

Application Guidelines for Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (FBS) GCOE Young Researchers' Retreat (YRR) 2011

1. About FBS GCOE YRR 2011

Before starting my message I would like to remember all the people who lost their lives to the Tohoku Earthquake and pray for the recovery of all those who suffered due to it.

Due to the successful exchange of ideas between young researchers during the previous years, we are very happy to announce the FBS GCOE Young Researcher Retreat (YRR) 2011 sponsored by the FBS GCOE program "Dynamics of High Order Biological Function & Systems".

The main purpose of YRR is to give young researchers at the FBS an opportunity to share their research work and ideas with researchers from different research interests for the purpose of promoting interdisciplinary research. To further strengthen our collaborative work with other institutes, we are also inviting young researchers from foreign Institutes to this year's YRR.

「Communifusion (Communication+Fusion) 」

This is the slogan for this year's YRR. In order to promote interdisciplinary work, it is imperative that we understand all scientific fields more deeply. In my opinion, it is very important that we communicate our ideas with people from diverse scientific backgrounds while we are still graduate students or young researchers. I believe such an experience will enhance the understanding of our subject and also promote fusion research in the coming years.

In this year's YRR, we will try our best to provide you with a program that will give you ample opportunity to understand different dimensions of science. Having scientists from diverse scientific and cultural backgrounds, we hope to have stimulating discussions and of course lots of fun. I hope you will make new friends and find opportunity to promote your future fusion research in this YRR.

Fifth Committee Chairman GCOE Kazunari Matsuda

2. Invitation message from 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 by student initiative. This is the third year that we invite a number of graduate students and young researchers from foreign institutes to participate. Every year our young guests enjoy close communications with others with different scientific and cultural backgrounds. We hope that this will further stimulate new research ideas and collaborations.

This year, the venue is KKR Hotel Biwako located on the shore of Lake Biwa, where it offers a serene environment with magnificent views of a big lake with surrounding mountains and a nice summer breeze. It is all yours to make this opportunity a wonderful experience. Please come join our students and postdocs and fully enjoy yourselves.

Prof. Toshio Yanagida, Leader of the FBS-GCOE Program

Prof. Keiichi Namba, Dean of the Graduate School & Steering Committee

Member of the FBS-GCOE in charge of Retreat

3. Date

25 July(Mon) 2011 ~ 27 July(Wed) 2011 (3 days 2 nights)

4. Venue

KKR Hotel Biwako (Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture)

KKR Hotel Biwako is located closed to lake Biwa. Enjoy fresh air, quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the lake Biwa with the delicious food and good company.

Official site: <http://www.kkrbiwako.com/> (Japanese only)

* Wireless LAN will be available.

5. Participants

• All D1-D5 students, staff members, post doctoral fellows and assistant professors belonging to FBS or working in a lab affiliated to FBS (including foreign researchers invited by FBS.) are welcome to join.

- Guest scientists from foreign countries
- Nagoya university students (Guest)

All above members need passion for fusion research.

* Members employed by GCOE are expected to participate.

* Please contact us if you have questions regarding eligibility or you are NOT a FBS student.

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6. Fees

A fee of 21,000 yen / person for 3 days 2 nights (*).

(*) Most of this fee will be reimbursed at a later date.

All participants are required to pay for “Personal Accident Health Insurance for students pursuing education and research” If you don’t pay this insurance, you have to pay individually.

For more information on payment and insurance, please contact COE support room.

7. Application Method

Please send the entry form to gcoe.yrr.2011@gmail.com

by July 1st, with the subject of the e-mail :

reading “ GCOE Retreat - [Name of your laboratory] - [Year of Study] – [Your Name]”.

Example: GCOE Retreat - Kondoh Lab - D3 - Matsuda Kazunari

* Please change the file name into “**[Name of your laboratory]_ [Your Name].xls**”

* Please save the file in **Excel2003 (Excel2004 for Mac), XLS format.**

* If any of the fields above are inapplicable, you can omit that part from the subject of your message.

* The entry form can also be downloaded from:

http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/events/wakate-h23/e_guideline.html

8. Deadline for Submission

1 July (Fri) 5pm.

- * Cancellation without reason is not permitted.
- * Please state your reasons on the entry form if you cannot stay for the entire duration of the retreat.
- * Even if you are unsure about your participation, please submit the form by the given deadline.

9. Program Content

In order to promote discussion with the foreign researchers, the official language of this retreat is English.

(1) Poster Session

On the first day there will be a poster session. The purpose of this is to promote participants to communicate with people of various scientific background people which will help you to identify a lab of interest outside of your own, for Group Discussion.

(2) Group Discussion

On the second day, you will be placed in groups with people who selected the same labs. Each group will share why they find this lab interesting and together come to a better understanding of what it means. For this purpose, group members are encouraged to talk to members of the actual lab. You should also discuss new ideas which you will add to the understanding of this field.

On the final day, each group will make a presentation about their 2nd day discussion to the remaining participants. Members of the laboratory being discussed in particular should ask questions that will aid the discussion.

(3) Open Discussion

We will have a lecture from an expert. After the lecture, the speaker will ask questions to everyone. And you can respond to the question by agreeing or disagreeing followed by the explanation of your response.

Depending on the speaker, we may vary discussion style.

(4) **Excursion**

We will be organizing a short excursion and you can choose to join one of the two options:

1. A sightseeing tour of the sacred Enryaku temple on Mount Hiei.
2. A sightseeing tour of the historic Sakamoto, which includes one of Japan's oldest shrines, Hiyoshi Taisha.

For those who do not speak Japanese, there are some members who have been specifically assigned to join these excursions to provide English explanation of the sites.

10. Materials to be prepared by participants

- ① Poster (width 841mm, height 1189mm)
- ② Participation fees and charges for insurance

※ ① and ② are indispensable.

※ We will prepare PC for each group.

※ You can also bring your private laptop PC to introduce your research.

※ We will prepare pens and note for each group.

※ If you have any questions, please contact below address.

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*** Contents of the Poster**

※ All material should be written in English,

※ Poster will be needed for poster session and group discussion.

※ You can bring any additional materials that you think are necessary. Posters in other sizes besides A0, **even printed Power Point slides are allowed.**

※ You can give presentations about previous published results if you are uncomfortable with sharing current data.

*** Participation Fees**

Participation fees (21,000 yen) and charges for insurance will be collected on the first day of the retreat (July 25th).

11. Meeting point

You can choose the Toyonaka campus or the Suita campus to get on/off the bus. We will announce details about the meeting place and time later.

12. Official Webpage of GCOE Retreat 2011

URL: http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/events/wakate-h23/e_index.html

13. Contact

For further information, please contact the following people or the representatives of your lab.

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