

Program for the Practical Training and Engagement of Innovators

**Application Guidelines
for the Long-Term Internship Program
FY2021 (14th & 15th Term)**



**Building of Consortia for the Development of Human Resources
in Science and Technology
(Next Generation Researchers Training Program)**

HIRAKU

(Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users)

<https://hiraku.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

1. Outline and Objectives

The Program for the Practical Training and Engagement of Innovators is aimed to foster young researchers that explore new domains beyond the boundaries of their specialization, be it in science technology or agriculture, medical care, humanities, or social science, with high consciousness and enthusiasm to change society. As part of the program to pursue its objectives, the Consortium offers a long term internship program to young researchers so that they can contribute themselves to resolve real problems in companies or society, improve their practical skills and competencies, and expand their career options in the future.

*1 For more information on the Program for the Practical Training and Engagement of Innovators, please refer to the Attachment 1 ("HIRAKU (Outline)").

*2 This program aims to identify any gaps in experiences or competencies of young researchers based on their background, research activities, career plans and so forth, and promote them to acquire opportunities to fill those gaps, which eventually nurtures human resources who can maximize their competencies in wide range of opportunities outside the academia.

2. Applicant Qualification

- Doctoral students (excluding the master program) enrolled at Hiroshima University as Lead Partner Organization of the Consortium, Yamaguchi University and Tokushima University as Co-Partner Organizations of the Consortium or Okayama University, Shimane University, Tottori University, Ehime University, Kagawa University, Kochi University, Naruto University of Education, Gifu University, National Institute of Genetics, Prefectural University of Hiroshima, Hiroshima City University, Kochi University of Technology, Hiroshima International University and Ritsumeikan University, as Member Organizations, or researchers on fixed-term contracts with the above listed universities who have completed doctoral programs (excluding the master program) within the last five years or so.

3. Number of Interns to be accepted

Approximately eighteen (Women applicants will be preferentially accepted for a small number of positions.)

4. Contents of the Long-Term Internship Program

- (1) Host Organization: private companies, public institutions, non-profit organizations, international organizations or primary/secondary educational development institutes, in or outside Japan,
- (2) Term of the Internship: about a month or longer
- (3) Contents of the Program: On-the-Job-Training at the host organizations, pre-internship

training, post-internship training.

- (4) Others: Applicants at Hiroshima University or at the Member Organizations must take the subject class “Long-term internship” at Hiroshima University.

5. Application Procedure

- (1) Applicants are supposed to take preliminary consultation before submitting Application Documents. Please contact the relevant office described in “8. Inquiries” or in “9. Submission of Application Documents.” To set up a meeting for consultation, please raise an interview request in the “Young Researcher’s Portfolio (HIRAKU-PF)”. Please bring your Application Documents to the interview.

(2) Application Documents

- ① Application Form (Use the attached prescribed form. In case the host organization requests to use their specific format, use the latter.)

② Research Achievement Report

You need to download the Achievement Report extracted from HIRAKU-PF. Refer to the Attachment 2 “HIRAKU-PF User Guide for HIRAKU Long-Term Internship Applicants” to check how to open your account and create the subject report there.

- ③ Letter of Recommendation, written by the applicant's academic supervisor (Use the attached prescribed form)

④ Certificate of Enrollment

- ⑤ Written Consent of the representative of your enrolled organization*: (Use the attached prescribed form)

*Only for those enrolled at or contracted with one of the HIRAKU Member Organizations

(3) Application Period:

April 1, 2021 (Thu) – November 30, 2021 (Tue)

(The above period is set only as a basic guideline. Please check with the relevant contact office, listed under “9. Submission of Application Documents.”)

6. Screening Procedure

The host organization go through their screening process based on the application documents.

7. Treatment

Terms and conditions differ by the host organizations. Refer to the list available in HIRAKU-PF.

8. Inquiries

HIRAKU Operating Council Office

Young Researcher Development, Global Career Design Center, Hiroshima University

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9. Submission of Application Documents

【For applicants enrolled at Hiroshima University or HIRAKU Member Organizations】

Please submit a list of required application documents in PDF, via “Young Research’s Portfolio (HIRAKU-PF)”

【For applicants enrolled at Yamaguchi University】

URA (University Research Administrator) for HIRAKU project, Innovation Center for Research Collaboration and Promotion, Organization for Research Initiatives,
Yamaguchi University

1677-1, Yoshida, Yamaguchi-shi, Yamaguchi 753-8511

Tel: 083-933-5255

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【For applicants enrolled at Tokushima University】

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Tokushima University

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