

Prospectus for Inamori Research Institute for Science (InaRIS) Fellowship

I established the Kyoto Prize in 1984 based on my lifelong belief that people have no higher calling than to strive for the greater good of humankind and society, and that the future of humanity can be assured only through a balance between scientific progress and spiritual depth. Over the past 34 years, the Inamori Foundation has engaged in a variety of activities centered on the Kyoto Prize, Research Grants and Social Contributions with the aim of contributing to the advancement of human society.

To mark the Foundation's 35th anniversary, we decided to establish the Inamori Research Institute for Science (InaRIS) Fellowship with the mission of fostering a culture that honors the search for truth, led by intellectual curiosity, and the social value of basic science.

I am strongly convinced that a person should believe in his or her limitless potential, strive for originality and creativity, and work tirelessly to foster innovative technological development and scientific discovery. Maintaining such consistent efforts through the years will bring about new advancement that goes beyond human knowledge and will lead to breakthroughs. A researcher should be a person who is always passionate about his or her self-proclaimed goals and will never give up until results are achieved.

The InaRIS Fellowship is a program designed to support such passionate researchers. By selecting the InaRIS fellows through open recruitment and providing 10 years' research funding, we actively support those who can make steady efforts in their research, applying freewheeling thinking and unconventional ideas. Furthermore, we create a network-based research institution that does not have a campus or a building but rather a "place" where members of the fellowship can communicate with each other and work hard together. While we take every researcher's personal effort for granted, we believe it is necessary to have fellowship and free discussions with other researchers who share similar ambitions or passions in order to carry out long-term research projects.

The InaRIS Fellowship supports researchers whose projects are founded on grand visions and high potential. It values unorthodox research findings that, while they may not have practical value for everyday living, lead us to truth and contribute to the enrichment of the human spirit. The Fellowship values research problems as well as the person who has ambition, passion, and the drive to take on new challenges.

It is our sincere wish that this new program will create new value and contribute to addressing the issues faced by humankind today. May the program serve as an incentive for the many researchers who work tirelessly, contribute to betterment of human society, and bring hope to those researchers who are responsible for next-generation advancement.

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