

**Application Guidelines for  
Special (Young) Research Fellows in ‘Leading-Edge Urban Studies’,  
Osaka City University  
(August 2019)**

Urban Research Plaza (URP), Osaka City University is seeking to appoint a number of qualified researchers as ‘Special (Young) Research Fellows in Leading-Edge Urban Studies’, aiming at supporting proactive and global standard research activities by young researchers in continuation with URP’s previous Global COE activities according to the terms below.

**1. Research activities**

- 1) The Special (Young) Research Fellows in ‘Leading-Edge Urban Studies’ will carry out an independent research on a topic closely connected to the ‘Host Research Projects’, under the guidance of one of the ‘Host Researchers’, who chair or participate in the projects and are affiliated with URP ‘Platform for Leading-Edge Urban Studies’. Applicants should consult the appendix to write their application.
- 2) The tenure is one year, starts on Oct. 1st, 2019 and expires on Sep. 30th, 2020. Applicants are required to design their research plan that will be completed in this period.
- 3) Appointed as Special (Young) Research Fellows in ‘Leading-Edge Urban Studies’, they must make research presentations at meetings held by URP for a joint review, and are also expected to actively take part in planning and running other seminars or workshops conducted by the Platform for Leading-Edge Urban Studies.
- 4) Appointees will be supplied with research funds; the amount will be assessed every fiscal year in accordance with their one-year research plans. However, the maximum is 200 thousand yens for the first half of the tenure that belongs to fiscal year 2019. The amount for the second half will be assessed again likewise at the end of Mar. 2020, when the URP budget for the fiscal year 2020 will be almost approved. It must be noted that the fiscal year changes at the end of March or the beginning of April, and that the fund cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- 5) Research funds are disbursed according to the rules of the university. A single travel expense must be covered with a single research fund.
- 6) “Research and budget result reports” must be submitted at the both ends of Mar. 2020 and Sep. 2020.

**2. Requirements for application**

- 1) Applicants must be researchers who are able to be devoted to research activities (i.e. have no duty to concentrate on their jobs in other organizations) and come under one of the following three categories: i) Being enrolled in doctoral course, ii) Having completed doctorate coursework and presently working on the doctoral thesis, and iii) Having obtained doctorate.
- 2) Each applicant must choose only one ‘Host Researcher’ from the appendix, and receive their consent in writing with the form prescribed.
- 3) A letter of recommendation from the present supervisor of the applicant is also required. The ‘Host Researcher’ and the supervisor may be identical.
- 4) Those who have ever appointed as Special (Young) Research Fellows in Leading-Edge Urban Studies before are not qualified this time.

### 3. Application Procedure

- 1) Requisite documents (Use prescribed forms):
  - a. Special (Young) Research Fellows in ‘Leading-Edge Urban Studies’ Application
  - b. Letter of recommendation from the present supervisor
  - c. Written consent to acceptance from the selected ‘Host Researcher’
- 2) Submission period: July 24 (Wed.) – Aug. 7 (Wed.), 2019, 5:00 P.M. (deadline)
- 3) Mailing Address (By mail or personal delivery only): See ‘Address for Inquiries and Submitting Application Forms’ below.

### 4. Selection Process

Applications will be screened by the URP Special Researchers Screening Committee in two stages: 1) Screening of the application forms, and 2) an oral interview.

Regarding the first stage, acceptance or rejection will be sent out on August 9, 2019 (Fri.). Successful candidates will be notified of the details.

The oral interviews will be conducted at Osaka City University's Sugimoto Campus on August 21, 2019 (Wed.). If any difficulty due to residing in a distant place, please give us previous notice. Acceptance or rejection will be sent out by mail on August 23 (Fri.).

### 5. Next Planned Call for Applications

Next applications are scheduled for April 2020 (details to be announced in January 2020).

### 6. Address for Inquiries and Submitting Application Forms

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### Appendix: List of ‘Host Research Projects’ and ‘Host Researchers’ joining in

No.	Host Research Project	Possible Host Researcher
1	A new development in urban ecology: inclusion of biodiversity and cultural communication	OKANO Hiroshi
2	Transformation in the modern capitalism and cities	TATEMI Junya
3	Urban policies, administration and finance in super-aging and depopulating societies	ABE Masaki
4	Dialogue between East Asian cities toward recognition to cultural diversity and social inclusion	JEON Hong-gyu, NOMURA Yasuyo
5	A holistic study on formulation of tolerant urbanism	MIZUUCHI Toshio
6	A study on early-modern local social history: the City of Osaka and Izumi area	TSUKADA Takashi
7	Multi ethnic (cultural) symbiosis society and socially inclusive arts management	NAKAGAWA Shin
8	(Not open for applicants)	
9	(Not open for applicants)	
10	Invention of a model of support to disabled people aiming at revitalization of multigenerational regional communities	UCHIDA Takashi
11	Revitalization of cities in a resilient way with the utilization of architectural stock: a study of row houses in Osaka and modern architecture	FUJITA Shinobu, KANA Koichi
12	A study on the art of residence and community development addressing disasters and dysfunction in a resilient ways	YOKOYAMA Shunsuke