

MIRAI Global Challenges Internship (Study Visit) Program

Kyushu University – Internal Call for Applications

1. Background

MIRAI is an academic consortium comprising 17 universities from Sweden and Japan, aiming to promote bilateral academic exchange. In Phase 3, which began in January 2024, the consortium focuses on four key areas aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), facilitating researcher collaboration through both in-person and online formats.

- 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 member of MIRAI since its inception and currently serves as the coordinating university on the Japanese side for Phase 3 (term: 3 years). The university also operates the Kyushu University Stockholm Liaison Office, established in 2020, as its European base to further strengthen academic exchange with Europe through MIRAI and other initiatives.

▶ MIRAI Official Website: <http://www.mirai.nu/>

2. Program Overview and Internal Recruitment

From November 16 to 21, 2025, an in-person academic and industry collaboration program will be held at the University of Gothenburg and local companies in Sweden. **Kyushu University is seeking one doctoral student (PhD candidate) to participate in this program**, aiming to foster the development of early career researchers (ECRs) through the MIRAI framework.

3. Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) Be enrolled in a doctoral program (PhD course) at Kyushu University during the program period.
- 2) Conduct research in a field related to one of the MIRAI focus areas listed above.
- 3) Be willing to actively engage with other participants, expand their research network, and contribute to future MIRAI activities.

*The program will be conducted in English.

*While MIRAI's official call includes "PhD students or postdocs," Kyushu University limits eligibility to PhD students only due to internal funding regulations.

4. Number of Participants

1 student (selected through internal screening)

5. Travel Schedule (tentative)

Departure from Fukuoka: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Return to Fukuoka: Sunday, November 23, 2025

6. Financial Support from Kyushu University

Kyushu University will cover the following expenses based on its travel expense regulations:

- Round-trip airfare between Fukuoka and Sweden
- Domestic transportation within Sweden
- Program participation fee
- Accommodation and per diem during the program

*If you are receiving other scholarships or financial support, please confirm in advance whether you are eligible to receive accommodation and per diem under this program.

Important Notes:

- Air tickets will be arranged by International Affairs Office of Kyushu University.
- Accommodation in Gothenburg will be arranged by the participant (details will be provided individually, and costs will be reimbursed according to university regulations).
- Participants must 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. Further details will be provided individually.

7. Application Documents

Please submit the following documents:

- 1) Entry Form & Essay (designated format, in English)
- 2) Letter of Recommendation from your academic advisor at Kyushu University (free format, in English)

8. Application Deadline

23:59, Sunday, 17 August 2025 (Japanese Standard Time)

Selection results will be sent directly to each applicant via email. The selected participant's student affairs office will also be notified.

9. Additional Information

Once you are selected as the participant, the university will provide ongoing support and instructions for travel arrangements. Some procedures, such as flight booking, may require prompt responses.

After the program, you will be asked to submit a report to provide feedback on MIRAI and Kyushu University's international activities.

10. Where to Submit / Inquiry

Please send your application documents directly to the email address below (no need to go through your student affairs office).

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