

Call for “Career Upgrade Program in Global COE Program” in April 2011

March 30th, 2011

The recruitment in this April is opened for the following five programs. The guideline and application form are opened at GCOE web page (<http://www.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/gcoe/en/careerup/201104/index.html>). **We will accept the application form as an attached file to e-mail to GCOE Unit by 23:59 (Japan Standard Time, JST) April 19th, 2011. Only for (g) Original proposal for Career-up program, we will accept the application form by 23:59 JST, April 26th, 2011.**

In the fiscal year 2011, the salary of GCOE-RA for students in the 1st grade of doctor's course will increase from last year.

Application Eligibility

1. **Doctor's course students** in four Divisions in Graduate School of Environmental Science and Division of Environmental Resources in Graduate School of Agriculture (Hereafter, “Five Divisions”). Limited program is available for Master's students. You must consult with your supervisor or academic advisor before applying.
2. **Young researchers** such as post-doctoral research fellows in 20s and 30s supervised by professors belong to Five Divisions as a “main” staff. If you are a young researcher and not working in Faculty of Earth Environmental Science, please confirm whether you meet application eligibility or not. You must consult with your supervisor or academic advisor before applying.
3. **Young professors** in 20s and 30s affiliated with Five Divisions.
4. **Professors** in Five Divisions as a “main” staff.

In each program, there is different applicant eligibility. Please check the web site for official guideline for each program.

(a) Research assistantship for doctoral candidate

Applicant Eligibility: Doctor's course students.

Target: Support as Global COE Research Assistant (GCOE-RA) with the duty of conducting researches for his/her doctoral dissertation from July, 2011 to March, 2012. Amount of salary per person per fiscal year is

D1, D2: 540,000 yen (increased category) or 270,000 yen (standard category),

D3: 810,000 yen (increased category) or 540,000 yen (standard category).

JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1, DC2), government-financed foreign students and students enrolled more than 3 years are not eligible for GCOE-RA.

For the person who is already employed as the other research assistantship (RA), we will offer additional support to the other RA as GCOE-RA, if the support of GCOE-RA exceeds the other RA's. See the guideline of (a) for detail. About 50 students in Five Divisions will be adopted as GCOE-RA, if the budget of GCOE program permitted.

(c) Travel support funding for overseas conferences and workshops

Purpose: To give opportunities for doctor's course students and young researchers to attend overseas academic conferences, workshops, and meetings, and to encourage them to conduct their research from the international perspectives in terms of an international career.

Applicant Eligibility: Doctor's course student and young researcher.

Target: Travels departed between June 1st, 2011 and December 31st, 2011, to attend international academic conference, symposium, meeting or the likes. Application which has not been adopted once will be able to re-submit to the next recruitment if it is still in the covered period. Recruitments will be also opened in next August (Covered period: From October, 2011 to April, 2012) and in next November (Covered period: From February, 2012 to August, 2012).

Fund Amount: Funding will cover air ticket, train fare in Japan and accommodation fee (8,000 yen/ night), and the maximum amount does not exceed 350,000 yen. About 30 applications will be adopted a year in fiscal 2011. This April recruitment will accept 15 of them.

(d) Support funding for visiting program for overseas institutes and fields

Purpose: For Doctor's course students and young researchers to have skills to conduct their research with practical perspectives and international connections of researches such as collaboration research by staying overseas for a short period or the experiencing a long-term internship at a practical institution. In particular, to encourage them to establish international careers as researchers. We also support overseas field research enhancing international research collaboration.

Applicant Eligibility: Doctor's course students, young researchers.

Target: Travels visit overseas research institution, practical institution and field during June 1st, 2011 and March 31st, 2012, and the visiting duration is up to 6 months. Application which has not been adopted once will be able to re-submit to the next recruitment if it is still in the covered period. Recruitments will be also opened in next August (Covered period: From October, 2011 to July, 2012) and in next December (Covered period: From February, 2012 to November, 2012).

Selection Criteria and Fund Amount: Research plan and the needs for the fund will be examined. The fund will cover air tickets, train fare in Japan and a part of actual accommodation fee.

We will support the accommodation fee up to 30 nights. On the support of accommodation fee, you can choose the actual amount whose maximum is 8,000 yen/ night, or the fixed amount, 5,000 yen/ night. About 15 applications will be adopted a year in fiscal 2011. This April recruitment will accept 7 of them.

(e) Invitation fellowship program for overseas researcher A and B

Purpose: To make international exchange by inviting international researchers. We expect that the invitation will promote academic research of doctor's course students, young researchers, and professors in our school.

- Category A: Support of stay during 2 weeks to 2 months (1 researcher).
- Category B: Support of short-term stay for attending international workshop (several researchers).

Applicant Eligibility: Doctor's course student, young researchers and professors.

Invitation Period: From June to December, 2011. The fund will cover travel expenses and accommodation fee for inviting researchers. Application which has not been adopted once will be able to re-submit to the next recruitment if it is still in the covered period. Recruitments will be also opened in next August (Covered period: From October, 2011 to April, 2012) and in next December (Covered period: From February, 2012 to August, 2012).

Selection Criteria and Fund Amount: Amount of funding is up to 1,200,000 yen per an applicant according to the regulation in Hokkaido University. Accommodation fee is 10,000yen (for students) or 12,000yen (researchers) per night. About 6 applications will be adopted a year in fiscal 2010. This April recruitment will accept 4 of them.

(g) Original proposal for Career Upgrade Program A & B

Applicant Eligibility: Master's and doctor's course students, young researchers and professors

Covered period: From July 2011 to March, 2012.

Contents and Fund Amount: The proposal related to human resource development or education program in our school. Original proposal A is a proposal led by professors and the amount is less than 1,500,000 yen. Original proposal B is a proposal led by young researchers and/or students. Fund amount is less than 500,000 yen. The proposal has to be different from other Career Upgrade programs. Applicants must submit a proposal with free format (A4 paper, 1-2 pages) including outline, project contents and budgetary steps. The proposal will be selected after the selection committee's interview and suggestions to the original proposal.

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Career-up Programs in fiscal 2011		Applicant Eligibility					Timing		Support Amount			
		Master Course	Doctor Course	Doctor Course (>3yr)	Young Researcher	Young Professors	Professors	Recruit	Date of Practice	Number of Adoption	Standard Expenses (10,000yen)	
a	Research assistantship for doctoral candidate (GCOE-RA)	N	R	N	N	N	N	Apr.	July – N. Mar.	50	27, 54, 81	
c	Travel support funding for overseas conferences & workshops	N	R	D	Y	N	N	Apr. Aug. Nov.	June – Dec. Oct. - N. Apr. N..Feb. – N. Aug.	30	Ave. 23	
d	Support funding for visiting program for overseas institutes and fields	N	R	D	R	N	N	Apr. Aug. Nov.	June - N. Mar. Oct. - N. July N. Feb. - N. Nov.	15	Ave. 30	
e	Invitation fellowship program for overseas researcher A & B	N	R	N	R	R	Y	Apr. Aug. Nov.	June – Dec. Oct. - N. Apr. N. Feb. - N. Aug.	6	Ave. 35	
g	Original proposal for Career Upgrade Program	A	N	N	N	N	R	R	Apr.	July - N. Mar.	Several	Max. 150
		B	Y	R	N	R	Y	N				Max. 50

- October recruitment of GCOE-RA is available only for D1 students who enrolled a school in October.
- Mark “N” in the column of “Date of Practice” means month in next year (i.e. N. Mar. means “next March”).
- Marks in “Applicant Eligibility” are R: Recommended, Y: Yes, many proposal were adopted, D: Yes, but it is difficult for adaptation. Selection Committee believes that the doctor course students, who exceed 3 years, should give preference to obtain doctor’s degree than going abroad. N: No
- Category of “Applicant Eligibility” will be determined at timing of practice (e.g., students in 2nd grade of Master’s course can apply program (c) and (d) after his/her entering Doctor’s course. Doctor’s course students (who do not exceed regulation term of the course, i.e., 3 years) were adopted program (d) under the condition that they would obtain the doctor’s degree before their practice.
- “Young Professors” refers to “professors in their 30s”. Their positions would be considered when evaluating applications.