

Application Guidelines for the Frontier Biosciences GCOE Young Researchers Retreat (YRR) 2009

1. About the FBS GCOE YRR 2009

This year, we, the graduate students from the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (FBS), are having our 3rd GCOE Young Researchers Retreat (GCOE YRR), organized in part by the FBS GCOE program, "The Dynamics of High Order Biological Function & Systems". Our goal for this camp is to promote research exchange among graduate students and young researchers at the FBS and to give FBS members a chance to socialize with each other. To extend our international network, we are also inviting students and your researchers from overseas institutes to join.

We are sending out this letter to invite you to this retreat. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity to learn about various techniques and challenges in the biosciences and to meet young and enthusiastic researchers from the FBS and other institutes.

3rd FBS GCOE YRR Executive Committee Chairman Makino

2. Invitation Message from the GCOE Professors

The purpose of this GCOE Young Researchers Retreat is to provide our students and young research staff with an opportunity to freely mix with one another and discuss their present studies and future research goals in a relaxed atmosphere away from their laboratories and supervisors in order to stimulate interdisciplinary research activities from student initiative. This year we have decided to invite a number of graduate students and young researchers from foreign institutes to participate. We hope that this will further stimulate new research ideas and collaborations.

Prof. Toshio Yanagida, Leader of the FBS-GCOE Program
Prof. Keiichi Namba, Steering Committee Member in charge of Retreat

3. Date

August 24, 2009 (Mon.) - August 26, 2009 (Wed.)

4. Venue

ROKKO SKY VILLA (Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture)

ROKKO SKY VILLA is located near the top of Mt. Rokko, where it offers a serene environment with a magnificent view of the Osaka-Kobe bay areas. Official Site: <http://www.skyvilla.jp/> (Japanese only)

* Please keep in mind that there is no Wireless Local Area Network.

5. Participants

All D1-D5 Students, PostDocs and Assistant Professors belonging to the FBS or working in a lab that belongs to the FBS along with invitees from foreign institutes.

- * Members receiving FBS salaries are expected to participate. All others are greatly encouraged to join.
- * Questions regarding eligibility should be sent to arkw@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp.

6. Participation Fees

The retreat will cost 21000 yen(*) and should be paid the first day.

(*) Part of this will be reimbursed later.

- * Some may also have to pay for accident insurance. This will not be reimbursed. Students who have enrolled in the “Personal Accident Health Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research” upon matriculating will not need this insurance.

7. Application Method

The deadline for submission is July 03, 2009 (Fri.) 17:00.

The entry form is attached with the announcement e-mail of this retreat.

Please send forms to arkw@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp and make the Subject of the e-mail “entry for GCOE retreat”.

- * Cancellation is not permitted.
- * Anyone who wants to join for only a portion of the retreat is asked to explain on the entry form.
- * Even if you are unsure whether you can participate, please submit the form by the deadline.

8. Program Contents

The program contents have been built with the aim to share one's research with select FBS members.

(1) Small Group Research Discussion

Participants will be separated into groups of 5-6 members to share their research project and results. Presentations will be 20 minutes, including a question period. Each participant will join two groups, one consisting of members in related research fields, the other consisting of members in divergent fields.

- * Please make all the documents in English.
Slides, posters or any handouts are welcome. A computer will be available.

(2) Special Seminar

1. Title: “Toward Reconstitution of Chromosome Evolution”

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Kojiro ISHII

Affiliation: Department of Frontier Biosciences,
Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University

Official Site: <http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/labs/ishii/>

2. Title: “Fundamental and Perspective of Bioelectrochemistry”

Lecturer: Prof. Kenji KANO

Affiliation: Division of Applied Life Sciences,
Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University

Official Site: <http://www.bapc.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>

(3) Small Group Problem Discussion

Participants will be separated again into groups of a different 5–6 members and given a research problem to discuss. Groups will present their conclusions at a plenary session.

* Please select preference of language for Small Group Problem Discussion on the entry form.

(4) Poster Session

9. Needed Materials for Participants

(1) All participants are expected to present their research in the Small Group Research Discussion. Presentation style is left to the presenter. It is recommended that if any special software be needed (Powerpoint will be available) that arrangements be made beforehand. Posters and handouts are also suitable.

* PCs with PowerPoint 2007 and dry-erase boards will be available.

For other tools and equipments, please contact arkw@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp before the retreat.

(2) Poster Session (voluntary) (in English)

The same posters used for the Small Group Research Discussion are acceptable. These posters are displayed throughout the retreat. No poster presentation will be designated. Anyone with questions regarding a particular poster is encouraged to contact the author directly. The posters on belonging laboratory are also fine to used.

10. Website

URL: <http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/events/wakate/>

11. Inquiries

Questions should be sent to Arakawa (arkw@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp).