

Yokohama National University

YNU-SPRING students recruitment(for spring selection in 2026)

~Training project of Inclusive leadership to be able to drives sustainable innovation

In this project, we will select outstanding doctoral students who will lead sustainable innovation in Japan, and provide financial support.



An environment where highly motivated doctoral students can study safely



Developing the ability to express oneself to choose from a variety of career



Advanced expertise that can be used in a wide range of fields and sectors

Inclusive Leadership

Ability to create new value by fostering and building an environment of DEI&B (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging) and collaborating with members with diverse backgrounds and personalities.

Financial Support

Annual amount

Fellowship

JPY 2,160,000
(JPY180,000×12month)

Research grant

JPY 340, 000

Note: Expenses for the SILVER minor program will be paid separately from the program promotion budget.

Task of fellow

- (1) Further explore your own research
- (2) Completing the SILVER minor program (formerly YNU-SPRING minor program)
- (3) Voluntary manage research grant and promote of fair research activities
- (4) Apply for JSPS research fellowship for young scientists
- (5) Cooperate with investigation requests after the completion of this project

Detail of program

For more information about the YNU-SPRING Program and the SILVER minor program (formerly YNU-SPRING minor program), please use the right links..



Detail of the YNU-SPRING Program(Japanese)



Detail of the SILVER minor program (formerly YNU-SPRING minor program) (Japanese)

Recruitment details/Application method

Deadline: 12:00, 18 February

Recruitment for this year

Applicable to students entering in April 2026

: Approximately 15 people

Applicable to students who entered in FY2025

: Approximately 2 people

Qualification requirements

You are a currently enrolled student who entered a YNU doctoral program in or after April 2025, or you wish to enter in April 2026, and you fall under the following. For details, please refer to the application guidelines.

1. Meeting the criteria specified in Application Guidelines, Section 5: Eligibility, item (2), "Japanese nationals or those who fall under any of the following categories.
2. Not selected for research fellowship for young scientists from JSPS or scheduled to be selected from April 2026
3. Not receiving stable income more than 2.4 million yen per year

Application method

Please download the Recruitment guidelines and Application form from the link of the icon below, understand the recruitment details, and then fill out your application.

Applications may be submitted in either Japanese or English.



Application guideline



Application form
(link to Google drive)

Once you have completed your application form, convert them to PDF files, change the file name to "Form 1 Application_Graduate School_Applicant's Name.pdf" and "Form 2 Application_Graduate School_Applicant's Name.pdf", and then submit them using the form linked in the icon below.



Submission site of YNU-SPRING program

After you have completed your application, the responsible department will ask your supervisor to approve your application to YNU-SPRING, so please be sure to discuss the matter thoroughly in advance with your supervisor before applying.

Application method and schedule

Application period: January 28- February 18 12:00

Notification of document screening: by March 6

Interview screening: : March 9 - March 13

Notification of acceptance: by March 27

Application briefing

An online application briefing will be held on Friday, February 13, from 12:00 to 13:00.

No pre-registration is required . Please join the session at the scheduled time using either the link below or the meeting information.



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