

April 2023 Admissions

Akita University
Graduate School of International Resource Sciences

Akita University Fellowship Program

Application Procedures for Eligible Students

Schedule

	Date
Application Period	September 13th – September 19th, 2022
Screening Date	To be announced
Result Announced	To be announced

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The objective of the “Akita University Fellowship Program” is to secure excellent candidates who apply to study for the doctoral program in contributing to science, technology, and innovation in the future, and implement improvements in their treatment and support for students’ career paths in the doctoral program. The program payment consists of assistance grant funding (worth ones’ living costs) to devote oneself to research, research expenses, and assistance to secure a position after obtaining a doctoral degree. This program will be provided to brilliant doctoral students who have great passion to study and always aspire to the advancement of research.

The Graduate School of International Resource Sciences, Akita University will conduct the Establishment Program of University Fellowships titled “Cultivation of Advanced Resource Sciences-related Doctoral Students with the Integration of the Humanities and Sciences to Contribute to Achieving SDGs”. This program aims to advance the cultivation of high level, resources-related doctoral students for the achievement of SDGs regarding sustainable resource supply and use. The program also aims to make the doctoral program complete in the education and research of resource sciences with the integration of the humanities and sciences, one of the features of Akita University.

To achieve the aim, the Graduate School of International Resource Sciences will implement the following to assist doctoral program students.

Advancement of research and assistance to career paths:

- 1) Increasing interaction between doctoral students by utilizing a lounge for the exchange of information and compiling a database of research activities.
- 2) Holding research workshops for improving their ability to research
- 3) Implementing internships through cooperative research with enterprises

Securing career paths:

- 1) Mentorship and implementation of securing career paths through a specially appointed assistant professor
- 2) Matching the eligible students’ research activities to the needs of enterprises by compiling a database

Assistance grant funding and research expenses

Payment of 150,000 yen per month for assistance grant funding (worth ones’ living costs) and 300,000 yen per year for research expenses

(Maximum payment period is 3 years according to the standard term of the doctoral program)

After understanding the meaning of the “Akita University Fellowship Program”, the Graduate School of International Resource Sciences will recruit 1st year doctoral students or students who are planning to enter the doctoral program hoping to participate actively with aspirations for the program.

However, applicants must be unassisted by any other student scholarships. Please refer to “Application requirements.”

1. Number of Students to be Admitted

Program Name	Entrance Examination	Number of students to be admitted
Cultivation of Advanced Resource Sciences-related Doctoral Students with the Integration of the Humanities and Sciences to Contribute to Achieving SDGs	Special Entrance Examination for International Students	1 (the 1 st year of the Doctoral Program)
	General Entrance Examination II	
	Special Entrance Examination for People Who Are Working II	

2. Application Requirements

Applicants must be enrolled in the 1st year of the doctoral program at this university, or students who are planning to enter the doctoral program, or applicants for admission to the doctoral programs with qualifications to apply to Akita University Graduate School of International Resource Sciences (Department of Geosciences, Geotechnology, and Materials Engineering for Resources). In addition to that, applicants must meet these requirements below.

- (1) Applicants must have been done a face-to face interview (including online) with the applicant's intended supervising professor before submitting the application, and have obtained the intended supervisor's consent beforehand.
- (2) Applicants must NOT have the Japan Society for a Promotion of Science (JSPS) research fellowship, the Japanese Government Scholarship. Applicants also cannot have scholarships from their home country. Doctoral students belong to working course and have sufficient funds for living expenses from their companies are not eligible.

If an "Akita University Fellowship Program" is an international student who is currently overseas and is provisionally selected for this program, the program will only be formally confirmed and provide the stipends and the research expenses once they arrive in Japan.

3. When and Where to Apply

- (1) Application period : September 13th - September 19th, 2022

Please attach application materials to the e-mail and send them to the e-mail address below.

- (2) Where to submit the application

Graduate School of International Resource Sciences,

Academic Affairs Division

Akita University

E-mail: sg-shigen@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp

1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-city AKITA 010-8502, Japan

Tel: (018)-889-2236

4. Application Procedures

(1) Application materials

Documents	Notes
Application Form to Attend	Fill in the blanks on the prescribed application form to attend provided by this Graduate School.
Research Plan	The desired field or topics for study must be explained in the outline of the research plan on the form in 300 words (in Japanese, 1,000 characters) or less, upon consultation with the applicant's intended supervising professor.
Letter of Recommendation	A letter of recommendation must be written by the applicant's supervising instructor. (in English or Japanese)
Academic Record Transcript of the most Recent Academic Background	Academic record transcript of the most recent academic background (in English or Japanese)

(2) Points to consider when applying

- 1) Applications with errors cannot be accepted, so please be sure to double-check your application to make sure that you have entered all the required information correctly.
- 2) Once submitted, application materials cannot be returned or revised.
- 3) If any misrepresentations are found in the application materials, students may be expelled from the program even after being selected for this program.
- 4) If there is any change to the "preferred mailing address" you indicated on the application form after the application has been submitted, please notify the office immediately.
- 5) The Research Plan may be prepared using a computer application as long as the form and style match the form designated by this Graduate School.

5. Selection Process

Selection will be based on the combination of an interview (including online) and application materials in a comprehensive way.

Regarding the interview schedule, place, and waiting area, the Academic Affairs Division of this Graduate School and/or your intended supervising professor will notify the applicants later.

6. Notes

- (1) On the day of the screening, applicants must come to the directed location (or set up online) within the designated time
- (2) The cut-off for late admittance will be 10 minutes after the screening has commenced.
- (3) During the screening, applicants are expected to follow all directions given by the exam proctor.

7. Announcement of Acceptances

The notification of the date and time of the announcement of acceptances will be forwarded to the applicants separately. Under no circumstances will results be given over the phone.

8. Other

All inquiries regarding the application procedures should be directed to:

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