

## **Luleå University of Technology's Proposals for STINT Work Package ECR: Longer-term mobility for PhD students and Early Career Researchers – Call 2**

Luleå University of Technology (LTU) is set to participate in the STINT Work Package ECR: Longer-term mobility for PhD students and Early Career Researchers. This is an opportunity for LTU to send out candidates for a longer-term mobility to Japan, but also to receive incoming Japanese candidates from our MIRAI partners to further our joint research and education endeavours. In the second call, LTU plans to send **one** PhD candidates/ ECRs and receive **one** Japanese candidates.

### **Outgoing mobility from LTU**

Eligible candidates at LTU:

- Early career researchers are defined as those currently registered as doctoral students, or who have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later
- The duration of stay should be 5 months (not shorter). The grant amount is calculated on the 5 months duration, and whilst it is possible to stay longer, this will not impact the provided grant amount. Maximum duration is 18 months.

Calculation of the stipend (maximum budget (including possible additional amounts for family members)– the division inside the budget is flexible and will be tailored specifically to the individual's case):

- Max monthly maintenance allowance of SEK 10 000 (\*5) per outgoing ECR = 50 000kr (SEK 6205 per month (2024) is guaranteed per outgoing ECR)
- Max research support allowance of SEK 5 000 (\*5) per outgoing ECR = 25 000kr (where applicable)
- Max Air travel per outgoing ECR = 30 000kr

Total maximum stipend amount for outgoing ECRs: SEK**105 000\***

**\*since this is second call, the amount is likely to be lower**

Conditions:

- The LTU candidate should be employed by LTU during the whole duration of stay in Japan
- The LTU candidate should continue to receive their salary (without any deductions) from LTU during the whole duration of stay in Japan

- The LTU Candidate is to take a full leave of absence without pay for the whole duration of the stay in Japan – the salary of the candidate is to be transferred to the URA-agreement instead
- Upon completion of their stay in Japan, the LTU candidate should duly return home to Sweden. No travel report in Primula is to be made upon arrival from travels. The monthly maintenance allowance provided in the stipend (as mentioned in the URA agreement) replaces any subsistence allowance for the trip.
- The LTU candidate cannot hold Japanese citizenship
- The LTU candidate should not receive any other form of external financing (e.g. JSPS) for the duration of their trip to Japan (for which they have been granted the stipend).
- The host university is to waive any administrative fees associated with the visit, and should, where possible, assist with housing. It is also expected that the Japanese host university is to provide a workspace on their premises, access cards/keys.

#### Selection criteria:

- An internal LTU deadline will be announced and communicated through the internationalisation responsables at each Department; through the Grants Office newsletter; and through the internal LTU MIRAI group.
- An application form together with the candidate's CV, motivation letter and evidence of approval from host should be submitted
- In the application, it is required that the applicant has already gotten in touch with a possible host in Japan and has received written confirmation regarding this (for example, an email confirmation – a formal invitation letter will be needed if the candidate is chosen)
- The applicant should also specify in the application whether he/she is planning to travel alone (or with family, as travelling with family members may provide a larger scholarship amount); their nationality (we cannot accept Japanese nationals due to legal limitations based on the URA-agreement).
- All applications will be assessed by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Council for Internationalisation. Special focus will be put on gender balance. In the selection, it is important that not all selected candidates travel to the same MIRAI partner; it is also preferable that the chosen LTU candidates target not the same GCT as the candidate chosen in Call 1



## Incoming mobility to LTU



Eligible candidates at LTU:

- Early career researchers are defined as those currently registered as doctoral students, or who have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later
- The duration of stay should be 5 months (not shorter). The grant amount is calculated on the 5 months duration, and whilst it is possible to stay longer, this will not impact the provided grant amount. Maximum duration is 18 months.

Calculation of the stipend:

- Max Monthly maintenance allowance of SEK 17 500 (\*5) = 75 000kr
- Max Research support allowance of SEK 5 000 (\*5) = 25 000kr
- Max Air travel = 32 500kr

Total stipend amount: SEK **132 500 (around YEN 1 900 000) per ECR\***

**\*this amount is likely to be lower as this is the second call**

Conditions:

- The Japanese candidate should be registered as a doctoral student at one of the Japanese MIRAI partners, or be employed at one of the Japanese MIRAI partners and have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later
- If the Japanese candidate receives a scholarship or salary from their home university, it is preferable that they continue receiving it for the duration of stay in Sweden (but it is not mandatory)
- LTU will waive any administrative fees associated with the visit, and should, where possible, assist with housing. It is also expected that the LTU host is to provide a workspace on their premises, access cards/keys. LTU will provide a comprehensive health care insurance to the incoming Japanese candidate free of charge.

Selection criteria:

- An internal LTU deadline will be announced and communicated through the internationalisation responsables at each Department; through the Grants Office newsletter; and through the internal LTU MIRAI group.
- An application form together with the candidate's CV, and motivation letter should be submitted. The Application is to be submitted by the LTU host on behalf of the Japanese candidate.



- All applications will be assessed by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Council for Internationalisation. Special focus will be put on gender balance. In the selection, it is important that not all selected candidates travel from the same MIRAI partner; it is also preferable that the chosen Japanese candidates target a different GCT than the candidate already chosen in Call 1