

Yokohama National University

YNU-SPRING students recruitment(for fall 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
- (3) Voluntary manage research grant and promote of fair research activities
- (4) Handle research findings according to YNU's rules and make efforts to protect intellectual property rights.
- (5) Apply for JSPS research fellowship for young scientists
- (6) Register in the dedicated matching system for "Cooperative Education through Research Internships".
- (7) 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, please use the right links..



Detail of the YNU-SPRING Program(Japanese)



Detail of the SILVER minor program (Japanese)

Recruitment details/Application method

Deadline: 12:00 noon, 24 August

Number of students

Applicable to students who entered in or after October 2025 : Approximately 6 students

Qualification requirements

Those who entered a YNU doctoral program in or after October 2025 and are currently enrolled, or those who wish to enter in October 2026, and meet all of the following conditions. (*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
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.

Note: Although the application forms are provided in Japanese only, you may fill them out in either English or Japanese.



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_name of applicant(YNU-SPRING).pdf" and "Form 2 Application_Graduate School_name of applicant(YNU-SPRING).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: August 3- 12:00 noon August 24

Notification of document screening: by September 11

Interview screening: : September 14 - September 18

Notification of acceptance: by October 16

Recruitment Session Video (Ref.)



This video is from the Spring 2026 selection. Note: Administrative details (number of students, schedule, etc.) have changed. Please refer to the latest Application Guidelines for current information.