

【New D1】 Application Guidelines for Suuri Fellowship Project <2023>

1. Purpose

The Student Fellowship Project aiming at creating technological innovations in the quantum field at University of Tsukuba (hereinafter called “Suuri Fellowship Project” in this guidelines) is to provide financial support—dedicated research support expenses (equivalent to living expenses) and research expenses—for prospective doctoral students enrolled in Degree Programs in Pure and Applied Sciences so that they can actively dedicate themselves for their creative research and to help them in their career development.

2. Eligibility

Those who will enroll in a doctoral course in Degree Programs in Pure and Applied Sciences in the fiscal year 2023(including those who will enroll in October) as of April 1, 2023 are eligible for this fellowship project. Because the project aims at cultivating human resources who can collaborate across every academic discipline, applicants must be eager to study from a cross-disciplinary perspective—across Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Material Science, New Material Developments, and Life and Environmental Materials Engineering.

Note that those who apply to the following are ineligible.

- 1) Selected as a JSPS Research Fellow (DC)
- 2) International students who are supported by MEXT scholarship
- 3) International students who are supported by scholarships from their home country
- 4) Supported by WISE Program (Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education)
- 5) Those who work for a company and get paid (annual income of 2.4 million yen or more, executive compensation, or receive some support for their living expenses)
(RA, TA, and part-time work that does not interfere with research activities, monetary awards from academic societies, remuneration for paid internships, and temporary work such as part-time lecturing are not prohibited excluded)
- 6) Students on “Leave of Absence”
- 7) Students who have exceeded the standard period of study
- 8) Students who are supported by JST’s program “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING)”

3. Number to be accepted

4. Amounts of fellowship
2,300,000 JPY per student (annual)
Breakdown: dedicated research support expenses of 2,040,000 JPY (170,000 JPY per month: miscellaneous income) and research support expenses of 260,000 JPY
The fellowship period is a maximum of 3 years with an annual review for continuation.
5. Tuition fees exemption (application will be accepted in April 2023)
Students selected for the 2023 Suuri Fellowship will be exempted from all tuition fees for their 2023 fellowship period.
6. Responsibilities grantees must take on until they complete their studies
 - 1) Attend an interview with a coordinator every semester
 - 2) Enroll in designated courses (tentatively 3 credits)
 - 3) Work at an internship for a total of more than 4 weeks (total of more than 80 hours)
 - 4) Submit reports regularly using the format provided
 - 5) Attend the Exchange Meeting for Doctoral Students and Company Researchers every year
7. Requirements for grantees. etc.
 - 1) Consult with us if you take a leave of absence from university or study abroad.
 - 2) Consult with us if you receive another scholarship after you are selected as a grantee of this fellowship.
 - 3) The names of successful applicants will be announced on the University of Tsukuba website before the fellowship period starts.
 - 4) If the expected annual income including dedicated research support expenses exceeds 1.3 million yen, you will no longer be a dependent. If you fall under a requirement to not be a dependent, you will be required to enroll in National Health Insurance for yourself.
 - 5) The dedicated research support expenses are taxed as miscellaneous income under the tax system in Japan, and you need to file a tax return for income tax.
8. Application procedure
Contact us at the email address below.
(Please include your name and your degree program/subprogram name in your message.)
University of Tsukuba Suuri Fellowship (application desk)
e-mail; suuri-f-appl@un.tsukuba.ac.jp
We will reply with an application form and will instruct you on how to complete the application.

9. Application Period

February 28, 2023 - March 17, 2023 17:00 (strict decline)

If you apply for both the Suuri Fellowship and the JST-SPRING, please check the box for the order of priority.

10. Selection process

Applicants are screened based on the submitted documents, and an interview as needed

11. Announcement of successful applicants

Scheduled for April 28, 2023

The fellowship acceptance letter will be issued, and the names of successful applicants will be published on the University of Tsukuba website.

February 28, 2023

University of Tsukuba Suuri Fellowship Project Steering Committee

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