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MIRAI

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External Grant Info Session

March 26, 2025

JST ASPIRE Program



Program

- Opening Remarks:
Shunsuke Sadoshima, Kyushu University
- JST's programme and activities for international joint research and mobility:
Yuta Kawashima / Dai Minowa / Kumiko Okawa, JST Tokyo
- Quick Introduction for Other Grants:
Harold Kusters, Kyushu University
- Closing Remarks:
Peter Lindblad, Uppsala University

*Questions are always welcome through the Q&A box in the Zoom meeting.
According to the time flame, moderators will take the Q&A session within the program.



Introduction to Mirai

MIRAI is a collaboration between **17 Swedish and Japanese universities**, aiming to contribute to long-term research collaboration. Started in 2017 and currently on its **third phase MIRAI 2024-2026**.

Aims of MIRAI

- Create an environment to promote **long-term research collaborations**.
- Contribute to solving global challenges by setting up groups where researchers from MIRAI universities work together **across and beyond institutions, countries, disciplines and sectors**.
- **Facilitate PhD student and researcher mobility**.
- Promote **innovation and entrepreneurship** in education and research and facilitate joint efforts between academia, industry and external partners.

Working Research Groups (Global Challenges Teams: GCTs)

- GCT 1: Health and an ageing population (Part of SDG 3)
- GCT 2: Climate adaption, disaster and risk management and prevention (Part of SDG 13)
- GCT 3: Resilient cities and communities – policies, strategies, local government and urban planning (Part of SDG 11)
- GCT 4: Materials for Energy Conversion and Storage: renewable energy, solar energy conversion, electrification, sustainable processes and use of resources (Part of SDG 7)



MIRAI Seed Funding

- Support the development of new and existing collaborations between MIRAI member universities.
- Encourage innovative project ideas within the Global Challenges Team (GCT) areas.
- Foster long-term and substantial partnerships between Japanese and Swedish researchers.
- **MIRAI especially encourages projects:**
 - That includes or has a focus on early-career researchers
 - Involving co-applicants from other Swedish and Japanese MIRAI partner universities in addition to the two (2) main applicants' universities
 - With cross-, inter- or multidisciplinary approaches
 - That have a gender consideration/balance
- Funding may be spent on any activity deemed necessary to achieve the project goals and could include activities such as workshops, seminars and meetings, and virtual activities. Funding may also be used for pilot study, salary and travel costs that are necessary.
- Each proposal will be funded with a maximum of 138,300 SEK (and a maximum 250,000 JPY based on the independent budget management of the Japanese side).
- Minimum 12 projects will be funded (at least 3 per GCT area)

Results announced: March 27, 2025

Other relevant funding calls



Planning grant for international proposal 2025

Deadline: May 14, September 10 and 12 November 2025 at 2PM

Do you want to make better project applications and increase the opportunities for funding through international calls for proposals?

- Work in a project to develop a competitive proposal with Swedish participation to an international call for proposals.
- **Up to SEK 300,000** for applicants developing a competitive proposal with Swedish participation.
- **Up to SEK 500,000** for those **coordinating** an international project involving **at least 3 partners** from **3 different countries**.

<https://www.vinnova.se/en/calls-for-proposals/global-cooperation-2025/planning-grant-for-international-proposal-2025/>

Other relevant funding calls



JSPS Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term)

Deadline: April 25, 2025

This program allows researchers employed at Japanese universities and other research institutions to **invite fellow researchers from other countries to Japan** to participate in cooperative activities at their research institutions. Host researchers in Japan should apply through their home university.

- The program duration is 14-60 days (Periods for arrival in Japan: October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026)
- Includes a round-trip air ticket, maintenance allowance, research support allowance and overseas travel insurance.
- <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/application/index.html>

Other relevant funding calls



JSPS

JSPS Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term)

Mobility Scholarships for Junior Researchers

Deadline: April 25, 2025

This program provides opportunities for **postdoctoral researchers from overseas** to conduct, under the guidance of a host researcher, cooperative research with leading research groups in Japanese universities and other research institutions. Host researchers in Japan should apply through their home university.

- The program duration is 12-24 months (Periods for arrival in Japan: September 1 – November 30, 2025)
- All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
- Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degree within six years of the date the fellowship goes into effect.
- Includes a round-trip air ticket, maintenance allowance (JPY362,000 per month) and miscellaneous (a settling-in allowance of JPY200,000, overseas travel insurance, etc).

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/application/index.html>

Other relevant funding calls



**Wenner-Gren
Foundation**

Visiting researcher grants (to Sweden)

Deadline: October 1, 2025 at 23.59 (Not open yet yearly call)

Swedish researcher (all subjects) hosting a foreign researcher.

- The foreign senior researcher must have completed the doctoral degree earlier than five years before the time of application (=last date of application), i.e. the degree is more than five years old (cf. Postdoctoral scholarships for education in Sweden).
- The scholarships are granted for a period of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 12 months, starting during the calendar half-year (July 1 alt. January 1) that follows closest to the time of application.
- <https://www.swgc.org/gastforskarstipendier>

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