# Guidelines for the AY2017 International Principal Investigator (PI) Invitation Program

### 1. Objective

Nagoya University has steadily pursued the path towards becoming an international research university. It is hoped that the University will continue to promote active academic exchanges.

Current program for inviting international researchers for a certain period is designed to promote exchange of international researchers and contribute to the improvement of academic achievements. This program's objective is to further promote academic research at Nagoya University and internationalization in academia, by inviting excellent researchers with outstanding research achievements from other countries for a certain period to have opportunities to offer advice and cooperation on the research activities of host departments, etc., participate in joint research, discussions and exchanges of views, and give lectures, etc. at the Institute for Advanced Research.

#### 2. Number of invitation projects: 3 to 4

**3. Invitation period:** Three to four months between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 (Each invitation project is desirable to start as early as possible in this period.)

\* The period should be continuous in principle, but divided periods

of employment may be accepted if each of the periods is one month or longer and all the periods are included within the same academic year

- \* The beginning of the invitation period should be determined in consideration of the time required to produce and submit an employment plan report.
- \* Invited researchers are permitted to make official domestic or international trips during the invitation period if they have to do so to attend academic conferences, meetings for research purposes, etc. Expected official trips must be mentioned in the invitation plan. (No travel and other expenses will be covered by this program.)

#### 4. Eligible research field: All

#### 5. Requirements for invited researchers

Researchers with distinctively excellent research achievements who still occupy a leading position in a relevant field, and are expected to have a better record of achievement than the average.

#### 6. Expenses to be covered

The following expenses necessary for inviting international researchers will be covered under this program.

(1) Travel expenses

\*Travel expenses only for one round trip (coming to Japan and returning home) will be covered. (Travel expenses will be paid in place of a travel allowance for transfer, and must be those for a round trip between the researcher's home (or the academic institute to which he/she belongs now) and Nagoya University.) Applicants should consult administrative officers at their department to apply for travel expenses estimated based on Nagoya University's standards for travel expenses.

(2) Expenses for employment

\*The salary amount shall follow the Nagoya University Rules on International Research Fellows and G30 Instructors.

\*Invited researchers are not covered by unemployment or social insurance and are not paid housing or other allowances.

\*However, in case of any amendments to the foreign researchers` system are made, this article will also be a subject to change upon consultation.

#### 7. Application method

Host research representatives at Nagoya University shall apply by submitting the following application form via their department.

« Application form to be submitted » Application Form for the AY2017 International PI Invitation Program

« Deadline » Applications must arrive no later than 5 pm, February 3,

2017.

« Contact for application » Subsection for the Institute for Advanced Research, Research Support Section, Research Cooperation Department (Person in charge: Mr. Iwata; ext.: 6051; email: iwata.hirotaka@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

## 8. Screening

The Screening Committee for the International PI Invitation Program to be established by the Institute of Advanced Research will conduct screening based on submitted documents and select invitation projects through discussion.

Results of screening to be announced around 7 days, confirmation notice will be announced around March 1st, 2017.

Selected applicants must submit an international research fellow employment plan and the invited researcher's CV as soon as possible.

# 9. Notes

• An invitation project (including the return home of the invited researcher) must be completed within the academic year. It also must be implemented based on full advance discussions and arrangements with administrative officers at the department and the Institute of Advanced Research.

• Accommodations for invited researchers will not be arranged or financially covered under this program, so applicants (applicant departments) must consider arranging accommodations for international visitors at the University or other facilities.

• An approved budget will be allocated to the relevant department, and managed through procedures taken by the administrative section at the department.

• This open call for the program has been made assuming approval of the FY2017 budget. If unexpected circumstances prevent us from implementing this program as is, details of the program may be changed based on discussions with selected applicants.