

TRAVEL GRANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MIRAI 2.0 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WEEK I JAPAN, NOVEMBER 2022

In 2017, Intsam was established as a coordinating group for Swedish governmental research funding bodies¹. This group was created to strengthen and coordinate research and innovation funding efforts, specifically focusing on countries outside of Europe.

Intsam now provides an opportunity to apply for travel grants to participate in [MIRAI 2.0 Research and Innovation Week](#) in Fukuoka, Japan on November 15-18, 2022. MIRAI 2.0 is a collaboration between 20 Swedish and Japanese universities aiming to strengthen the relationship between Sweden and Japan within research, education and innovation. The thematic focus areas of the conference are Ageing, Sustainability, Materials science, Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Participation can be combined with other activities planned in connection to the conference such as delegation visits in Tokyo and Fukuoka.

Eligibility

The call is open for employees at Swedish universities, businesses, or public sector organizations who would like to participate in the conference and collaborate with partners in Japan

Funding: Maximum grant is SEK 25.000

The grant may be used to cover actual costs for travel (economy-class airfare and local transportation to/from airport) and accommodation.

Application

Application should be submitted no later than September 1st through this online form:

<https://sUNET.artologik.net/gu/Survey/17940>

Review criteria and selection

Applications are evaluated in two parallel tracks: one for applications from academia and one for applications from businesses and public sector organizations. We welcome one or two applicants per company/ public sector organization. For applications from academia there is no restriction in the number of applicants per higher education institution.

Applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- 1) The potential that the trip will contribute to the applicant's research/project/business through strengthening existing, or establishing new networks or contacts for future Sweden-Japanese collaborations within the fields of:
 - Ageing
 - Materials science
 - Sustainability
 - AI
 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- 2) Potential for the applicant and its research/project to contribute to the thematic focus of the conference and/or to the [objectives of MIRAI 2.0](#)

¹ Vinnova, Forte, Formas, the Swedish Research Council and the Swedish Energy Agency, and the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) as observateur

In the selection of applicants from academia, doctoral students and early career researchers² will be prioritized. Applicants from small and medium sized companies will be prioritized in the selection of applications from businesses and public sector organizations. Priority will also be given to projects awarded funding in the 2021 [Intsam Call for funding applications – academia/industry collaborations](#) (max one participant per project)

Gender balance and balance between thematic areas and institutional/organizational affiliation will be considered in the selection process.

Date of decision is September 26, 2022. It is not possible to appeal against the decision of funding.

Requirements for funded applications

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic airline tickets and accommodation must be refundable.

Approved applicants from businesses/ public sector organizations must:

- Submit start report and final report through the Vinnova application portal

Approved applicants from academia must:

- Submit a short travel report and a financial report verifying the expenses by email to the University of Gothenburg mirai@gu.se

Important dates 2022

Vinnova information meeting: May 24

Application opens: June 1

Last day of application: September 1

Date of decision: September 26

Planned activities in Japan, November 13-18, 2022

- Reception at the Embassy of Sweden in Tokyo
- Delegation visits in Tokyo and Fukuoka
- MIRAI 2.0 Research and Innovation Week in Fukuoka: November 15-18

Who reads your application?

Applications from academia will be assessed by a review group with representatives from the Swedish Research Council, MIRAI 2.0 and others.

Applications from businesses/ public sector organizations will be assessed by a review group with representatives from Vinnova, Association of Swedish Engineering Industries, Hitachi Power Grids, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering and the Embassy of Japan in Sweden.

Submitted applications are considered official documents subject to the principle of public access to information.

² i.e researchers who got their PhD degree less than 7 years ago.