

Call for Applications: MIRAI Japanese – Swedish mobility grants for Doctoral Students and Early Career Researchers

Örebro University is pleased to announce a new call to support the mobility of early career researchers among MIRAI universities. The call is open to:

- Early career researchers (doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers that have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later) at Örebro University who wish to spend minimum 5 and maximum 7 months at one of the Japanese MIRAI universities.
- Early career researchers at one of the Japanese MIRAI member universities who wish to spend minimum 5 and maximum 7 months at Örebro University.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must either be currently enrolled as doctoral students or have obtained their doctoral degree in 2021 or later.
- Applicants must be employed by/or enrolled at their home university (Örebro University or one of the Japanese MIRAI universities) at the time of applying and during the whole mobility.
- The mobility must be a minimum of 5 months and a maximum of 7 months. The mobility period must be continuous and cannot be divided into shorter stays.

The aim of the mobility is research exchange, to stimulate new research ideas and the building of networks for future research projects. Recipients are expected to engage in a limited amount of teaching activities, for example giving a guest lecture in a course or offering support to bachelor or master students, at the host university. Research endeavors should contribute to at least one of the [MIRAI Global Challenges Teams](#) areas.

Doctoral students are expected to, for example, participate in research activities of the host university/research group/research environment, and take a doctoral student course (if any applicable for the doctoral student), as well as build networks and conduct thesis work. Strong partnerships and potential postdoctoral opportunities should also be explored.

Application Procedure

Before application, the applicant is expected to individually reach out to relevant research groups at the prospective host university to explore opportunities for undertaking the mobility period. The [MIRAI contact persons](#) can be used to establish contacts with research groups.

To apply, the following documents need to be submitted:

- Application form,
- Invitation letter from the research group leader or host at your prospective host university,
- CV, maximum 2 pages, and
- Project plan for the mobility (inserted in the application form).

- For doctoral students: Recommendation letter from your main supervisor. Also, the application needs to be confirmed by the Head of Division (or equivalent). Doctoral students from Örebro University must have a valid individual study plan (ISP) where the activities at the Japanese university are integrated in the thesis and course work, and confirmed by the supervisors.
- For researchers: the application needs to be confirmed by the Head of Division (or equivalent).

Financing

The funding is intended to cover additional costs associated with the mobility, including travel, accommodation, living expenses, visa, and insurance. Applicants are expected to submit a budget which will be reviewed in consultation with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation at Örebro University, before the assessment and final decision on all applications.

The funding is not intended to cover salary as you are expected to maintain your salary or other financial support from your home university, during the mobility period.

Other conditions

- The candidates should continue to receive their salary from the home university during the whole mobility.
- Any costs exceeding the granted funding must be covered by the candidate or the candidate's School or Faculty, as appropriate.
- The host university is expected not to charge for the mobility and need to provide a workspace on their premises, as well as access card and/or keys.
- The candidate is responsible for the planning of the stay abroad and for any practical arrangements required; additional insurance (if necessary), accommodation, visa, etc. Candidates from a Japanese MIRAI member university can find useful information here: <https://www.oru.se/english/career/relocate-to-sweden/>

Selection Criteria

The selection process will be based on the following criteria:

- The applicant must clearly align with one of MIRAI's Global Challenges Teams topics.
- Demonstrated motivation and commitment to participating in the program.
- The potential for the mobility to expand the applicant's network and/or inspire new research ideas.

The assessment process aims to ensure a fair balanced representation across the faculties, disciplines and gender identities. Final decisions on all applications will be made by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation at Örebro University.



Dates and deadlines:

- Applications should be submitted no later than October 31, 2025.
- Selection results will be communicated to applicants no later than November 30, 2025.
- The mobility should be completed by December 1, 2027, at the latest.

More information:

Please submit the application to mirai@oru.se

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