseas Survey,” please note that IPDRE may ask students’ supervisors to make up for the shortage of the costs such as travel expenses with their own internal budget, when the actual costs for the business trip exceed the amount of the grant.
  - ※ The cost of “Overseas Conference Presentation” or “Overseas Survey” happened before the announcement of screening results can be reimbursed from the program after application is adopted. Applicants must bear their own costs when application gets rejected or the cost exceeds the limit of financial support amount.
  - ※ Concerning RA, please note that some applicants may be asked to be hired as RAs of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, due to the budget constraint.

## 3. Application documents

- 1) Common documents to be submitted for all types of financial support:
  - Submit a research plan (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers) on your Ph.D. study if you are in the first or the second-year grade, or submit a research progress report on your Ph.D.

study (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers) if you are in the third-grade or upper. In addition, the second-year students may include research outcomes.

- ※ Each application form requires major supervisor's approval seal. However, sub-supervisor's approval seal is also available in case you are not able to get major supervisor's seal because of his/her long-term absence or other compelling reasons.

## 2) Overseas Conference Presentation

- Form 1 Application Form for "Overseas Conference Presentation"
- Form 4 Calculation Sheet of Travel Expenses
- A copy of the notification of a conference
- ※ The conference schedule or an invitation letter from an academic society, etc. that includes your name must be submitted before you make application for the overseas travel.
- ※ The applicant must be the first author of the presentation. A report of the conference presentation must be submitted upon return.

## 3) Overseas Survey

- Form 2 Application Form for "Overseas Survey"
- Form 4 Calculation Sheet of Travel Expenses
- A survey plan (in English, 2 pages or more using A4 papers).
- ※ A report of the survey (in English, 2 pages or more using A4 papers) must be submitted upon return.

## 4) Research Assistant (RA)

- Form 3 Application Form for "Research Assistant"
- ※ Research Assistants are NOT available for international students on the Japanese government scholarships, adult students who are employed in private or public organizations, and students who are employed as RA by other budget resources.
- ※ Employment is expected to start from June.

## 4. Deadline for submission of the application documents

Date & Time: Thursday, April 27, 2017 16:00

- ※ Applicants must gain approval from their supervisors before submission.

## 5. Place of submission

IPDRE Administrative Office, located in the Arid Land Research Center,  
1390 Hamasaka, Tottori 680-0001  
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## 6. Selection procedures

Applications will be screened at the Selection Committee, and successful applicants and the payment amount limits will be determined.

## 7. Other point of concern

Please kindly be informed that students who get support from IPDRE may be asked to make a presentation at seminars or report meeting to be held by IPDRE.

## 8. Application and inquiries

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