

Overseas Research Grant 2025

Nippon Sheet Glass Foundation for Materials Science and Engineering

Our History

Nippon Sheet Glass Foundation for Materials Science and Engineering (NSG Foundation) was established in 1979 for celebrating the 60th anniversary of Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd. Main activity of NSG Foundation is to offer the research grant to the research on inorganic materials which is carried out in universities. Funds for the research grant is supplied by the interest of NSG Foundation's assets and annual donation given by Nippon Sheet Glass and other companies. Since 1979 NSG Foundation has granted the total sum of 1,877 million yen to 1,485 research projects in Japan. NSG Foundation started the overseas research grant to researchers in Malaysia in 1992 and to Vietnam in 2006. The total amount of the overseas research grant exceeded 1,115 thousand US dollars to 187 research projects. NSG Foundation will provide the overseas research grants for universities continuously in 2025.

1. Scope

As a general principle, any research project on **Science and Technology of Inorganic Materials** is covered. Fundamental and applied researches on amorphous and crystalline solid materials **including inorganic-organic hybrid technologies** are typical subjects for the research grant.

2. Amount of Grants

An amount of **US\$2,000~6,000** is provided for one research project with the term of 12 to 24 months (from January, 2025 through December, 2025 -- December, 2026).

3. Applications

Each applicant is requested to describe the proposal in English using "Application for Research Grant" form of **4 pages**, and **send its hardcopy to NSG Foundation until September 30, 2024 that is the DATE OF RECEIVABLE**. It is also requested to append a recommendation letter signed by Chancellor (or Deputy Chancellor in charge of academy affairs), a copy of curriculum vitae of the applicant, **5 pages in maximum**. The maximum number of reprints of representative research papers that can be attached is five, but **full pages are allowed only for two papers. Only first page can be attached for another three papers.** **Please pay attention that pages exceed the page limitation will NOT be sent to Evaluation Committee.** CVs of co-researchers are NOT required. It is also requested to send "Applicant_Info.xls" by e-mail, which can be downloaded from our homepage.

After receiving both **hardcopies of the Application Form, the recommendation letter, the CV, and the reprints of the papers** and **"Applicant_Info.xls" sent by e-mail**, application number will be sent to applicant within three working days as confirmation of the acceptance.

4. Selection and Presentation

Evaluation Committee Meeting of NSG Foundation is to be held in December, 2024 in Tokyo to select the research grant items. Based on the selection by Evaluation Committee, NSG Foundation will decide the research grant items to be granted after the meeting. The research grant fund will be presented until January, 2025, so that the granted research will be able to start early in 2025.

Note that the researchers who received this research grant after 2022 are ineligible to apply for the overseas research grant this year.

5. Requirements and Notice

- ① It should be agreed that the grant is made only for the research written in the proposed document. The granted fund should not be used for other purposes.
- ② A report written in English must be submitted to NSG Foundation within six months after the end of research term.
- ③ The report has to contain a technical report on the research results (within 10 pages of A4 size paper) and a financial statement on the expenses incurred.
- ④ The report will be published in NSG-F home page.

6. Evaluation Committee Members

Chairman

Takashi Goto (Professor Emeritus, Tohoku University, Professor, Nagaoka University of Technology)

Members

Hideo Hosono (Honorary Professor, Director of Materials Research Center for Element Strategy,
Tokyo Institute of Technology)

Shizuo Fujita (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)

Tetsuya Mizumoto (Director, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

Hiroyuki Inoue (Professor, The University of Tokyo)

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