

Restart-Up Research Funding Application Guidelines for the First Half of the 2024 Academic Year

I. Details of support

Restart-up Research Funding has been designed to support those researchers who had to interrupt their career due to life events (childbirth, child-rearing, providing nursing care, illness, etc.) but who have returned to research, by providing them with research funds, so as to promote their research activities, ease their burden, and enable them to resume their career path.

II. Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants must satisfy all of the requirements (1), (2), and (3) below. However, applicants will be ineligible for Restart-up Research Funding in the following cases at the time of application: if applicants are, as principal investigators, receiving beyond a certain amount (JPY 5 million per annum for sciences and JPY 3 million per annum for liberal arts) of external funds*¹ (direct costs); or if applicants have been selected for the JSPS Fellowship for Young Scientists. Also, researchers hiring Technical Staff under the program of the Nagasaki University Center for Diversity and Inclusion (“the Center”) and users of the University Hospital’s returning-to-work physician program will likewise be ineligible.

(1) Researchers affiliated with Nagasaki University

- Full-time faculty (including fixed-term employment)
- Post-doctoral fellows, foreign researchers

(2) Those who have had to interrupt their research activities for a roughly sequential period of three months or more due to perinatal and postnatal leave, child-rearing leave, long-term care leave, family care leave, or leave of absence due to illness.

(3) At the time of application, those who have returned to work within 12 months of any of the above types of leave taken, and who will conduct research at Nagasaki University for longer than a year following application for Restart-up Research Funding.

*1 External funds: Competitive funds, joint research, commissioned research, donations, etc.

III. Eligibility requirements

(1) Childbirth /child-rearing

In the case of those obtaining child-rearing leave, those able to prove they did so (by submitting copies of documents, such as the child-rearing leave application form, by which the Center can confirm that the applicant took child-rearing leave). In the case of those who did not obtain child-rearing leave, those able to provide copies of their Maternal and Child Health Handbook [母子手帳] or child’s birth certificate by which the Center can confirm the child’s date of birth.

(2) Nursing care

Those able to prove they obtained long-term care leave or family care leave (by submitting copies of documents such as the family care leave application forms by which the Center can confirm that the applicant obtained long-term care leave or family care leave).

(3) Illness

Those able to prove they underwent medical treatment (by submitting copies of documents by which the Center can confirm their hospitalizations, etc., or of a notice of consideration for work attendance [就業配慮通知書]).

IV. Funding period

Any desired consecutive period, up to a total five months, between May 1 and September 30, 2024

*If the total funding period up until the second half of the 2023 academic year was for less than five months, applicants may request funds for the remaining months.

V. Restart-up research funds

JPY 50,000 per month (to be paid out in a single disbursement for the entire funding period)

(However, the funds are to cover only requisite expenses in the execution of research plans, and are to be used solely for research activities within the funding period. The applicable expenses are limited to the following. They must be used according to the procedures once the funding has been decided upon.)

Applicable expenses

Expenses required by researchers in question for executing their research plans (excepting costs for equipment, personnel, and overseas travel)

Examples:

- Consumables: expenses for purchasing goods other than equipment
(Excepting desks, chairs, furniture and fixtures that must already be installed by the institution.)
- Domestic travel: expenses for domestic trips to academic conferences or for surveys, etc.
- Honoraria: honoraria for translation, proofreading, provision of expertise etc.
- Service expenses: Conference participation fees, outsourced testing, copying
- Others: printing and binding, transportation (courier service costs)

Non-applicable expenses

Costs for equipment, personal computers, personnel, overseas travel, sundries (bank transfer fees, etc.), energy and utilities (including telephone), and any other items not directly needed for research activities

*Once the Center has made its decision to provide researchers with funding, selected researchers must use the funds in accordance with Nagasaki University's accounting and other rules; whenever questions arise, please consult the Center before spending any funds.

*Any remaining monies from the Restart-up Research Funding provided on the final day of the funding period should be swiftly returned to the Center.

VI. Planned number of funding recipients

About three

VII. VI. Application and selection

Send the "Application Form for Restarting Research Funds (Form 1)" and eligibility confirmation documents to the following address (email is acceptable). Based on the application, the applicant will be notified of the selection results after a review.

VIII. Closing date of applications for the first half of the 2024 academic year

Noon, Friday, April 5, 2024

(The Center will continue to accept applications until we have reached the planned number of funding recipients. Applications received on the fifth day of any month will be reviewed for funding starting from the following month. Only those researchers who have already resumed their research activities are eligible to apply.)

Notification of results: On or around the 20th of the month of receipt of applications

IX. Reporting duties

Funding recipients are required to submit the Restart-Up Research Funding Recipient Report (Form 2) to the Center within one week of the completion of the funding period. For any disbursements for domestic research travel, also submit travel reports (copy of reports created with the Business Trip Navigator service [出張なび]).

- (1) Funding recipients must consent in advance to the possible disclosure of their Funding Recipient Reports (Form 2) content on the Center's website and other publications.
- (2) Funding recipients must cooperate with the Center—via interviews, questionnaires and other means—with a view to ascertaining and improving the effectiveness of the Restart-Up Research Funding.

X. Point to note

Funding recipients are expected to be judicious in how they use funding.

For application and inquiries:

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