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Application Guidelines for the Next Generation Tatara Scholarship Programmes

- ① Scholarship to support research activities
- ② Scholarship to support travel for training

At Shimane University, we have been participating in the Cabinet Office's Project for Subsidising Regional Universities/Regional Industry Creation, called the "Creation of a Global Base for Advanced Metal Materials – Next Generation TATARA Project". Our aim is to foster specialised human resources in advanced materials through world-leading research.

The Next Generation Tatara Scholarship is funded by donations from local people and is intended to provide financial support for students participating in the Tatara project. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to develop their research skills and secure opportunities to present their research achievements. Why not take the first step towards becoming an independent researcher by applying for one of these scholarships? We look forward to receiving your applications.

“Next Generation Tatara Scholarships” is consisted with 2 scholarship programs; ①Scholarship to support research activities, and ②Scholarship to support travel for training. However, please note that ①and ② cannot be provided at the same time. For FY2025, applications for the ②Scholarship to support travel for training are strongly recommended.

1. Conditions to apply (Qualifications) Common to ①and②.

Students who satisfy all of the following conditions are eligible to apply for these scholarship programmes.

- (1) Full-time degree students who belonging to the undergraduate or graduate school at Shimane University.
- (2) Students who actively participate in material research related to the Next Generation Tatara project, conducted in cooperation with Shimane University and

the Shimane Prefectural Government, and who actively participate in the project's research and educational activities.

(Notes) "Students who actively participate in material research related to the Next Generation Tatara project and actively participate in the project's research and education activities" means the students who are applicable to one of the following conditions;

- (a) Students conducting research activities related to the Next Generation Tatara Project under the guidance of a professor or concurrent professor at the Next Generation Tatara Co-Creation Centre (NEXTA).
- (b) Students who have been recognised for their active participation in other education and research activities conducted by NEXTA, such as the NEXTA Forum.
- (3) Students who are willing to work for companies in Shimane Prefecture after earning degrees at Shimane University and contribute to the technical development of the local industry.
- (4) Students who are determined and highly motivated to continue their research and improve their abilities.

2. Details of scholarship programmes

① Scholarship to support research activities

★ The use of the scholarship

The use of the Scholarship to support research activities will be limited to one of the followings.

- (1) The expenses incurred in conducting research activities as an independent researcher in the Next Generation Tatara Project.
- (2) The expenses incurred in publishing research papers for the Next Generation Tatara Project, **travel expenses to attend conferences in Japan** and other expenses incurred in presenting research achievements.

★ The number of scholarship slots/ the amount of the scholarships

- (1) The number of scholarships available; Maximum 3 people
- (2) The amount of the scholarship; 100,000 yen

★Other points to note

The scholarship may only be funded once during their undergraduate studies and once during their graduate studies. Additionally, it will not be funded at the same time as other scholarships, such as the “②Scholarship to support travel for trainings”, the “Dream Challenge Scholarship”, the “Scholarship to encourage settlement within the prefecture “or the “Scholarship concerning presentations at conferences for graduate school students by the support fund”.

②Scholarship to support travel for trainings

★The use of the scholarship

The use of the scholarship to support travel for trainings will be limited to the following matter;

- (1) The travel expenses to attend international conferences or academic societies overseas concerning the Next Generation Tatara Project, and other expenses incurred in presenting research achievements.

★The number of scholarship slots/ the amount of the scholarships

- (1) The number of scholarships available: a maximum of 15 people
- (2) The scholarship amount: 250,000 yen for those going to Western countries, and 150,000 yen for those going to Asian countries.

★Other points to note

The Scholarship to support travel for trainings will be funded only once for each student during enrollment. Additionally, it will not be funded at the same time as other scholarships such as the “①Scholarship to support research activities”, “Dream challenge scholarship”, “Global challenge scholarship”, as well as the “Scholarship concerning presentations at conferences for graduate school students by the support fund”.

3. Application period and where to submit applications

- (1) Application period: Wednesday 25 June to Friday 25 July.
- (2) Where to submit applications: the office on the first floor of the NEXTA building.

4. Notification of screening results

The screening results are expected to be announced at the end of July and beginning of August.

5. Matters to be requested for the scholarship students

- (1) To submit the report for the Next Generation Tatara Scholarship (Format No.3) by the end of January.
- (2) To contribute to article writing regarding scholarships for each kind of PR materials or brochures, and to contribute to the PR activities by the support fund.
- (3) To participate actively in events and internships offered by the local companies such as internships, company visit event or NEXTA Forums.

6. Other points to note

If it applies to one of the following points, the payment may be cancelled or the scholarship student may be asked to reimburse , if the payment has been already made.

- In case the concerned student has dropped out or changed the Universities.
- In case the concerned student has received disciplinary action.
- In case it turned out that the application contained false information therefore the concerned student is not eligible for the scholarship.
- In case the concerned student does not submit the report for the Next Generation Tatara Scholarship (Format No.3) after receiving the payment.

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