

Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery (ICReDD)
Creative Research Institution, Hokkaido University
Academic Year 2024 MANABIYA (ACADEMIC)
Application Guidelines

The Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery (ICReDD) offers the MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) program to young researchers and students from domestic and overseas universities and research institutes with the aim of helping them to learn about a new academic field called Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery (CReDD) and widely spreading the knowledge of this field.

ICReDD is now accepting applications for MANABIYA for the 2024 academic year. Applicants should carefully read the application guidelines below and submit their applications by the deadline.

1. Program Duration

<Start and end dates should be weekdays and should avoid year-end and New Year holidays>

1) Research Course

Minimum of two weeks to maximum of three months from May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025

2) Young Researcher Training Course

Minimum of a two-week period from May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025

※The applicant may be asked to change the period of participation from their originally requested dates depending on the availability of the host supervisor.

※Nationals of countries and territories other than those with visa exemptions to enter Japan must obtain a 'short-term stay' visa in advance (processing time: 2 months).

2. Application Procedures

2.1 Eligibility

1) Research Course

Researchers who belong to domestic/overseas universities or national/public/private research institutes, or an equivalent person (e.g., doctoral students) regardless of their nationality.

※For doctoral students, a letter of recommendation from their academic supervisor is necessary. Additionally, to be eligible for the research course, doctoral students must have completed their master's degree or, for those in a combined master's/PhD program, the student must have passed their qualifying exam, thesis proposal, or equivalent evaluation.

2) Young Researcher Training Course

Undergraduate or graduate students who do not meet the eligibility for 1) Research Course above, but belong to domestic/overseas universities or national/public/private research institutes, regardless of their nationality

※A letter of recommendation from their academic supervisor, department head or dean is necessary.

2.2 Capacity (Academic Year 2024)

Around 20 people

2.3 Program Location

Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery (ICReDD), Creative Research Institution of Hokkaido University

Address: Hokkaido University Northern Campus, Kita 21, Nishi 10, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido
001-0021 JAPAN

※The program may be offered online depending on the applicant's research plan and related conditions.

2.4 Supervisor

Please refer to [the ICRReDD website](#) to select your preferred supervisor.

2.5 Submission and deadline

Please fill out a "MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) Application Form" (Form 1) and email it as an attachment in MS Word format by Friday, March 15, 2024.

Applicant's name and affiliation should be specified in the subject line of the email.

※If the number of applicants reaches the limit set by each host supervisor, the application may not be accepted. If the number of applicants does not reach the set limit, there may be a second call for applications.

3. Selection and Result Notification

Applications will be evaluated by the host supervisor, and successful applicants will be selected by the ICRReDD Steering Committee. The Director of ICRReDD will notify applicants of the results by the end of April 2024.

4. Support for Travel and Accommodation

4.1 Financial support for travel and accommodation expenses

1) Research Course

The successful applicants (hereinafter referred to as "MANABIYA researchers") will be reimbursed the exact amount paid for travel and accommodation expenses up to 500,000 yen in total, in accordance with the Hokkaido University Travel Expense Rules once the program is completed.

MANABIYA researchers who are Hokkaido University students or who will stay at Hokkaido University before and/or after the start of the MANABIYA program are not eligible to receive this financial support.

2) Young Researcher Training Course

No travel and accommodation expenses will be provided.

4.2 Accommodation

MANABIYA researchers from universities, research institutes or other organizations located in Japan should arrange their accommodation during the MANABIYA program.

MANABIYA researchers who are foreign nationals newly entering Japan and whose purpose of visiting Japan is only to participate in the MANABIYA program are eligible to apply for [the Hokkaido University researcher's accommodation](#) service. Those who wish to apply for this service should consult with the person in charge of this program in advance. If there are no rooms available at these accommodations, please arrange a room at a private accommodation facility.

5. During and After the Program

5.1 Necessary Expenses

ICReDD will bear costs for teaching materials, reagents and materials for experiments as well as utilities and charges for computing machines and other equipment owned by ICRReDD that are necessary for MANABIYA activities. MANABIYA researchers are responsible for all the other expenses such as food and living expenses.

5.2 Accident Insurance

MANABIYA researchers are required to purchase personal accident insurance for the duration of their stay to cover accidents and damage to facilities and equipment.

5.3 Confidentiality

MANABIYA researchers must maintain the confidentiality of all research information obtained at MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) other than the techniques learned. They will be asked to sign a “Pledge of Confidentiality” when the program starts.

5.4 Safety Education and Training

According to Hokkaido University Rules, all staff, students, and other members who engage in any activities at the university must attend safety education and training. “Other members” in particular refers to all those who engage in any activities regardless of their employment or enrollment status, and this includes all MANABIYA researchers. After completion of the safety education and training, MANABIYA researchers are asked to submit a “Declaration Form” verifying that training was completed.

5.5 Achievement Report

All MANABIYA researchers who have completed their study are required to submit a “MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) Achievement Report” (Form 2). Please note that ICRéDD may include content from these reports in its research reports or other publications.

5.6 Achievement Report Submission Deadline

Achievement reports must be sent by email to the address listed below as an attachment in MS Word format within one month from the day following the last day of the program.

5.7 Issuance of the MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) Certificate

Upon acceptance of their report, the MANABIYA (ACADEMIC) certificate will be issued to MANABIYA researchers as proof of completion of their study.

5.8 Publication of Research Achievements

MANABIYA researchers should inform the person in charge of this program in advance when they publish research findings obtained using the techniques learned at ICRéDD in academic papers, etc. Please clearly state in the publication that the techniques learned at ICRéDD have been used. An example acknowledgement is shown below.

<Example acknowledgement>:

In this study, “*your name*” used “*the techniques*” learned during the MANABIYA program at the Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery (ICReDD), Hokkaido University, which was established by World Premier International Research Initiative (WPI), MEXT, Japan.

*Please change “*your name*” and “*the technique*” as appropriate.

6. Where to Apply & Contact

Persons in charge of this program:

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