

Recruitment Notice: Sponsorship Program for Fostering of Young Scientists (Ph.D.) for the Fiscal Year 2021

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

April 22, 2021

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 – about 8 students (up to 300,000 JPY per student)
- Research Assistant – 10-15 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.
 - ※ Work time shall be 400 hours or less, including the RA of the other budget.
 - ※ 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 based in Tottori Campus, or (2) the Division of Health Administration and Promotion of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences as of April 1, 2021.
 - *Note: Research Assistant is NOT available for international students receiving Japanese government scholarships or its equivalent from programs such as JICA-SATREPS etc., or for in-service trainees.
- 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 2021.
 - ※ 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.
 - ※ Regarding the financial support on “Overseas Conference Presentation” and “Overseas Survey”, it would be expected that these activities will be cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, please note that we may ask you to refund the payment after investigating the latest situation in September.

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 Assistant is NOT available for international students receiving Japanese government scholarships or its equivalent from programs such as JICA-SATREPS etc., or in-service trainees.
- ※ Employment is expected to start from June.

4. Deadline for submission of the application documents

Date & Time: Friday, May 7th, 2021 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
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”
 (Overseas Conference Presentation)

Major Supervisor Name & Seal	
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1. Applicant

Name		Date of Birth (Age)	
Affiliation	Graduate School: Course: Division: Student No.:		
Contact Information	〒 (TEL) (E-Mail)		

2. Details of the conference

Name of Academic Society, Theme of Presentation, Date and Place	Costs (Breakdown of expenses)
	Registration fee: Travel expenses: (Please attach the “Calculation Sheet.”)

(Notes)

The following documents must be attached:

1. Research plan or research progress report (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers)
2. Calculation Sheet of Travel Expenses (Form 4)
3. A copy of the notification of a conference where your name is shown as a speaker
4. The applicant must be the first author of the conference presentation.
5. A report of the conference presentation must be submitted later.

International Platform for Dryland Research and Education (IPDRE)
Application Form for “Sponsorship Program for Fostering of Young Scientists”
(Overseas Survey)

Major Supervisor Name & Seal	
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1. Applicant

Name		Date of Birth (Age)	
Affiliation	Graduate School: Course: Division: Student No.:		
Contact Information	〒 (TEL) (E-Mail)		

2. Details of the survey

Theme of Survey	
Survey Areas	
Outline of Survey	
Period of survey	
Necessary expenses	JPY (Please attach the “Calculation Sheet.”)

(Notes)

The following documents must be attached:

1. Research plan or research progress report (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers)
2. Overseas survey plan (in English, 2 pages or more using A4 papers) and Calculation Sheet of Travel Expenses (Form 4)
3. A report of the survey (in English, 2 pages or more using A4 papers) must be submitted upon return

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 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. Research Assistant is NOT available for international students receiving Japanese government scholarships or its equivalent from programs such as JICA-SATREPS etc., or for in-service trainees.
7. Research plan or research progress report (in English, 3 pages or more using A4 papers) of the student must be attached.