

**Program for the Practical Training and Engagement of Innovators
— Internship —**

Call for Applications for FY2015 (Second Term)



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**Building of Consortia for the Development of Human Resources
in Science and Technology**

HIRAKU

(Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users)

1. Outline and objectives

The Program for the Practical Training and Engagement of Innovators aims at assisting young researchers in exploring new domains beyond the boundaries of their specialization, be it science, engineering or agriculture, healthcare, or humanities, so as to awaken their consciousness of the need and enthusiasm for change in society. As one way to attain this objective, the Consortium has set up an internship system to offer young researchers the opportunity to take part in problem-solving in actual corporate or societal settings, develop their practical skills and abilities, and expand their career options.

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

2. Eligible applicants for internships

- Doctoral students enrolled at Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University or Cooperative Organizations*¹ and researchers on a fixed-term contract with Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University or Cooperative Organizations who has completed a doctoral program within the last five years or so
- Applicants must be able to engage in an internship for two months or so in a corporation or research institute in or outside Japan.
- Applicants affiliated with one of Cooperative Organizations must be able to make the employment agreement as a part time researcher with Hiroshima University during an internship.
- Doctoral students must take the class “Long-term Internship”, the Common Subject of Graduate School in Hiroshima University.

*¹ Cooperative Organizations consists of Okayama University, Shimane University, Tottori University, Ehime University, Kagawa University, Kochi University, Naruto University of Education, Prefectural University of Hiroshima, Hiroshima City University, Hiroshima International University, Ritsumeikan University, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (Chugoku, Shikoku) and National Research Institute of Brewing.

3. Number of interns accepted

About nine (A few place is reserved for a female applicant)

* If the number of applicants exceeds the available places, some applicants may be considered for selection in FY2015(Third Term).

4. Host organizations

One focal point of this internship system is to assist young researchers in becoming operational in a variety of sectors in society. Accordingly, the interns will be encouraged to work

in private corporations, public institutions, non-profit organizations, international organizations, and primary or secondary educational establishments in or outside Japan that are not directly linked with conventional academic careers or related to the interns' academic specialization. The following two approaches are possible, and applicants who opt for ① will be given priority in selection.

- ① A specific host corporation or organization is determined
- ② Other (host organizations will be determined in individual interviews)

5. Application procedure

(1) Applicants are required to undergo a preliminary interview before submitting application documents; please contact the address/number below (in “8. Inquiries and 9. Submission of application documents”). Applicants will be required to present the application form ((2)① below) during the interview.

(2) Application documents

- ① Application form: 1 copy
- ② Letter of recommendation written by the applicant's academic advisor: 1 copy
- ③ Verification of enrollment: 1 copy
- (④ Consent of the head of the affiliated institution, for those who belongs to one of Cooperative Organizations: 1 copy)

(3) Period of acceptance of applications

Wednesday, April 1 to Friday, July 31, 2015

* Each application will be examined as it is received. The acceptance of applications is closed when all available places are filled. Those interested are advised to apply as soon as possible.

6. Selection procedure

(1) Examination of application documents (plus an oral examination if deemed necessary)

(2) Announcement of selection results

All applicants will be notified of selection results as they become known.

7. Assistance

- (1) Financial support (up to 150,000 yen/month)
- (2) Travel expenses to the host organization in or outside Japan
- (3) Consumables related to the internship

8. Inquiries

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9. Submission of application documents

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