

**FY2023 IROAST Visiting Professor and Visiting Associate Professor
Invitation Program Application Guidelines**

Kumamoto University, through ever sharper world-class, cutting-edge research that reflects its character and strength, aims to lead the way in strengthening the functions of the university as a whole while developing next-generation areas of research.

By transcending departmental borders to bring outstanding human resources together from around Japan and the world, the International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology (IROAST) not only promotes international joint research and interdisciplinary research but also trains leaders capable of advancing cutting-edge research systematically in order to further promote world-class research at Kumamoto University.

To achieve these objectives, we invite applications as follows.

1. Purpose:

The program aims to support proposals that strengthen international research capabilities in science and technology at Kumamoto University by inviting world-class visiting faculty from world-leading universities and research institutes for international seminars and symposiums, international joint research and interdisciplinary research, and so on.

2. Eligibility:

The program supports invitation-related travel expenses for persons granted the designation of visiting faculty at IROAST (**in one of the major research areas [1]**). In keeping with IROAST's objectives, priority will be given to proposals with quantifiable results.

Eligible Proposals:

- (1) International seminar or symposium (Mandatory)
- (2) International joint research resulting in an international co-authored paper
- (3) Promotion of academic and student exchanges between our university and the universities and/or research institutes where you collaborate.
- (4) Other proposals that contribute to the globalization of research in science and technology (ex. Application for international exchange program etc.)

[1] Major Research Areas for well-being society

1) Human-friendly Technologies

Biotechnology & Healthcare technology, Environmental-friendly technology, Environmental bioscience and so on.

2) Strengthening Resilience

Social infrastructure, safe and secure society, disaster prevention and mitigation.

3) Advanced Materials

4) Data Science and AI

3. Applicants:

Faculty members who is host the visiting professors at IROAST are eligible to apply.

4. Travel Expense Eligibility, Period of Support, and Amount of Support

- (1) Travel expense eligibility: Visiting professors and visiting associate professors at IROAST.
- (2) Period of support: Reviewed based on application
- (3) Amount of support: Reviewed based on application (maximum approx. ¥400,000 per applicant)
Support covers the following expenses. However, any expenses during the stay in excess of the above maximums will be the responsibility of the applicant. Also note that IROAST does not pay honorariums for talks by invited faculty or banquet fees.
- (4) The invitees must arrive home country by 29th February, 2024.

5. Application Procedures

The following documents must be submitted no later than the submission deadline below.

- (1) Application Form (Form 1)
- (2) Estimated Expenses (no specific form)
- (3) Important correspondence (emails are also acceptable) exchanged with the person being invited (visiting (associate) professors)

Call	Application Period	Submission Deadline
1st	April, 2023 (closed)	Friday, June 16, 2023
2nd	August, 2023(closed)	Monday, September 25, 2023
3rd	December, 2023	Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6. Selection

Decisions will be made by the IROAST director and vice director based on their review of the applications. Notification of selection results will normally be made promptly according to the time of the invitation.

7. Report

The visiting faculty member invited through this program and the host faculty member must submit a report (Form 2) within one month after its completion.

Who to contact for more information: International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology (IROAST) Section, Administrative Division of Science and Technology

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