



Core-to-Core Program 研究拠点形成事業

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: KOIAS FELLOWSHIP

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Kobe Institute for Atmospheric Studies (KOIAS)
Graduate School of Humanities
Kobe University
<http://www.lit.kobe-u.ac.jp/koiias/>

The **JSPS Core-to-Core Program**, funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, is a prestigious initiative designed to foster the creation of internationally collaborative research hubs in fields deemed both cutting-edge and of significant global importance. By linking leading research institutions (“cores”) across countries, the program supports joint research projects, academic exchanges, and seminars, while cultivating the next generation of scholars.

As part of this initiative, and within the framework of the **World Networking Project for the Establishment of Atmospheric Studies**, the Kobe Institute for Atmospheric Studies (KOIAS) at Kobe University is now recruiting **early-career researchers based outside Japan** for research stays in Kobe. Eligible candidates should demonstrate a strong interest in academic research broadly related to the theme of **atmosphere**.

Priority will be given to applicants affiliated with the program’s official partner institutions (the “cores”), in line with the primary objectives of the JSPS Core-to-Core Program. However, **applications from external candidates** are also welcomed and will be considered within the overall scope of the program and available resources.

PROGRAM DURATION

The standard duration of the fellowship is **up to 3 months**.

- **Applicants affiliated with one of the Core partner institutions** may request an extended stay beyond 3 months. Extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on availability of funding and alignment with the goals of the Core-to-Core Program.
- **External applicants (not affiliated with partner institutions)** are basically eligible for stays of **up to 3 months**.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- **Master’s or doctoral students** (graduate level)

- **Postdoctoral researchers** affiliated with academic institutions
- **Faculty members** (Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Associate Professor, or equivalent) actively engaged in research

Please note:

- **Undergraduate students and administrative staff are not eligible.**
- There are **no restrictions on academic discipline**; researchers from any field are welcome to apply, provided their work relates to the theme of atmosphere.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT AND COVERED EXPENSES

Fellows will receive a **daily stipend** based on the length of their stay in Kobe, as follows:

- **14,400 JPY per day** for stays of **29 nights or fewer**
- **12,960 JPY per day** for stays of **30 to 59 nights**
- **11,520 JPY per day** for stays of **60 nights or more**

Please note:

- Due to the regulations of the JSPS grant, fellows are **responsible for arranging and covering their own international airfare** to and from Japan.
- Fellows **are responsible for paying applicable taxes** on the fellowship. For details, see the official information provided by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan:
<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/support/portal/tax.html>
- For stays longer than 91 days, fellows **must enroll in the Japanese National Health Insurance system and cover the associated costs.**

KOIAS FELLOWS' RESPONSIBILITIES

KOIAS Fellows are expected to engage actively with the institute's research community during their stay. Their **main responsibility** will be to **deliver at least one research talk** as part of the ongoing KOIAS Talk Series. While there is **no formal requirement** to produce publications or written reports, **KOIAS strongly encourages fellows to pursue and share academic outputs** arising from their stay – whether in the form of articles, essays, or collaborative projects. The fellowship is intended to support meaningful research development and foster long-term scholarly exchange in the field of Atmospheric Studies. Fellows are also expected to **arrange and cover their own international travel to and from Japan.**

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants are required to submit the following materials in English:

1. **Academic CV** (including contact details, academic background, current affiliation, and list of publications or presentations, if applicable)
2. **Research Statement** (max. 1 page, Word file, free format), including:
 - Proposed duration of stay

- Brief description of the research project to be pursued at KOIAS (collaborative projects encouraged)
- Explanation of how the project relates to the field of Atmospheric Studies
- Outlook for future engagement with Atmospheric Studies and/or KOIAS activities

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- For FY2025 fellowships: May 31, 2025
 - For FY2026 fellowships onward: December 31 of the preceding year
- (program expects to continue for 5 years through FY2029)

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Send your application to both addresses:

- k0121712@gsuite.kobe-u.ac.jp (Director Yuho Hisayama)
- koias@lit.kobe-u.ac.jp (KOIAS Office)

Email Subject: “KOIAS Fellow Application”

For questions, contact the above addresses. Replies may come from a different address.

CORE INSTITUTIONS

- Germany – Society for New Phenomenology (GNP), University of Rostock

Focus: New Phenomenology

Website: <https://www.gnp-online.de/en/the-gnp/new-phenomenology.html>

- Slovenia – Science and Research Centre Koper (ZRS)

Focus: Respiratory Philosophy

Website: <https://arhiv.zrs-kp.si/index.php/en/about-us/>

- Canada – Centre for Sensory Studies, Concordia University (CSS)

Focus: Sensory Studies

Website: <https://centreforsensorystudies.org/>

We are looking forward to your application!

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