

Yokohama National University

Guidelines for Students Applying for the ROSE (Research Opportunities for Students Excellence) Program

(for the Spring Semester of 2026):

Research Activity Support for Doctoral Students at YNU and Individuals Hoping to Enter YNU's Doctoral Programs

**Deadline for submission
of application documents:
12:00, July 14, 2026**

The purpose of YNU's support to doctoral students' research activities is so the students can voluntarily conduct research, develop high expertise, and acquire extensive knowledge through activities such as collaboration with researchers in different fields.

YNU provides the following support to ROSE Program students:

- Every time a ROSE Program student's research paper is accepted for publication by an international academic journal with an impact factor, a research grant is provided to the student, as shown in the right table.
- If the cumulative number of a ROSE Program student's research papers is three or more, an overseas travel grant for participation in international conferences, etc., will be provided.

Cumulative number of papers	1	2	3	4 or more
Research grant (10,000 yen)	1	2	10	10
Overseas travel grant (10,000 yen)	0		Up to 50 (once for each student)	

Candidates for the ROSE Program will be selected in accordance with the following criteria:

- The application form shows the research purpose and the background of how the applicant has determined the subject of the doctoral dissertation, in a manner understandable to researchers outside the applicant's area of expertise; in addition, the research itself must be of outstanding concept. Furthermore, the research method must have originality, with the future prospects of the applicant's research subject shown.
- The applicant is highly likely to become an excellent researcher who will define the future of the academic community (or the business community).
- Before completing the doctoral program, the applicant is expected to produce more than three research papers, serving as the first author of these papers (or be determined by the doctoral supervisor to be the most contributive author of these papers) and have them accepted by international academic journals with impact factors.

ROSE Program students should perform the following activities:

- A ROSE Program student must proceed with his/her research and endeavor to produce research papers to be accepted by international academic journals with impact factors.
- When the student's research paper is accepted by an international academic journal with an impact factor, as mentioned in the above item (1), the student must submit a report of such acceptance to that effect using a designated method.
- When the student receives an overseas travel grant, he/she must submit a report about the overseas travel using a designated method.
- If the student is qualified to apply for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science's Research Fellowships for Young Scientists (DC1 or DC2), the student must apply for them.
- The student must participate in events relating to the ROSE Program.

To apply for the ROSE Program, an applicant should follow the following steps:

- Download the application template

Template



- Create an application and transform it into PDF format

- Fill out appropriate information and upload the application

Application website



- Click or scan the QR Codes to access the appropriate links.
- Download the files to use. You cannot directly fill out the files available at the linked sites.
- After the approval from the doctoral advisor is confirmed, the application will be officially accepted.

For more details about the application qualifications and evaluators, refer to the Guidelines for Students Applying for the ROSE Program (https://ope.ynu.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ROSE_01-02E_2026S_ApplicationGuidelines.pdf)

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