

Waseda University Innovation Ecosystem Program for Next-Generation AI Pioneering Research (W-SPRING-AI)

【Reserved Hiring】 Application Guidelines

【Eligible Applicants】

Those who are currently enrolled as full-time graduate students at Waseda University as of April 1, 2025, and are scheduled to enroll in the first year of the doctoral program or the third year of the 5-year doctoral program at Waseda University in April 2026.

Note: For more details, see "Application Eligibility". Please note that if any discrepancies are found in the application form or pre-registration form (e.g., the stated academic year or enrollment period differs from the actual one), the support may be retroactively canceled.

Note: If appointed through the reserved hiring system, the formal appointment (and commencement of support) will be made upon enrollment in the first year of the doctoral program or the third year of the 5-year doctoral program. However, the reserved hiring will be revoked if the applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria for support at the time of the formal appointment.

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1. Aims and Outline

Waseda University (hereinafter, "the University") aims to achieve Next-Generation AI Innovation Ecosystem that continues to produce AI innovations across fields, aims to foster doctoral resources who leads research on global AI technologies and applications.

The "Waseda University Innovation Ecosystem Program for Next-Generation AI Pioneering Research (W-SPRING-AI) (hereinafter, "the Program")" provides financial support in terms of both living and research expenses for up to three years to doctoral students who have the ambition and ability to pioneer and lead the Next-Generation AI field, which is designated as a national strategic field in Japan, to help them promote and lead research in this field and become leading scientists. In addition, W-SPRING-AI will provide opportunities for students to acquire advanced expertise and research capabilities in the field of Next-Generation AI through various supports including training contents.

We hope young researcher who receive the Program to become very active in industry and eventually contribute to developing the University into a world-class research university, to the creation of innovations in the field of Next-Generation AI and strengthen Japanese industrial competitiveness.

Moreover, the Program is managed by the "Committee of the Pioneering Research Program for Waseda Open Innovation Ecosystem (W-SPRING Committee)" and "Waseda University Talent Development Team for Next-Generation AI" those are part of the University's Research Enhancement Head Office, with the support of the "Program for Broadening Opportunities for Outstanding young researchers and doctoral students in Strategic areas (BOOST) :Next-Generation AI Human Resource Development Program" conducted by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter, "JST") .

2. Application Eligibility

Applicants must be **willing to promote and lead research in the field of Next-Generation AI and develop into a leading scientist and must be willing to participate in the training content provided by the Program to acquire advanced expertise and research execution skills in the same field.** In addition to this, applicants must meet the following criteria (1) to (6) as well as either (7) or (8).

Please note that students appointed for this system (reserved hiring) are ineligible to apply for reserved hiring to "Pioneering Research Program for a Waseda Open Innovation Ecosystem" (hereinafter, "W-SPRING") separately recruited after April 2025.

(1) Those who currently enrolled as full-time graduate students in the University's master's, professional degree, or 5-year doctoral program as of April 1, 2025, and who are scheduled to advance to the first year of the University's doctoral program or the third year of 5-year doctoral program on April 1, 2026.

* Applications are also accepted from those who plan to enroll in the first year of University's doctoral program on April 1, 2026, utilizing our "5-year Bachelor's and Master's Degree Program" or early completion of the master's program offered by each undergraduate school and graduate school.

The following explains the relationship between D1, D2 and D3 as described in the Application Guidelines and each academic years of the doctoral and 5-year doctoral programs.

	Doctoral program	5-year doctoral program
D1	Year 1	Year 3
D2	Year 2	Year 4
D3	Year 3	Year 5

(2) Applicants are invited from individuals whose current research theme in the Next-Generation AI field (AI and emerging/combined fields in AI) and intend to become a leading scientist who will promote and lead research in this field.

Examples of chief research themes
Next-Generation AI algorithm, Next-Generation AI agent, AGI, Quantum AI, Generative AI, Foundational model/Large language model, AI/Machine learning Engineering, AI security/safety, Human/society/AI alignment, AI sustainability (environmental AI, biological AI green AI etc.), AI digital transformation (language processing AI, image processing AI, media/communication AI, sound/dialogue AI, robot AI etc.) etc.

(3) Applicants who are willing to contribute to the creation of innovation and strengthening of industrial competitiveness in Japan in the future.

(4) Applicants who are willing to take the various training contents listed in the Program.

(5) Applicants must be recommended by their PhD supervisor or a prospective PhD supervisor.

(6) Applicants must have completed research ethics training (APRIN e-learning program (eAPRIN) "Responsible Research Activities") or will complete before the commencement of research expenses.

Note: Details of how to take the program will be announced later.

- (7) Applicants must be Japanese citizenship, special permanent residence, status of residence according to Appended Table II of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, such as permanent resident, long-term resident, spouse or child of Japanese (permanent resident).
- (8) Applicants must be qualified to study in Japan as an "international student" and be a privately funded and formally enrolled in a program.

Those who have been accepted by reserved hiring system will be formally accepted (and support will commence) on April 1, 2026, upon enrollment in the doctoral program. However, reserved hiring acceptance and subsequent support will be revoked for those who meet any of the following criteria after formal acceptance.

- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowship for Young Scientists
- Research Associate, Research Associate for a research project
- W-SPRING students
- Students who are recognized as receiving a *stable income such as salary, director's remuneration from their university or company, at a level sufficient to cover living expenses (2.4 million yen per year).
 - * "Stable income" refers to fixed income such as salary as a full-time employee, remuneration as a director of a venture company, or salary as a part-time lecturer. Income from paid internships, TAs, RAs and part-time jobs, as well as support in the form of research funds, are not included in "stable income".
- International students who are receiving support through the Japanese Government Scholarship Program, including JICA Scholars, or who are receiving financial support such as scholarships from their home country.

Students who are receiving or scheduled to receive scholarship may also apply for this Program. However, depending on the terms of scholarships, there is a possibility that you may be asked to cancel or refund the scholarship you have already received if you are selected for this Program.

(Note 1) Students who are currently receiving or are scheduled to receive scholarships from private organizations, local governments are encouraged to confirm the conditions with the organization in advance.

(Note 2) It is not possible to receive a scholarship (benefit type) from Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) in addition to the Program support.
It is possible to receive a scholarship (loan type) from JASSO in addition to the Program support. However, for category 1 scholarship loan from JASSO recipients since AY2023, who also receive the Program support, are not eligible for recommendation as "candidates for exemption from repayment based on outstanding achievement" in the doctoral program.

(Note 3) If you plan to apply for the "Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in Doctoral Programs" (Internal Scholarship), please read thoroughly the application guidelines, such as income restriction. The application website: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/scholarship/en/doctoral/>

3. Number of Positions and Support Duration

Status when the support starts		Number of Positions	Support Duration (maximum)
Academic Year*	Period of Enrollment		
D1	0.0 year (Enrolled in April 2026)	Approximately 2	From April 1, 2026 To March 31, 2029

*The enrollment period in brackets above applies to a student who has not taken a leave of absence since commencing the doctoral program. If you have questions about how leaves of absence, study abroad, or other factors may affect your enrollment period after enrolling in a doctoral program, please contact us listed in "13. Contact".

*If the student has a period of non-enrollment due to a leave of absence after commencement of support, support will be suspended during that period. However, the support period will not be extended due to the suspension of support.

The support duration end at the conclusion of the standard D3 program. However, if you are employed as JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, an assistant at the University, or otherwise do not meet the criteria for the Program support, the support will be canceled.

As the JST will review the University's situation annually, there may be changes in support duration or payment reduction in the Program period.

4. Research Incentives

The following is the research incentives (living expenses^{*1}, research expenses^{*2}).

Research Incentives
3.9 million yen a year (living expenses 3.0 million yen + research expenses 0.9 million yen)

*1 In fiscal law, "living expenses" is considered "miscellaneous income", meaning that it is subject to income and residence taxation, and must be declared annually. Moreover, as living expenses also affects health insurance, dependent support, and others, make sure to discuss this with supporters (parents, etc.) before applying for the Program.

*2 "Research expenses" are considered public research funds and therefore generally fall under scientific research assistance projects for the purposes of the University procedures. For specific procedures, adhere to the "Research Expenses Execution Manual." However, the use of expenses may be defined separately for this program.

○Research Expenses Execution Manual

<https://waseda-research-portal.jp/en/how-to-use/research-expenses-execution-2/>

(1) Support duration and payout amounts

The following is the support duration and payout amounts. The support duration may also be shortened if support is suspended.

International students who are unable to come to Japan and are engaged in educational or research activities outside of Japan are not eligible to receive the research incentives during the period prior to their arrival in Japan. Upon arrival in Japan, they will be eligible to receive research incentives (living expenses) based on the duration of their stay in Japan, provided that the W-SPRING support is continued. While the research incentives (research expenses) is provided in full as stipulated, but the amount may be reduced depending on the time of arrival date in Japan.

(Start of Support)	Type of Incentives	2026		2027		2028			
		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall		
D1	0.0 year	Living expenses		3.0 million yen		3.0 million yen		3.0 million yen	
		Research expenses		0.9 million yen		0.9 million yen		0.9 million yen	

(2) Payout times for incentives (living expenses, research expenses)

Living expenses	0.25 million yen per month will be paid to the student's personal account registered with the University once a month. Only Japanese bank account are acceptable.
Research expenses	A lump sum of 900,000 yen is distributed once a year.

5. Obligations

- (1) Taking the training contents designated by the Program.
- (2) They are reviewed an interim review conducted at D1 and D2, final review conducted at support end.
- (3) They are strongly recommended to participate in medium-to long-term overseas internships at overseas AI-related research institutions.
- (4) They are recommended to participate in AI-related research with industry-academia collaboration or participating in corporate internships.
- (5) They should write and submit a "Program Progress Report" in a specified format at the end of every academic year. D3 students will make a presentation in the final semester of their support.
- (6) Upon completing their PhD, they should conduct research with a strong orientation toward generating innovation in industry.
- (7) If requested by the University, they should assist the program's PR and research activities as much as possible.
- (8) They should answer various surveys after the end of the Program. The Program is conducted with the support of the JST's "Program for Broadening Opportunities for Outstanding young researchers and doctoral students in Strategic areas (BOOST) Next-generation AI Human Resource Development Program", so we may survey participants' employment for approximately 10 years after the end of the program.
- (9) After attending and passing the research ethics training (eAPRIN) designated by this program, the research expenses must not be used in research malpractice.
- (10) As the research expenses are for the students to conduct independent research, they need to agree to documents that concern the handling of intellectual property, etc.
- (11) There may also be other items stipulated by the University as needed.
- (12) It is recommended to apply for JSPS Research Fellowship (DC2) for 2027. If you are selected as a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists , you will not be eligible for the Program support, and it is recommended that you work as a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists .

* If you are selected as a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists , you will not be able to take any post during the period (e.g., being an officer of a company, organization, or running one's own commercial enterprise, with or without compensation). Please note that if you are considering starting a business.

* The obligations mentioned above apply after the official employment (commencing on April 1, 2026). During the reserved hiring period (from the decision of reserved hiring until March 31, 2026, while enrolled in the master's program at this university), there are no restrictions.

* However, we strongly encourage you to apply for the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists in FY2026 during your reserved hiring period. Furthermore, if you are selected for the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists program in FY2026, you will no longer be eligible for support under this reserved hiring system, and we recommend that you pursue your research as a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists.

6. Suspension and Repayment

Research incentives and other support will be suspended if any of the following apply. Reserved hiring will be revoked for those who meet any of the following (1), (2), (3), (4), (7) or (9) during reserved hiring.

- (1) You are no longer enrolled at the University due to expulsion, etc.
- (2) You are not enrolled at the University for a period of time due to taking a leave of absence. (The support is suspended for the duration of the leave of absence.)
- (3) You are suspended from school as a disciplinary measure.
- (4) You committed research fraud or misused research funds, etc.
- (5) You were deemed to neglect your obligations after registering with the Program.
- (6) Your progress is deemed to be considerably insufficient based on the interim review conducted at D1 and D2, and the end-of-year review of your "program progress report."
- (7) You do not meet the eligibility criteria for application, or you become ineligible after selection.
- (8) When an international student is unable to come to Japan and is conducting educational or research activities outside of Japan. However, this excludes the case where the student is conducting activities overseas based on participation in an overseas internship imposed by this Program.
- (9) You are found to be unsuitable for the Program, aside from (1)-(8) above.

If you have received research incentives despite not being eligible due to causes for support suspension or cancellation, including deletion of your school register due to unpaid tuition fee, you need to repay these incentives to the University any part of the support for which you are not eligible.

7. Taking training contents and other courses

(1) Policy

Students supported by the Program must take the training contents and other courses provided by the Program due to acquire the "expertise" to cover all areas from theory to engineering and application in a cross-disciplinary manner, the "advanced expertise" to capture the direction of remarkable Next-Generation AI technologies and applications, as represented by generative AI, and to pioneer the Next-Generation AI field, and the "deploy ability" to grasp the needs and issues in various fields and create innovative technologies and applications as AI becomes the foundation of society and industry in the future, which are necessary for leading scientists who will pioneer and lead the Next-Generation AI field.

In addition to the required content common to all students, the Program also provides recommended content according to the specialty and current knowledge level of the supported students, who specialize in AI technology and applications, in other fields aiming to lead the Next-Generation AI field, so that aim all students can acquire the necessary knowledge equally through the three years of support.

Depending on each student's career plans, etc., they may also voluntarily take courses related to "Entrepreneurship and communication/presentation skills" set in W-SPRING, which are supported by the JST doctoral support program and conducted at the University in the same way as this Program (Registration for the courses is mandatory, so please refer to "(2) conditions" below to confirm how to do so).

<Table*: The Program's general picture including training contents and other courses>

Required item for supported students					
D3 Fall	Final review				
D3 Spring	To write a paper-Next-generation AI research				
D2 Fall	Programs for career development and training-W-SPRING	AI-related course at Smart SE	Data science certification system courses (Advanced)	Overseas Internships	Interim review 2
D2 Spring			Data science certification system courses (Intermediate)	Team Workshop-Smart SE	Research
D1 Fall			Data science certification system courses (Intermediate)	Practice-Next-generation AI (Summer school, etc.)	Interim review 1
D1 Spring			Data science certification system courses (Intermediate)	Advanced course-Next-generation AI	Research with industry-academia collaboration

*A typical example of students enrolled in Spring. The time of taking the course does not necessarily have to be the above.

(2) Conditions

The training contents in AY2025 are shown in the table below. If there are any changes in the contents from the following academic year onward, we will notify supported students of the changes as appropriate. The students are required to take the "① Required contents" during the period of support.

① Required contents 【All students】

No.	Contents name	Overview	Registration, period, and requirement of taking the courses
1	Advanced course-Next-Generation AI	By taking the courses (non-degree courses) taught by on-campus faculty and external experts, the program aims to help students will acquire thorough mastery of the theory, structure, and prospects of Next-Generation AI.	We will provide Information after the support is decided.
2	Practice-Next-Generation AI	By participating in practices (summer school and other non-degree courses) accredited by the Program, the program aims to help students will acquire thorough knowledge of Next-Generation AI practices.	We will provide Information after the support is decided.
3	Data science certification system courses (Intermediate) *2	By taking the designated graduate student common courses (regular courses), the program aims to bring students to a level where they can apply data science to their own professional research and work (i.e., be able to apply data science to research in their own field of expertise).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the courses on web course registration system during the course registration period for the courses common to all graduate students. • The requirement is to take 3 credits from the intermediate courses of the "Data Science Certification System courses" offered by Global Education Centre. We recommend taking "Intermediate" of the "Data Science Certification System".

②-1 Recommended contents A 【All students】

No.	Contents name	Overview	Registration, period of taking the courses
4	W-SPRING courses*1	By taking the designated graduate student common courses (regular courses), the program aims to help students will acquire entrepreneurship and communication/presentation skills, which are among the competencies that doctoral candidates will need to be active in diverse career paths in the future.	Register for the courses on web course registration system during the course registration period for the courses common to all graduate students
5	Data science certification system courses (Advanced)*2	By taking the designated graduate student common courses (regular courses), the program aims to bring students to a level where they can also make data science their primary career (i.e., use data science in areas outside of their own specialty).	Register for the courses on web course registration system during the course registration period for the courses common to all graduate students

6	Team Workshop-Smart SE* ³	By taking the designated team workshop courses with worker from different fields (non-degree courses), the program aims to help students will acquire knowledge and experience in different fields and emerging/integrated areas.	We will provide Information after the support is decided.
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② -2 Recommended contents B【students who specialize in other fields aiming to lead the Next-Generation AI field】

No.	Contents name	Overview	Registration, period of taking the courses
7	AI-related course at Smart SE* ³	By taking the designated courses (non-degree courses), the program aims to help students will complement basic knowledge for Next-Generation AI.	We will provide Information after the support is decided.

*1 **W-SPRING courses**

Confirm the courses and course registration method from the following.

- Global Education Center (GEC): Course Registration (Refer to “Common Courses among Different Graduate School”)
URL: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/gec/en/graduate/registration/>
- The courses (Global Education Center “Business creation courses”: Refer to page 14)
URL: <https://www.waseda.jp/wspring/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/0515799f1f4db4afe0cade94801c2be0-2.pdf>

*2 **Data science certification system courses**

Confirm the courses and course registration method from the following.

- Global Education Center (GEC): Course Registration (Refer to “Courses Open to Graduate school students”)
URL: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/gec/en/graduate/registration/>
- The courses (Data science certification system: Refer to pages 6)
URL: <https://waseda.app.box.com/s/aw0exl8wsiunq45lguch7n71k3untx9n>
*The Guide is Japanese only. Students may not be allowed to take the advanced course "Comprehensive Exercise for Data Science" due to course enrollment limitations.
*The courses which could be taken in English is currently limited. We will inform the course requirement to students who have difficulty taking courses in Japanese after the selection is decided.

*3 **AI-related course at Smart SE**

Confirm the aim and overview of Smart SE. For details on courses and how to take them, follow the instructions provided separately.

- Smart SE website
URL: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/smartse/en>

8. Participating in overseas internships (strongly recommendation)

(1) Policy

We strongly recommend participating medium-to long-term overseas internships at overseas AI-related research institutions during the period of support for supported student's succeed globally.

You need to consult your supervisor about internship corporates before participating in an internship.

(2) Conditions

Program name	Overview and Requirements
Participating in overseas internships (strongly recommendation)	Report about your internship status in your program progress report if you participate in an internship.

9. Conducting research with industry-academia collaboration or participating in corporate internships (recommendation)

(1) Policy

We recommend conducting AI-related research with industry-academia collaboration or participating in corporate internships for widely succeed in industries, etc.

For corporate internships, we recommend that students make use of the "job-type research internship" program implemented by the government.

*Reference: Job-type research internship outline

① <https://waseda.box.com/s/6ql7t936oz4c1wijqyxqd011j593evvw>

② <https://waseda.box.com/s/nx3iplgj4lcz1zprmsthsny7mpzzgpn>

(2) Conditions

Program name	Overview and Requirements
Conducting AI-related research with industry-academia collaboration or participating in corporate internships	Report about your internship status in your program progress report if you participate in an internship.

10. Program Progress Report

(1) Submitting the Program Progress Report

You complete the Program Progress Report once a year by submitting the following documents.

- Submission Documents

- ① Program Progress Report

- ② Documents related to ① (transcripts, the documents showing participation in research with industry-academia collaboration, overseas internships and corporate internships, etc.)

- Submission Deadlines (tentative)

Submit the above-mentioned documents by the following deadlines.

For April entrants: March 15 in the year after the support year.

For September entrants: September 15 in the year after the support year.

(2) Program Results Presentation

D3 students will have a presentation in their last semester of support (tentative).

(3) Interim Review and Final Review

The Interim Review at the end of D1 and D2 and the Final Review at the end of D3 will be conducted to provide research guidance from researchers and practitioners of the Waseda Next-Generation AI human resource development team (other than supervisors in your laboratories). It aims to ensure the advanced and cross-disciplinary of Next-Generation AI at the global level, depending on the research content and progress of students supported under this Program.

11. Application Procedure

Before submitting your application documents

If you are applying, register your information using the form below.

Registration Form : <https://bit.ly/3PJ8Lha>

Registration Period : From 9 AM, Thursday, January 30, 2025 to 5 PM, Monday, February 10, 2025

AFTER registering in advance, follow the procedure below.

(1) Application Period

From 9 AM, Thursday, January 30, 2025 to 12 PM (noon), Thursday, February 13, 2025

(2) Application Form

- Download the documents from the following website.

URL (Japanese): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/wspring-ai>

URL (English): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/en/wspring-ai>

Applicants must consult with their current supervisor prior to applying and obtain their approval. In addition, a Reference Letter from current supervisor is required. Please request that your current supervisor prepare and submit the Reference Letter well in advance.

- The applicant's current supervisor shall prepare a Reference Letter in accordance with the following items listed in the letter.
 - A research progress of the applicant and a mentorship plan for the Next-Generation AI research field with advancing to a doctoral program.
 - Guidance on overseas internships, industry-academia collaborative research, or corporate internships within this program, which are recommended
 - Based on the Program's purpose of becoming leading scientists who will drive innovation and promote, lead AI research in Japan, what is the expectations for applicant upon completion of a doctoral program

(3) Application Procedure

【For applicants】

- Complete the application on the following website and attach the "Application Form" in PDF format.
 - URL (Japanese): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/wspring-ai>
 - URL (English): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/en/wspring-ai>

- Make sure to name the files as follows.

Application Form: **Academic Year_Waseda ID_Family name, First name**

e.g.: M2_99999999_Waseda Taro.pdf

The academic year(as April 1 2025) should be written as follows:

Academic year	Master's Degree	5-year doctoral program
	Professional Degree	
M2	Year2	Year 2
M1	Year 1	Year 1

【For supervisors】

- Complete the application on the following website and attach the "Reference Letter" in PDF format.

URL (Japanese): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/wspring-ai>

URL (English): <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/research/en/wspring-ai>

- Make sure to name the files as follows.

Reference Letter: **Student's Academic year(as of April 1,2025)_Student's ID_Student's Name_Supervisor's Name**

e.g.: M2_99999999_Waseda Taro_Okuma Taro.pdf

The academic year(as April 1 2025) should be written as follows:

Academic year	Master's Degree	5-year doctoral program
	Professional Degree	
M2	Year2	Year 2
M1	Year 1	Year 1

(4) Precautions

- **Be sure to follow the prescribed amount and instructions.**
- You cannot change the application documents once submitted. Applications will be processed as submitted, even if the documents are missing or incomplete. Submitted application documents will not be returned.
- The personal information collected at the time of application (address, name, birthdate, etc.) will only be used for reviewing applications, announcing the successful applicants, registration procedures, and any associated tasks. In doing so, we will take necessary and appropriate measures to prevent any leakage, loss or misuse of such information. We may also outsource all or part of the procedures. In such case, we will require the other party to manage the information as necessary and appropriate through an agreement.
- In the document review and interview, describe and make a presentation in an easy-to-understand manner since the interviewers will be from diverse fields of expertise.

(5) Inquiries

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact us using the following inquiry form.

Inquiry Form URL: <https://bit.ly/4cPGEr3>

12. Selection

(1) Selection Process

The selection process is conducted based on a comprehensive evaluation of the two stages of document review and interview (via Zoom). The interview will be conducted with applicants who have passed the document review.

Each interview will be conducted individually for 6 minutes long. Punctuality is essential. Prepare materials (e.g., PowerPoint) to explain the following points within the time limit. can be completed within the time allotted.

- To clarify the definition and positioning of Next-Generation AI in your research
- Social significance of the research
- Future plans
- Research methods and schedule
- Characteristics, originality, and challenge of the research
- Progressiveness as Next-Generation AI research and prospects for deployment in society and various fields

If you submit your application documents in English, the interview will be conducted in English.

(2) Schedule

	Period	Remarks
Registration	From 9:00, January 30 (Thu.) to 17:00, February 10 (Mon.), 2025	Applicants required to register before applying.
Application	From 9:00, January 30 (Thu.) to 12:00 (noon), February 13 (Thu.), 2025	-
Document Review	Middle of February, 2025	We will notify applicants of the result of the document review and the date of the interview by email on the following date: February 25 (Tue.) or 26 (Wed.), 2025
Interview (Zoom)	February 28 (Fri.), 2025 14:00-17:00	We will notify applicants of the result of the interview by email on the following date: After March 21 (Fri.), 2025 * The date at above may be changed. * No changes to the scheduled interview date and time will be accepted, regardless of the reason. * The interview will be recorded for review purpose.
Registration Process & Submission of Oath	Late March 2025	For those who do not pass the interview may be offered a position as an alternate candidate. Details including deadlines will be announced separately.
Start of Support	April 1 (Wed.), 2026 (tentative)	Start of research expenses utilization. *Orders can be started.
	End of April 2026 (tentative)	Remittance of living expenses for April. Execution of research expenses will start.

13. Contact

W-SPRING-AI Committee Secretariat

URL: <https://bit.ly/4cPGEr3>