

## **Guidelines on the NERPS 2026 financial support for selected students**

### **1. Outline**

- Each of the selected students will receive financial support in the form of the conference registration fee waiver plus a maximum of 100,000 JPY.
- The bursaries are intended to partially cover travel and accommodation costs.

### **2. Eligibility requirements**

- The recipient of the bursary must be a student who has submitted a full paper by November 30, 2025.
- He/she must have the Abstract accepted for the conference.
- He/she is required to submit a letter of recommendation written by his/her academic supervisor. The academic supervisor should assure NERPS, in the letter, that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the applicant has not applied or does not plan to apply for any other financial support as far as the applicant's participation in the NERPS 2026 Conference is concerned.
- He/she is required to attend the NERPS 2026 Conference scheduled for March 4-7, 2026, in-person.

### **3. Application procedure**

- Every Student who would like to apply for the NERPS 2026 financial support is required to complete the application form and submit it to Masatoshi Sato, Head of the NERPS 2026 Secretariat, by December 20, 2025.
- He/she will be notified of the selection result by January 7, 2026.
- Successful applicants will be required to inform Masatoshi Sato, by January 10, 2026, of their acceptance of financial support.
- Each recipient will receive the financial support in the form of registration fee waiver plus Japanese yen in cash in accordance with the suggested way of providing selected students with financial support (Annex 1). He/she will receive Japanese yen in cash after he/she completes his/her on-site registration because of the following considerations:
  - 1) To make sure that he/she attends the conference in-person;
  - 2) To avoid payment of commissions charged for wire transfer;
  - 3) To avoid technical difficulties involved in foreign remittance.

- The recipient of the bursary is required to submit a brief report by March 25, 2026. The report should outline the items on which the bursary has been spent, supported by documentary evidence such as copies of receipts. If a report that adequately proves proper use of the bursary is not submitted by the deadline, the recipient may be requested to return the bursary in full.
- Because of the limited financial resources available, the number of recipients of the bursary will be limited to **10 to 15**, depending on the scholarship funds that the organizers would be able to collect from sponsors. The successful applicants will be selected based on **the quality of the full papers** that the applicants will have submitted.
- Unsuccessful applicants are required to pay the respective conference registration fees at **the early-payment rate** by January 13, 2026.

Note: Please contact Masatoshi Sato at [ma6182sa@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:ma6182sa@hiroshima-u.ac.jp) for the application form and queries.

## Annex 1

**Suggested Way of Providing Selected Students with Financial Support**

1. Applicants from higher academic institutions in Tokyo
  - A waiver of their registration fees only
  
2. Applicants from other higher academic institutions in Japan
  - A waiver of their registration fees plus reasonably-priced round-trip airfare or round-trip train fare (upon submission of a copy of receipt) + 5,000 yen in cash
  
3. Applicants from countries in East Asia
  - A waiver of their registration fees plus 50,000 yen in cash
  
4. Applicants from other countries
  - A waiver of their registration fees plus 100,000 yen in cash