

# Sponsorship Program for Fostering of Young Scientists (Master's Program) for the Fiscal Year 2021

*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 master course 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

Research Assistant – about 5 students (Up to 520,000 JPY (400 hours))

※Work at other time, except the designated hours in the curriculum for the special program such as their class hours and Special Exercise etc. (18 hours a quarter) and plan to engage within the designated hours (20 hours a week).

※The above-mentioned amounts of money are the payment amount limits.

Since the budget for this sponsorship is limited, and the above-mentioned amounts of money are the maximum payment, please understand that the actual payment amount might be changed depending on the state of the application.

※Besides, the number of the adopted students in each support category is also subject to change according to the application status.

## 2. Applicant eligibility and other conditions

- a. Applicants must be the students who belonging to the special program in English, the department of Dryland Science of the graduate school of Sustainability Science as of April 1, 2021.

\*Note: Research Assistant is NOT available for international students on the Japanese Government scholarships or its equivalent scholarships from programs such as JICA-ABE Initiative program, or for in-service trainees.

- b. Applicants must be highly 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 have not received any grants for the similar expenses from other sources.
- e. The grants must be used within the fiscal year 2021.

## 3. Application documents

- Application Form for “Research Assistant”
- Research plan (in English, 2 pages or more using A4 papers)
  - ※the research guidance plan is the one conducted in the master's program
  - ※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.

※Employment is expected to start from June.

## 4. Deadline for submission of the application documents

Date & Time: Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 4:00pm

※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  
Tel: 0857-30-6316

## **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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International Platform for Dryland Research and Education (IPDRE)  
 Application Form for “Sponsorship Program for Fostering of Young Scientists”  
 (Research Assistant (RA))

DATE:        /        /

To the Head of Strategic Management Office, IPDRE

Name of Major Supervisor:

Contact TEL:

E-Mail:



I apply for the expenses of RA to IPDRE as follows:

Research Project Name	
Core Organization	
Research Leader	
Name of Host Researcher for RA	
The reason why RA is needed	
Research Outline	
Contents of Assistant Work	
Period	From        /        /        To        /        /
Work Hours	hrs/week ×        weeks        Total hours:
Salary (Hourly Rate)	1,300 JPY
Total Amount	JPY per year
Name of Student	Male / Female
Date of Birth (Age)	/        /        (        )
Course/Division Name & Principal Research Subject	Course:        Division:
Student No., TEL/ Email	
Name of Supervisor	
Others	

(Notes)

1. Research project must be related to the fields including arid land and developing countries.
2. Name of Host Researcher for RA: please write the name of a main researcher who will supervise the RA student in the research project.
3. Research Outline: please specifically describe the research project in which the RA student will engage.
4. Contents of Assistant Work: please specifically describe the contents of assistant work to be conducted by the student.
5. Others: please state financial assistance from other sources to the student, e.g. tuition waiver, Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship Loan, JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC), teaching assistant, research assistant.
6. Note: Research Assistant is NOT available for international students on the Japanese government scholarships or its equivalent scholarships from programs such as JICA-ABE Initiative program, or for in-service trainees.
7. Research plan (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers) must be attached.