

# Applications for the 2026 ArCSⅢ Overseas Fellowship Program

## Information/calls for application 2026/2/27

In accordance with the objectives of the Arctic Challenge for Sustainability-3 (ArCSⅢ) project.

We implement programs for the support of early career professionals. The ArCSⅢ project provides funding to graduate students, early career researchers belonging to Japanese universities and other research institutions, as well as young practitioners from public and private institutions, to support their participation in international conferences for making presentations and collecting information, as well as their stay at overseas universities and research institutions for conducting research and expanding contacts along with fieldwork trips. We expect that these programs will stimulate further research and other activities by early career professionals and will help them expand their personal network at the international levels.

You can visit the web page containing the interviews of the participants of the previous project (ArCS II)

We hope the stories of their experience will be instructive.

*Voices of the participants of the Overseas Fellowship program* \*Japanese only

<https://www.nipr.ac.jp/arcs2/outreach/fellowship-interview2020/>

## Application Period

Application period: 2 February 2026 – 27 February 2026, noon (12:00) JST

Travel period: April 2026 – late February 2027

## Research Fields, project types, travel period

(1) Research Field : All fields related to the Arctic

(2) Project types

◆Visiting overseas academic, public, or private organizations etc. related to the Arctic for discussions, information exchange

◆Participation in international conferences, taking courses for collection information, building contact networks, acquiring new knowledge and skills etc.

※Applicants for funding to participate in an international conference are required to give a presentation at the conference in question.

(3) Program Period : About 1 month

## Number of fellowships to be awarded

About 7 people expected

## Selection criteria and notification of the results

The ArCSⅢ Hokkaido University Secretariat and “the panel of judges” assesses the applications and makes the selection. The applicants will receive notification of the result approximately 1 month after the end of the application period by e-mail (sent to the e-mail address specified in the application form)

## Contacts

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## Outline of the program

period	About 1 month
project type	<p>①Participation in a conference/ course for collecting information and networking ※applying for funding to participate in an international conference are expected to give a presentation at the conference.</p> <p>②Joint research and collaboration with partners from the host academic, public or private organization(s)</p> <p>③Field studies, data analysis etc.</p>
eligibility	<p>①Graduate students ※1 ②Researchers with master's/PhD degrees obtained less than 10 years ago (From the date of 1 April 2026) ※2 ③Practitioners who belongs to public and private organizations etc. (including self-employed individuals) who are under the age of 40 at the time of application. ※1 Undergraduate and research students may also apply if they expect to become graduate students by the start of the programme ※2 The 10-year term excludes maternity/parental leave taken after obtaining the degree</p>
Required documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Application form: FormA</li><li>•Travel schedule and budget plan: FormB</li><li>•Degree certificate or enrolment certificate</li><li>•Certificate of employment( if applicable)</li><li>•Residence card or other certificate of the residence status( for foreign nationals only)</li><li>•Documents related to the project(such as the host's letter of acceptance, observation plan, conference, course outline, presentation abstract(a draft is also acceptable)</li><li>•Application form Check list: FormC</li></ul>
Selection criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Relevance of the project, its scientific and social significance</li><li>•Feasibility of the project and its consistency with the purpose of the program</li><li>•Is the budgets consistent with the research objectives and plan?</li><li>•Is the applicant's project, if supported by this program, likely to further their care?</li><li>•Does the applicant have sufficient planning, language and communication skill?</li><li>•Is the diversity of grantees and research topics maintained overall?</li></ul>
Obligation after program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Submit a report</li><li>•Presentation of the results session, submit the presentation materials and take part in a panel discussion etc.</li></ul>