

MIRAI Global Challenges Winter School

Kyushu University Application Guidelines (internal only)

1. Background

MIRAI is a network for academic collaboration between 17 Japanese and Swedish universities. With the seven-year experience, the 3rd phase of MIRAI started in January 2024. This new phase is designed to engage researchers in a wide range of disciplines with the following four priority areas linked to the SDGs. Both face-to-face and online opportunities are provided.

- 1) Health and an ageing population (UN-SDG #3)
- 2) Climate adaptation, disaster and risk management and prevention (UN-SDG #13)
- 3) Resilient cities and communities (UN-SDG #11)
- 4) Materials for energy conversion and storage (UN-SDG #7)

Kyushu University has been a MIRAI member university since its foundation, and is in charge of the Coordinating University of the Japanese side during the 3rd phase 3 (Jan 2024-Dec 2026). Kyushu University launched its "Stockholm Liaison Office" which is a Europe Office in 2020. This office is actively working locally to promote further academic exchange with European institutions.

[MIRAI website] <http://www.mirai.nu/>

2. MIRAI Winter School 2024

MIRAI Global Challenges Winter School is an onsite program which will be held between 17-22 November, at Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) in Stockholm, Sweden. Kyushu University aims to use this opportunity to develop early career researchers (ECRs) and strongly invites PhD students to participate in this program.

3. Eligibility at Kyushu University

Those who fulfil all the followings 1) to 3).

- 1) Enrolled in a PhD course at Kyushu University during the program period.
- 2) The current research fields must be related to one of the priority areas in MIRAI (see above 1.).
- 3) Good motivation to communicate with other participant, expand own network and contribute to further MIRAI activities. The program will be provided in English.

*The MIRAI's "Call for Participation" indicates that program is open to "PhD students or Postdocs", but Kyushu University defines only PhD students due to its internal budget regulations.

4. Number of Successful Applicants

A few. To be decided after an internal selection process.

5. Itinerary (tentative)

Departure at Fukuoka: Saturday, 16 November / Return at Fukuoka: Sunday, 24 November

6. Travel Grant by Kyushu University.

Round-trip airfare between Fukuoka to Stockholm Arlanda, Program participation fee, Accommodation & Daily Allowance during the program. **If the applicant already receives a kind of scholarship, he/she must check in advance whether can receive this travel grant.**

[Notes]

- Flight tickets are booked by International Affairs Office of the university.
- Accommodation should be booked by participants themselves and they will be informed of SSE's partner hotel. Please note that amount of accommodation allowance is fixed with the university regulations.
- Participants need to enroll in both "Futai-Kaigaku" (付帯海学 in Japanese) as an overseas travel insurance and emergency assistance service called J-TAS at your own expense. Also, online attendance at crisis management seminar (watching video) is required. International Affairs Office will inform successful applicants of more information directly.

7. Application Documents

- 1) Entry Form & Essay (designated form, in English)
- 2) Letter of recommendation from supervisor at Kyushu University (free format, in English)

8. Deadline for Application

23:59, Thursday, 8 August 2024 (Japanese Standard Time)

The selection results will be notified directly to each participant through email in due course. If selected as a successful applicant, that result will be shared with student affairs section of his/her department.

9. Others

Successful applicants are expected continuous email checking for smooth arrangements such as flight tickets booking, joining procedures for insurance, and so on. They will also be asked to submit a report in order to provide feedback on this program to MIRAI and Kyushu University itself.

10. Where to Submit / Inquiry

Application documents indicated above 7. should be sent directly to below email address. No need to apply via student affairs section.

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