

Guidelines of Application on ArCS II Support for Early Career Participants in International Symposiums

1. Purpose

The Arctic Challenge for Sustainability II (ArCS II) project supports participation in international symposiums to promote mutual exchange between Early Career Scientists in Japan and overseas including indigenous researchers and to foster Early Career Scientists involved in Arctic research by taking advantage of opportunities such as international symposiums to be held in Japan.

< Arctic Challenge for Sustainability II project (ArCS II) www.nipr.ac.jp/arcs2/e/>

The Arctic Challenge for Sustainability II (ArCS II) is a national flagship project for Arctic research. The project will take place over approximately four and a half years, from June 2020 to March 2025, primarily through the collaboration of three institutions: the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), and Hokkaido University.

<Project Goals>

“Towards the realization of a sustainable society, we promote advanced research to understand the current status and process of environmental changes in the Arctic and to improve meteorological and climate prediction in order to assess the impact of rapid environmental changes in the Arctic on human society, including Japan, as well as to implement the results of this research into society. We also provide domestic and international stakeholders with our scientific knowledge that will be a basis for legal and policy for the formation of international rules in the Arctic.

<Four Strategic Goals>

Strategic Goal 1: Advanced Observation of Arctic Environmental Change

Strategic Goal 2: Improvement of Weather and Climate Prediction

Strategic Goal 3: Impact of Arctic Environmental Change on Society

Strategic Goal 4: Legal/Policy Response and Research Implementation for a Sustainable Arctic

2. Target Symposium

Seventh International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-7) <https://www.jcar.org/isar-7/>

- Dates : March 6-10, 2023
 - Venue : National Institute of Polar Research (10-3, Midori-cho, Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo 190-8518, JAPAN)
- Access Information <https://www.nipr.ac.jp/english/outline/summary/access.html>

3. Grants

- ✓ Travel expenses (Your home⇔Symposium Venue)
- ✓ Accommodation and Daily Allowance (shall be paid based on the travel expense regulations of the Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS)*)
- ✓ Abstract Submission Fee (JPY 5,000)

Important notes: Registration fees will be waived for “Early Bird” registration (register via ISAR-7 official website by December 19, 2022). Please note that applicants must complete their registration within that period otherwise they have to pay the fee on their own. (“Late” registration: JPY 10,000)

*<https://www.rois.ac.jp/en/index.html>

4. Eligibility for Application/Number of Awardees

【Eligibility for Application】

Applicants must:

- ✓ Be Early Career Scientists (ECS):
Those who are graduate students or researchers affiliated with a university or other research institution and who obtained their Doctoral/Master’s degree less than 5 years ago as of October 1st, 2022
- ✓ Have completed abstract submission for ISAR-7 at the time of application and accepted during the review period (both oral and poster presentations are acceptable).
- ✓ Have completed registration in “Early Bird” by December 19, 2022.
- ✓ Be able to participate on-site for the entire ISAR-7 symposium (Online participation in in-person sessions is not permitted)
* Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously been awarded in other ArCS II Priority Subject (1) Call for Proposals programs.

【Number of Awardees】

Overseas: 1-2 awardees (In case of similar level of applications, preference will be given to indigenous applicants)

Domestic: About 5 awardees

*Number of awardees shall be adjusted based on the individual situation.

5. Application Documents

- (1) Application Form “ArCS II_Support for Early Career Participants in International Symposiums_Form1_Application Form” (Convert MS Word to Adobe PDF at the time of submission)
- (2) Copy of submitted abstract to ISAR-7 (PDF)
- (3) Copy of ECS (Early Career Scientists) Certificate *Certificate of degree, Certificate of enrollment (PDF)
- (4) Copy of ISAR-7 Abstract Acceptance Notification (PDF)

To be submitted within 3 business days of receipt in late November or early December 2022.

6. Application Period/Document Submission

Application Period: October 3, 2022 – 5 p.m. November 18, 2022 (JST)

Document Submission:

Submit application documents (1) through (3) within the above period by e-mail to the ArCS II Secretariat (See “11. Contact”). Applicants are also required to submit (4) copy Abstract Acceptance Notification (PDF) to the ArCS II Secretariat within three business days after receiving the Abstract Accept Notification from the ISAR-7

Secretariat. In case of the abstract is rejected, the application is automatically rejected at the same time.

7. Selection Results

ArCS II Secretariat will notify you of the acceptance or rejection of your application by e-mail to the e-mail address indicated on the application form in early December, 2022

8. What We Expect for Awardees

- Participation in sessions and side events of ISAR-7 symposium to promote interaction among ECS (Early Career Scientists)
- Voluntary cooperation (Timekeeping, etc.) in sessions which you will participate

9. Important Notes

- The visa application to enter Japan shall be made by the awardee at the nearest Japanese diplomatic offices overseas.
- The inviter in Japan shall be the Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS).
- When the awardee arrives in Japan from overseas, their stay in principle shall be for the sole purpose of participating in ISAR-7 symposium, in accordance with the rules based on the Japan's Border Measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. Therefore, expenses associated with travel and lodging NOT related to participation in ISAR-7 symposium and related events designated by the ArCS II Secretariat (e.g., Travel expenses for research meetings at other institutions in Japan) are not eligible for support. However, since it is difficult to divide the required documents for Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS)* and visa application procedures to enter Japan for the awardee's stay into separate periods during a single stay in Japan, the ROIS may consider supporting ERFS and visa applications for a whole period that includes travel not related to ISAR-7 symposium.

*The inviter in Japan (ROIS) register ERFS for awardee's entrance in Japan. ArCS II Secretariat will send "Certificate for Completion of Registration" for awardee's visa application procedure.

10. Handling of personal information

The personal information contained in the application documents will be strictly controlled and will not be used for any purpose other than those listed below, except when required by law and ordinances.

- 1) Review by the Review Committee based on application documents and notification of results
- 2) If an applicant is selected as an awardee, the name, position, and organization/school of the awardee will be published on the ArCS II website* and in publications such as the public relations bulletins.

*<https://www.nipr.ac.jp/arcs2/> (English site) <https://www.nipr.ac.jp/arcs2/e/>

11. Contact

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