

Overseas Research Grant 2027

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 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd. Main activity of NSG Foundation is to offer the research grants for studies on inorganic materials conducted at universities. Funds for the research grants are provided by investment income from NSG Foundation's assets and annual donation from Nippon Sheet Glass and other companies. Since 1979 NSG Foundation has awarded a total of 1,980 million yen to 1,566 research projects in Japan. NSG Foundation began offering overseas research grants to researchers in Malaysia in 1992 and in Vietnam in 2006. The total amount of the overseas research grants has exceeded 1,193 thousand US dollars for 204 research projects. NSG Foundation will continue to provide the overseas research grants for universities in 2026.

1. Scope

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

2. Amount of Grants

An amount of **US\$2,000 to 6,000** is provided for each research project with a duration of 12 to 24 months (from January 2027 through December 2027 or December 2028).

3. Applications

Each applicant is requested to complete the form in English using "Application for Research Grant" form of 4 pages, and send its hardcopy to NSG Foundation by September 30, 2026, which is the DATE OF RECEIPT. Each applicant is also requested to append a recommendation letter signed by Chancellor (or Deputy Chancellor in charge of academy affairs), along with a copy of curriculum vitae of the applicant, not exceeding 5 pages. A maximum of five reprints of representative research papers can be attached. However, full copies are allowed for up to two papers, while only the first page can be submitted for the remaining three papers. **Please note that pages exceeding the page limit will NOT be sent to the Evaluation Committee.** CVs of co-researchers are NOT required. Applicants are also requested to send the file "Applicant_Info.xlsx" by e-mail. The file can be downloaded from our webpage.

After receiving all required documents -- namely the hard copies of the application form, recommendation letter, CV, and paper reprints, as well as the "Applicant_Info.xlsx" file submitted by email --, NSG Foundation will issue an application number to the applicant within three working days as confirmation of receipt..

4. Selection and Presentation

The Evaluation Committee Meeting of NSG Foundation will be held in December 2026 in Tokyo to select the research grant recipients. Based on the Evaluation Committee's selection, NSG Foundation will make the final decision on the research grants to be awarded. The research grant fund will be disbursed by January 2027, allowing the awarded research to begin early in the year.

Note that the researchers who received this research grant after 2024 are NOT eligible to apply for the overseas research grant this year.

5. Requirements and Notice

- It must be understood that the grant is awarded solely for the research described in the submitted proposal. The funds must not be used for any other purposes.
- A report written in English must be submitted to NSG Foundation within six months after the end of research period.
- The report has must include a technical report on the research results (within 10 pages of A4 size paper) and a financial statement on the expenses incurred.
- The report will be published on NSG Foundation's website.

6. Evaluation Committee Members

Chairman

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

Members

Hideo Hosono (Honorary Professor, Institute of Science Tokyo, Distinguished Fellow, National Institute for Materials Science)

Shizuo Fujita (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)

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

Hiroyuki Inoue (Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo)

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