



Application form

MIRAI Japanese-Swedish mobility grant for Early-Career Researchers (2025-2026)

The program is open for applications until May 15, 2025. Funds can be applied for a 5-12 month long research stay during 2025-2026 at one of Japanese universities in MIRAI. Minimum mobility is 5 months and the mobility should be completed by 31 December 2026 at the latest.

Doctoral students, or who have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later, employed at University of Gothenburg (GU) are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be employed at the University of Gothenburg at the time of application and during the entire mobility and registered in Sweden as well as covered by social insurance in Sweden. For full details and eligibility criteria for this call, visit the Staff Portal under international projects and networks.

[See full call information on the Staff portal.](#)

Submit completed applications with the form and required attachments to kristin.radesjo@gu.se.

Applicant

Name	
Date of birth	Swedish social security number
Address in Sweden	Email address
Department at the University of Gothenburg	
Nationality	Do you hold Japanese citizenship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you employed at the University of Gothenburg during the mobility period? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you registered in Sweden and covered by social insurance in Sweden? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the mobility compatible with any eventual contracts with agencies funding your projects? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Year of doctoral defence (completed or expected): _____	

Japanese partner within MIRAI

MIRAI Host university in Japan

Planned duration of mobility (*Minimum 5 months. All mobility periods must end no later than 31 December 2026.*)

Please indicate the start date and end date of your planned mobility:

Start date: _____

End date: _____

Name of host professor in Japan

Email address

Overview of planned activities to be conducted in Japan.

Please list possible research projects, educational activities etc.

Is your area of research related to any of the four themes of MIRAI? Please highlight the challenge(s) that is relevant to your research

- ☐ **Challenge 1:** Health and an ageing population (part of SDG 3)
- ☐ **Challenge 2:** Climate adaptation, disaster and risk management and prevention (part of SDG 13)
- ☐ **Challenge 3:** Resilient cities and communities - policies, strategies, local governance and urban planning (part of SDG 11)
- ☐ **Challenge 4:** Energy conversion and storage materials: renewable energy, solar energy conversion, electrification, sustainable processes and resource use (part of SDG 7)

Only for doctoral students: Is the intended mobility approved by your GU supervisor(s)? Please list the name(s) of your GU supervisor(s).

Resources requested (funding is received in standard amounts, SEK)

Monthly subsistence allowance:

Maximum is 6 318 SEK per full month. This is a tax-free maintenance allowance determined and revised twice a year by the Swedish Agency for Government Employers.

a.) How much are you applying for in monthly subsistence allowance in SEK?

b.) Please specify what this amount is intended to cover

Travel expenses:

Up to maximum of 20 000 SEK. The costs of the travels to and from Japan (economy class) can be covered. This must be booked according to internal rules and regulations at the department.

a.) How much are you applying for in travel expenses?

b.) Please also specify what this amount is intended to cover:

Housing:

Accommodation costs in Japan are reimbursed at an actual cost, up to a maximum of 10 000 SEK per month for rent.

a.) How much are you applying for in housing expenses?

b.) Please specify what this amount is intended to cover:

Expenses for Accompanying Family Members:

(If no family member accompanies the applicant: 0 SEK)

If applicable, up to 30,000 SEK will be provided to cover expenses for one accompanying family member, such as a spouse/partner and/or dependent children. This amount can be used for travel costs (which must be booked according to the department's internal rules and regulations) and/or to cover part of the maintenance allowance set by the Swedish Agency for Government Employers.

a.) How much funding are you requesting for an accompanying family member?

b.) Please specify what this amount is intended to cover.

Does the host university charge any visitor fees (e.g. for office space or use of facilities)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please specify the type of fee and the monthly amount. Support is available for up to a maximum of 3,000 SEK per month.

Total: _____ SEK

Supporting signature from head of the department*

Strategic value (for the department):

Name	Department
Email address	Phone
Date and Signature	

** The application must be signed by the head of department "prefekt", who thereby approves to the application and assures that any extra costs, which are not covered through the long-term mobility programme, will be covered by the department or the applicant.*

The confirmation includes that the candidate should continue to receive their salary/compensation (with no deductions) from the department at the University of Gothenburg during the whole duration of stay, and that the URA contract will be administered locally.

The approval also includes a guarantee permission from the supervisor/mentor/PI/line manager that the candidate can undertake the mobility alongside with the research/studies. It also needs to be justified why the mobility is of strategical value to the applicant and for the department.

Signature applicant

Name	Date and signature
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Submit the following documents with this application:

- **Completed application form**
- **Letter of invitation** from the host university in Japan (institution or research group), confirming their willingness to host the applicant.
- **A detailed research plan** outlining expected skill development and research interests and a strategy for long-term collaboration (maximum 2 pages, font size in 12 or larger)
- **Curriculum Vitae** (CV) and publication list (maximum 4 pages, font size in 12 or larger)
- **Motivation letter** describing the proposed plans of the mobility as well as your motivation and commitment and how the mobility is expected to develop your skills and research interests, and/or to stimulate new research ideas (maximum 2 pages, font size in 12 or larger)
- **Application deadline:** May 15, 2025. All documents submitted via email must be in PDF format. The title of this email should be "MIRAI Mobility Application for NAME".

Completed applications should be submitted to kristin.radesjo@gu.se