

Invitation to Fellowship Program for Young Female Researchers in Asia-Pacific Countries (“Athena Program”)

1. OUTLINE OF FELLOWSHIP

This program is intended to invite young female researchers to KEK from Asia-Pacific countries to provide opportunities for cooperative research with leading research groups in Japan.

2. APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

(1) Invited-Fellow Candidate Eligibility

Young or mid-career female researcher including graduate student in Asia-Pacific countries

(2) Duration and Fellowship Period

Duration of Fellowship: Within approximately 21 days

Termination for research activity in Japan: March 31, 2024

(3) The number of Fellowship Awarded

2~3 persons

(4) Your cooperation for a follow-up survey is required

Athena Program is supported by International and Inter-Institution Network for Accelerator Science to Next Generation (IINAS-NX) operated by KEK. In order to evaluate the results of the IINAS-NX program, IINAS-NX will request your cooperation for a follow-up survey. Also please be noted that your name and email address may be provided to a system vender for performing the follow-up survey.

More information about follow up survey is available at: [“ORCID”](#).

3. EXPENSES FOR FELLOW

(1) Airfare

A round-trip airfare based on KEK’s regulations

(2) Maintenance Allowance

Category	Daily allowance	Lodging charges
Graduate Student	¥1,700	¥4,000
Coequal status of assistant professor	¥2,200	¥5,000

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PROGRAM

(1) Material to be submitted

The application should be submitted from a host scientist in KEK. The host scientist is required to prepare “Application Form for Athena Program” and submit it to the Gender Equality Office.

(2) Application Period

The application should be submitted by June 16, 2023.

(3) Selection Process and Notification of Results

Selection is carried out by the selection committee for "Athena Program" shortly after the application deadline. The result will be notified to the applicant promptly.

5. ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

The host scientist has to handle procedures for provision of traveling expenses as below.

(1) Procedure for provision of traveling expenses

To provide the traveling expenses during fellow's stay, please submit "Acceptance Schedule (using separately prescribed format)" with a receipt of the airfare or a copy of an airline ticket to the Gender Equality Office by 3 weeks before the commencement.

When submission on required documents is behind schedule, the traveling expenses may not be paid during the stay.

(2) Schedule Change

In case of any changes in schedule (acceptance periods and domestic business trips, etc.), please contact the Gender Equality Office promptly.

6. RESEARCH REPORT

The fellow must submit "Research Activity Report (using a separately prescribed format)" and the journal papers to Gender Equality Office via the host scientist.

7. Notes

(1) If an associated domestic business trip is being planned, please indicate it on "Application Form".

(2) The period of the research at KEK should be longer than a half of the length of the stay in Japan.

(3) Please provide the fellow with information about the expenses provided by KEK.