

**Build ideas to tackle social issues
with global colleagues!**



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Application guidelines

1. Project description

■ Aim

Motivated and engaged to "Build ideas to tackle social issues with global colleagues!", Japanese Association for the Advancement of Science (JAAS; the host of this project) aims to promote science through dialogue and collaboration among people of all kinds. The project invites graduate students in Japan and globally with an interest in science to propose original research ideas to address social issues with a global perspective. We offer participants the opportunity to experience teamwork in an interdisciplinary context with global colleagues, and support them in translating their research ideas into a concrete project proposal to be presented to the public. Furthermore, by providing an opportunity to present and exchange ideas in an open forum, the participating students are expected to become leaders of the 'Build ideas to tackle social issues with global colleagues!' initiative.

■ Schedule and Venues

(1) Call for application

- Application deadline **31 January (23:59) 2025**
- Selection of participants (document screening) **February 2025**

(2) In-person Workshop **March 2025** (two days)

Venue: JICA Ogata Research Institute Conference Center (Tokyo)

Note: We will provide details directly to participants.

(3) Online Global Workshops **April - June 2025**

(4) Final presentation **August 2025**

Hybrid

In-person venue: Considering as a side event of the TICAD 2025 in Yokohama (TBD)

■ Participation fee

Free of charge

Note: The host (JAAS) will pay for transportation and accommodation for attending the venue in Japan.

The route for calculating transportation expenses shall be determined by the host.

■ Selection of Participants

20 participants (10 domestic graduate students and 10 international graduate students) will be selected from the applicants based on a document screening process.

Although participants will be selected solely on the basis of ideas proposed, consideration will be given to the diversity of participants.

Screening criteria

- Attractiveness and interest of research ideas to address social issues with a global perspective

- Clear description of the links between the proposed research idea and the targeted social issue
- Enthusiasm for teamwork in an interdisciplinary context with global colleagues

Note: The selection of participants will be made by the Selection Committee by consensus based on the screening criteria and the evaluations of the individual jury members.

■ Orientation

Orientation sessions will be held online in December 2024 to January 2025.

Details will be posted on [the Global Students' Idea Factory website](#).

We look forward to your participation.

■ In-person Workshop

In-person workshop will be held at a training facility in JICA Ogata Research Institute Conference Center (Tokyo) in March 2025 (details will be provided only to the participants).

The aim of this workshop is to incubate project proposals to address social issues by mobilizing students' research ideas, identifying 5-6 specific challenges, and forming a team for each challenge. Students are invited to work in teams to develop an initial idea/proposal that addresses social issues with a global perspective, make a presentation of the proposal and consider the way forward to the final presentation.

In addition, participants will deepen their team building skills and knowledge through interactions with JICA and other supporting organizations.

Please look forward to interacting with enthusiastic domestic and international students!

■ Global Workshop

After the in-person workshop, we will propose two online meetings to further improve the initial project proposal within your team. For this phase, an additional cohort of 10 international students abroad will join the teams.

■ Final presentation

In August 2025 (detailed dates will be provided later on the web site), final presentations on the research proposal, research plans, and future prospects will be made in an in-person open forum. Oral presentations will be made by each team.

■ Award (Final presentation)

JAAS will award prizes to the team with outstanding final presentations, including the JAAS Award and the Cooperating Organization Award.

Currently planned awards

- JAAS Award (Certificate and trophy)
- Cooperating Organization Award (Certificate)

Screening criteria

- Attractiveness and interest of the project proposal
- Originality of the research idea
- Enthusiasm
- Potential of the project and its future development
- Teamwork

2. Qualifications

We expect challenging research ideas to address social issues with a global perspective based on your original ideas and motivation.

■ Eligibility for application

Graduate students (domestic and international) enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. degree programme at a Japanese university

■ Target fields of study

There are no restrictions on fields of study. All fields of study are covered, including natural sciences and social sciences and humanities, etc.

■ Notes on application

Research ideas to be submitted

If there are any existing projects or related research that are similar to your research idea, please declare the differences from those projects/research and clarify the originality at the time of application.

Research ethics

Please make sure you understand and respect research ethics before you apply.

Open policy for the output of the project

Please be aware that the Final Presentations may be broadcasted in live or streamed on the Internet after the event. A summary of the presentations will also be made available on the Internet. We shall not be liable for any trouble, loss and damage caused by the publication of the output of the project. We appreciate your understanding in advance.

Intellectual property rights

All intellectual property rights related to the submitted documents belong to the applicant. However, as stated above, the presentation (including the summary) will be made public. Be aware and take the most care especially if you are considering applying for a patent, etc.

3. Application procedures

■ Application procedures

(1) Application

- Please apply through [the Global Students' Idea Factory website](#).
- More details and updates will also be available on our website.

(2) After the application deadline, we will screen the application based on the information provided via web forms.

■ Application deadline

31 January (23:59) 2025

4. Notification of screening results

We will inform all applicants of the result of screening by email (scheduled for February 2025, TBD).

The details of the in-person workshop will be provided for applicants who passed the screening (participants) individually.

■ Submission of a letter of commitment and proof of enrollment

- Those who pass the screening will be asked to submit a separate written pledge and proof of enrollment (student ID, certificate of enrollment, etc.)
- Failure to submit the pledge and proof of enrollment will result in denial of participation in all programs.
- Applications found to be in violation of the Pledge, such as violations of research ethics or false declarations, will be disqualified.

5. Privacy policy

■ Personal data

The Global Students' Idea Factory Executive Committee will handle personal information collected and acquired in the course of the Global Students' Idea Factory in accordance with the "Personal Information Protection Policy" (<https://jaas.science/policy/>) of the Japan Association for the Promotion of Science, and will comply with laws and regulations regarding the protection of the rights of individuals and personal information.

■ Purpose and scope of use of personal information

- The information will be used for procedures necessary to implement the in-person workshop, online meetings, and the final presentation.
- The information will be used for operations related to the Global Students' Idea Factory, such as the counting of applications, screening, awards, publicity activities, and surveys.
- The Global Students' Idea Factory secretariat will use the information to contact applicants.
- The host, sponsors, and press may take video and photographs and conduct interviews, which may be used in the media and on the Internet.
- Questionnaires will be used to verify the results of the program, to follow up with participants, and to inform them of related events.
- When aggregating and analyzing the attributes of applicants and participants, the information will be processed to prevent the identification of individuals.
- Applicants will be notified if the purpose of use exceeds the scope of the purposes described in the preceding paragraph.
- The purpose of use will not be changed without the consent of the applicant.
- If an applicant requests disclosure, correction, or discontinuation of use of his/her personal information, we will deal with the request in an appropriate manner.

6. Organisers

■ Host

Japanese Association for the Advancement of Science (JAAS) <https://jaas.science/>

■ Cooperating organization

Students Innovation Nexus Advancement Platform Systems (SINAPS) <https://www.sinaps.or.jp/>

■ Support and sponsorship

Please visit the [Global Students' Idea Factory website](#) for the latest information.

7. Contact

Information sessions will be scheduled at any time after April 2025. Please attend the information session and ask any questions you may have.

Details will be posted on the Global Students' Idea Factory website.

■ Global Students' Idea Factory Website

<https://global.si-fa.net/>



■ Global Students' Idea Factory Executive Committee

For inquiries regarding the Global Students' Idea Factory, please contact the Executive Committee.

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■ Japanese Association for the Advancement of Science (JAAS) office

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