

## **FY2025 International Alumni Collaborative Research Support Grant Application Guidelines**

\*Applicants wishing to apply should first contact a collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University (such as a former academic supervisor).

Please be sure to consult with your collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University well in advance, allowing sufficient time for the application process.

Please note that the application will be submitted by the **collaborating researcher** at Nagasaki University, after receiving any necessary assistance from the alumni applicant..

※ Please share the information with the administrative staff before applying.

### **1. Purpose of the Program**

To promote research at Nagasaki University and strengthen its alumni network, this program supports international joint research that utilizes connections with overseas alumni<sup>1</sup>.

#### **<sup>1</sup> Definition of "Alumni":**

- Members of NUGAN (Nagasaki University Global Alumni Network)
- Individuals who have studied at Nagasaki University (undergraduate or graduate)
- Individuals who have participated in short-term programs at Nagasaki University
- Individuals who have worked at Nagasaki University as faculty, staff, or researchers
- Others who have a connection to Nagasaki University

\* For any question about alumni status, please contact the Internationalization Planning Division in advance.

### **2. Eligible Activities**

International joint research initiatives conducted by Nagasaki University faculty/staff in collaboration with alumni that meet the following criteria:

#### **[Required Conditions]**

- (1) Aligns with the purpose of this program
- (2) Consistent with higher-level goals (e.g., the 4th Mid-Term Goals/Plans<sup>2</sup>, the Nagasaki University Action Plan: "A University that Makes Planetary Health a Reality"<sup>3</sup>, etc.)
- (3) Includes alumni<sup>1</sup> participation and contributes to alumni network formation (e.g., regional or thematic branches)
- (4) Has an appropriate expenditure plan
- (5) All dispatch and acceptance of students and faculty must comply with university policies that take into account travel restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and foreign governments, as well as export control regulations set forth by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

※ As this project represents a form of seed-stage investment, please also describe strategies for transitioning to external funding (e.g., aid from the Japanese government, foreign governments, or private sources) once certain outcomes or developments have been achieved.

- ※ The grant may also be given for the expansion of existing joint research projects. In such cases, please describe the specific strategy for enhancement and explain how this grant will contribute said enhancement of the project.
- ※ If you have any questions regarding internationalization or this application, please feel free to contact us at:  
Email: kokuki@ml.nagasaki-u.ac.jp / Extension: Bunkyo 2043

#### **<sup>2</sup>4th Mid-Term Goals**

##### **[Closing Statement]**

Nagasaki University is to become a global hub for education and research in Planetary Health, contributing to the realization of Planetary Health through the interdisciplinary integration and creation of knowledge aimed at solving the diverse and interconnected challenges faced by humanity and the Earth, while promoting collaboration with domestic and international institutions.

#### **<sup>3</sup>Nagasaki University Action Plan 2024 – “A University that Makes Planetary Health a Reality”**

##### **[Introduction – Excerpt]**

Nagasaki University will facilitate the realization of Planetary Health from three perspectives: Global Health, Global Risk, and Global Ecology.

##### **[Section III – International (Excerpt)]**

Nagasaki University will establish an “International Alumni Network” of globally active graduates to promote the recruitment of outstanding international students and the development of international joint research through information gathering and dissemination.

#### **[Projects Receiving Priority Support for This Fiscal Year]**

- (1) Projects that are highly likely to produce research outcomes within 1 to 2 years
- (2) Projects expected to form networks that contribute to the generation of research results

### **3. Project Must be Finished:**

By the end of FY2025

- ※ If your project is selected to receive the grant, expenses incurred during the current fiscal year prior to the official notification of acceptance may also be eligible for support.
- ※ This program is designed as a one-year support initiative. However, continued support may be possible through reapplication in the following fiscal year. Projects that demonstrate significant progress in network expansion or research outcomes this year, and show strong future potential, will be considered for continued support during next year’s selection process.
- ※ Regarding next year’s call for applications: it is assumed that the same level of budget allocation as the current year will be secured. However, depending on the budget

distribution, there may be changes in the amount of funding, the number of selected projects, or even cancellation of the program.

#### 4. Funding Amount and Expected Number of Selections

Approximately 500,000 yen × 10 projects

#### 5. Covered Expenses

○ Covered	× Not Covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equipment and travel expenses necessary for joint research and related exchanges</li><li>• Honoraria for lecturers</li><li>• Meeting expenses within university standards, etc.</li></ul>	Expenses considered appropriate to be covered by departmental budgets (e.g., long-term personnel costs, website translation, facility/equipment upgrades, etc.)

※ If a budget surplus is expected, please contact the Internationalization Planning Division promptly. A significant surplus may result in a reduction of the budget allocation for the following fiscal year.

#### 6. Application Procedure

- (1) Deadline: Friday, August 29, 2025
- (2) Submission: Applications forms have been provided to Nagasaki University faculty/staff. Working together with an alumni applicant, a collaborative researcher from Nagasaki University will submit the application.

#### 7. Selection Process

A review committee will be formed by individuals appointed by the overseeing executive of the program. The committee will evaluate the submitted proposals based on the following criteria. Consideration may also be given to diversity in research fields, target countries/regions, and overall university-wide balance.

- (1) Consistency with the university's policies
- (2) Overall validity of the proposed initiative
- (3) Potential for generating research outcomes
- (4) Contribution to the further development of NUGAN as a whole
- (5) Strategy and feasibility for future development

#### 8. Notification of Selection Results

Each department will be notified of the selection results and the provisional funding amount by email during/after September 2025.

#### 9. Changes to the Project Implementation Plan

If the project is implemented in a way that significantly deviates from the original plan, a revised plan with a record of changes must be submitted.

※ Changes may not be approved if the revised plan is deemed inappropriate.

## **10. Submission of Report**

- (1) Deadline for submission: March 2026 (the exact date will be announced later)
- (2) Required documents: Report (photos required), copies of research outputs (if applicable), and financial statement
- (3) Submit to: Internationalization Planning Division (submission method will be specified separately)
- (4) Other notes: Budget allocation to each department will be made around the end of the fiscal year after confirming that the activities carried out align with the purpose of the program and that the budget allocation has been appropriately executed.

※ Photographs submitted may be used for the university's public relations activities. Therefore, please obtain prior consent from all individuals appearing in the photos, or submit images that appropriately consider portrait rights.

## **11. Reduction of Grant Amount**

If the initiatives adopted under this project fall under any of the following categories, the amount of support will be reduced, unless there are compelling and unavoidable circumstances:

- (1) If budget execution deviates from the purpose of this project or the submitted plan
- (2) If the project is canceled or its scale is reduced
- (3) If the report is not submitted by the deadline

## **12. Other**

- If the alumni involved in the proposed plan are not members of an already established NUGAN chapter, we ask that alumni please join an existing chapter, form a new chapter, or lend support in promoting the alumni network.
- The submitted plans and approved support amounts are expected to be disclosed within the university. Additionally, please be aware that summaries and reports of the proposed initiatives may be published on various Nagasaki University websites.
- Please note that if events such as presentations on the program's outcomes are organized, participation in such events, including presenting results, will be required.