

Application Guidelines FY2026 International Collaborative Research Support Program for Alumni Networks

*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.

1. Purpose of the Program

To expand and enhance Nagasaki University's Alumni Network through International Collaborative Research¹.

¹ 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 conditions:

[Required Conditions]

- (1) Consistent with higher-level goals (e.g., the 4th Mid-Term Goals/Plans², the Nagasaki University Action Plan: "A University that Makes Planetary Health a Reality"³, etc.)
- (2) Includes Nagasaki University faculty/staff and alumni¹ participation
- (3) Contributes to alumni network formation, visualization, maintenance, development, and utilization (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.

² 4th Mid-Term Goals

https://www.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/ja/guidance/disclosure/check/plan_evaluation/plan/
(Available in Japanese only)

[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.

[6]

To cultivate globally minded individuals who can appreciate diverse values, Nagasaki University will expand opportunities for students to study abroad, attract outstanding international students and build networks with them after graduation, and offer international educational programs in collaboration with overseas universities.

³ Nagasaki University Action Plan 2024 – “A University that Makes Planetary Health a Reality”

<https://www.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/ja/guidance/philosophy/actionplan/index.html>

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[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.

[Notes]

- ※ As this program is primarily intended to promote the alumni network, only expenses consistent with this objective are eligible for support.
- ※ 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

3. Project Must be Finished:

By the end of FY2026

- ※ This program is designed as a one-year support initiative. However, continued support may be possible through reapplication in the following fiscal year.
- ※ Regarding this year’s and 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

※ If your project is selected to receive the grant, expenses incurred during the 2026 fiscal year prior to the official notification of acceptance may also be eligible for support.

5. Covered Expenses

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

※ The budget management will be handled by the collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University. If a budget surplus is expected, please contact the collaborating researcher promptly.

6. Application Procedure

- (1) Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026
 - (2) Submission: The application forms will be distributed to the faculty and staff of Nagasaki University. The application will be submitted by the collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University, after receiving any necessary assistance from the alumni applicant.
 - (3) Application Forms: Use the designated forms.
 - Prepare the plan section in principle within two pages, and the budget section within one page.
 - For detailed instructions on how to complete the forms, please refer to the comments within the form.
- ※ For projects that are a continuation from the previous fiscal year, please provide details of the achievements from the previous year (including those still in progress) and explain how these results demonstrate continuity from the prior efforts.

7. Review 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.

※ Depending on the language used in the application form, reviewers may use AI translation tools to conduct their review.

- (1) Consistency with the university's policies
- (2) Overall validity of the proposed initiative
- (3) Contribution to the further development of NUGAN as a whole
- (4) Strategy and feasibility for future development (For continuing projects, the achievements from the previous year and their potential for further development.)

8. Notification of Selection Results

The collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University will be notified of the selection results

and the provisional funding amount by email in or after mid-April 2026.

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 through the collaborating researcher at Nagasaki University.

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

10. Submission of Report

- (1) Deadline for submission: March 2027 (the exact date will be announced later)
- (2) Required documents: Report (photos required), copies of research outputs (if applicable), and accounting report
- (3) Submit to: Nagasaki University through the collaborating researcher
- (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 requested above may be used for social media and the Nagasaki University's public relations activities. Therefore, please obtain prior consent from 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.