

Sweden-Japan University Academic Collaboration "MIRAI" and Seed Funding Project (supplemental documents for Kyushu University)

1. What is MIRAI?

MIRAI is a network for academic collaboration between 17 Japanese and Swedish universities.

MIRAI was established in 2017 following the 1st Japan-Sweden University Presidents Summit in Tokyo in 2015. Kyushu University has participated in the establishment of MIRAI. With the seven-year experience (First phase: 2017-2019, Second phase: 2020-2023), the Third phase has started in January 2024. Kyushu University is taking a role of Coordinating University of the Japanese side.

This new phase is designed to engage researchers in a wide range of disciplines with the following four priority areas (Global Challenges) linked to the SDGs.

- 1) Health and an aging 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 Stockholm Liaison Office (Europe Office) which was established in 2020, is actively working locally to promote further academic exchange.

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

2. Seed Funding Project (Outline)

See Appendix "STINT Financed Seed Funding MIRAI 2024-2026" for more details.

- Matching funds from both Sweden and Japan.
- At least one main respective applicant both from Japan and Sweden is required. They must be employees of the university. PhD students cannot be included as main applicants (possible to be co-applicants).
- The application should be related to at least one of the above Global Challenges.
- At least 12 projects will be selected for funding. Each successful project will be funded with a maximum of 138,300 Swedish kronor to the Swedish main applicant and a maximum of 250,000 Japanese yen to the Japanese one.
- Funding may be used for workshops, seminars, meetings, pilot study, salary, and travel costs that necessary to achieve the project goals.
- Application form and attachments in one PDF file must be submitted to Umeå University (mirai@umu.se), which is the Coordinating University of the Swedish side.
- Application deadline: Friday, 28 February 2025.
- Selected projects will be announced on 20 March 2025.
- Project period & report: all selected projects must be completed no later than 31 December 2025, and a final report submitted by the same date.

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