

Junichi Miyamoto Hydrogen Research Award Application Guidelines (April 2024)

1. Purpose

In accordance with the wishes of the late Dr. Junichi Miyamoto, this scholarship is intended to contribute to the development of hydrogen research at Kyushu University. The award will provide tuition fee support for students with outstanding abilities in hydrogen research who are enrolled in the doctoral course*1 and master's course*2 of Kyushu University (who wish to enter the doctoral course of the Graduate School of Kyushu University) and are expected to distinguish themselves as exceptional researchers in the future. The purpose of the program is to stimulate the research activity by providing the tuition support, to enable students to devote themselves to their study in the graduate schools of Kyushu University.

*1 including third year in doctoral course with a standard study period of five years and second year in doctoral course with a standard study period of four years.

*2 including the 1st and 2nd year in doctoral course with a standard study period of 5 years and the 1st year in doctoral course with a standard study period of 4 years.

2. Recruitment

I. Doctor Course (General student, Working student)

[Applicant Eligibility]

Doctor Course_General student

Applicants for "Doctor Course_General student" must be doctoral students who meet all of the following requirements(1)-(3).

- (1) Those who are enrolled in the graduate school of Kyushu University as of April 1, 2024, and who fall (or expected to fall) under any of the following.
 - i. Those who are enrolled in a doctoral course with a standard course length of 3 years and have been enrolled for less than 36 months.
 - ii. Those who are enrolled in an integrated doctoral course with a standard duration of 5 years and have been enrolled for more than 24 months but less than 60 months.
 - iii. Those who are enrolled in a doctoral course with a standard duration of 4 years and have been enrolled for more than 12 months but less than 48 months.
- * The period of absence from school is not included in the number of months of study.
(The total period of absence must be 6 months or more.)

(2) Those who have or expected to have the research achievements related to hydrogen research.

(3) Those who are not government-sponsored students or government-sponsored students who receive tuition support.

Doctor Course_Working student

Applicants for “Doctor Course_Working student” must be doctoral students who meet all of the above requirements(1)-(3) and do not receive financial support from the company they work for.

【Support and the Period】

The same for Doctor Course (General student, Working student).

The applicant’s tuition fees will be covered until the end of the standard period of a doctoral program after receiving the award.

【Number of Awardees】

Doctor Course (General student) ~3

Doctor Course (Working student) ~2

II. Master Course

【Applicant Eligibility】

Master Course

Applicants for “Master Course” must be undergraduate and master’s students expected to join doctoral course and meet all of the following requirements (1) - (3) .

(1) Those who are enrolled in the graduate school of Kyushu University as of April 1, 2024, and who fall (or expected to fall) under any of the following.

- i. Those who are enrolled in a master’s course with a standard course length of 2 years and have been enrolled for less than 24 months.
- ii. Those who are enrolled in an integrated master’s course with a standard duration of 5 years and have been enrolled for less than 24 months.
- iii. Those who are enrolled in a master’s course with a standard duration of 4 years and have been enrolled for less than 12 months.

* The period of absence from school is not included in the number of months of study.
(The total period of absence must be 6 months or more.)

(2) Those who have or expected to have the research achievements related to hydrogen research.

(3) Those who are not government-sponsored students or government-sponsored students who receive tuition support.

【Support and the Period】

Half of the applicant’s tuition fees will be covered until the end of the standard period of a master’s course after receiving the award. Tuition fee support is provided for “Department of Master Students” if you enter the doctoral course at Kyushu University.

【Number of Awardees】

The April 2024 award will be granted to a few students.

3. Obligations

(1) Dedication to study

Awardees must keep in mind that they receive financial support from this award and should concentrate on their studies and research.

(2) Public Relations

When presenting the research progress or accomplishments inside or outside the university, the awardee is requested to actively acknowledge the award using the following text:

“This work is supported by the Junichi Miyamoto Hydrogen Research Award.”

The awardee is also expected to deliver presentations at various events sponsored by the Platform of Inter-/Transdisciplinary Energy Research (Q-PIT), such as Kyushu University Energy Week.

(3) Integrity

Awardees must comply with Kyushu University regulations which promote appropriate research activities.

4. Cancellation of Support

The award may be terminated in the following cases:

- (1) If the awardee drops out, or is expelled from the university
- (2) In the event of the awardee’s death
- (3) If the awardee receives disciplinary action
- (4) If the awardee applies for and is awarded an exemption of school fees*
- (5) Government-sponsored international students or those who receive funds for school fees from the government
- (6) If it is determined that the awardee has failed to engage sufficiently in their studies, or if the awardee’s behavior has been improper.
- (7) If the award continuation review committee finds that the awardee has not fulfilled their obligations (e.g., not participating in events, etc.)
- (8) If the awardee decides not to enter a doctoral course

* If the awardee is eligible for tuition assistance from Kyushu University, the awardee may choose either.

5. Application procedures and selection

I. Application Deadlines and URL for submissions (* all (1), (2) and (3) are required).

	Deadline	URL
(1) Entry form	15 th November, 2023	https://forms.office.com/r/G2wGmy0n3Z
(2) Submission of application documents	29 th November, 2023	https://archive.iii.kyushu-u.ac.jp/public/bPYvwYwIR395caRPLy4MnZrett82yPTfz5tFnEFFFFE8v
(3) Letter of recommendation	29 th November, 2023	https://archive.iii.kyushu-u.ac.jp/public/2P4twg1IR09856FfnEupcLBT1Yf-yy98Re9K6775OAV2

II. How to Submit

- (1) Access the URL for the entry form, enter the required information, and complete the form.
- (2) Application Documents
 - (Form 1) Application Form
 - Published papers, Master's thesis, Bachelor's thesis, and supporting research materials
 - (Form 2) Letter of recommendation

ZIP the application documents **(i)** and **(ii)**, name the ZIP file as your name, and upload it to URL.

(i) (Form 1) Application Form must be converted to PDF and submitted.

A file name should be "Affiliation you belong (applied) as of April 2024_your name" (e.g. Economics_ John Smith).

(ii) All application materials should be converted to PDF and submitted.

These materials should be numbered in the order of priority, and the file name should be " Affiliation_ your name_ Number_ material name"

(e.g. Economics_ John Smith_1_Master's Thesis, Economics_ John Smith_2_Bachelor's Thesis).

- (3) For submission of (Form 2) Letter of recommendation, your supervisor is requested to convert the letter to PDF and upload it to the URL.

The file name should be "Recommendation_ student's name_ supervisor's name" (e.g. Recommendation_ John Smith _Michael Smith).

* Make sure that all fonts are embedded in PDF and that there are no misalignment or garbled characters before submitting.

You can download an application form from the website below;

(Q-PIT URL) <https://q-pit.kyushu-u.ac.jp/award-miyamoto-en/>

(4) Selection Process

- i. Applicants' documents will be reviewed from the viewpoints.

"Innovation / Originality of the Research Ideas"

"Concreteness / Feasibility of the Research Plan"

"Dissertation and Presentations at International / Domestic Academic Conferences"

- ii. Applicants who pass the initial document screening will be asked to give a presentation on their research results and future research plans (Research plan for the doctoral course), and will be selected through an oral examination in which the following points will be assessed.

"Candidate's Basic Knowledge of their Research Field"

"Significance of Realizing a Carbon-Neutral Society"

"Presentation Skills that can be understood by researchers from other fields"

(5) Selection Schedule (tentative)

Entry form Deadline	15th November 2023
Application Deadline	30th November 2023
Documents screening	December 2023
Notification of eligibility for interview screening	December 2023
Interview	January 2024
Final decision	February 2024

*The above information is tentative. Applicants will be notified individually of the selection results.

6. Contact information

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