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Application Guidelines for Grants for Researchers (Grants for <u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>)

1. Purpose of the grant

    This grant is aimed at providing financial support to researchers in the C&C technology fields.

    * C&C technology fields include those on information processing technology, communications technology, electronic device technology, and ICT technology fields that integrate these technologies. Also included are technologies like data science, artificial intelligence (AI), sensing, recognition, robotics, automatic control, information security, and virtual reality that have been developed based on the aforementioned technologies and support the framework for smart society and other smart solutions.

2. Applicant qualifications (corresponding to all requirements shown below)
    (1) The applicant must be a student in a doctoral course at a graduate school or an equivalent institution in Japan who is engaged in research in the C&C technology fields at the start of the grant period (<u>April or October 2024</u>). All nationalities are welcome.
    (2) The applicant must be pursuing outstanding research.
    (3) The applicant should need financial support.
    (4) The applicant should not be older than 40 years old at the start of the grant period.

3. Overview of grant-related matters
    (1) Amount of each grant: 150,000 yen per month (No repayment required.)
    (2) Grant period: One year from <u>April or October 2024</u> while enrolled in a doctorial course
    (3) Benefit period: Up to one year
    (4) Number of grant recipients: A few people (5 recipients were selected for FY 2023 grants)
    (5) Submission of report: A report explaining what was accomplished must be submitted within a week after the end of the grant period.
    (6) Miscellaneous
         The following information on grant recipients will be published on our website and in our annual report: recipient's name, affiliation and year of study when applied, nationality, name of academic advisor, research theme, research summary and face photo.
         Contact us if this might cause you any problem.

4. Recommendation procedures
    Recommender must create below recommendation documents and submit them by the deadline.
    (1) Recommender: The academic adviser of the grant applicant at the time of application
    (2) Word format document to be submitted (to be filled out in Japanese)
         (i)   A letter of recommendation and profile of the grant applicant
              * Download the latest version of the Word format documents (in one file) from our website below and fill in all the required items. Old versions or incomplete application

forms will not be accepted. Be sure to explain how the research of the grant applicant can contribute to the development of C&C technologies.

> https://www.candc.or.jp/jyosei/jyosei_kenkyuin.html

    (ii)   Word format document of supplementary letter of recommendation to be submitted if necessary. * Download the Word format document from our website above.

    (iii)   PDF of supplementary explanatory materials (if considered necessary by the recommender)

(3) Application procedures

Sender should be the recommender. Please put your applicant on CC. Documents sent by postal will not be accepted. Please check the confirmation email sent form the foundation after receiving the above documents.

(4) Application deadline

No later than Friday, September 29, 2023.

(5) Addresses to send the documents

Email: kenkyuin(at)candc.jp.nec.com   * Please replace (at) with @

The NEC C&C Foundation

Takashi Miyazaki, Executive Director

5. Selection

(1) First screening: Document screening

Only those who pass the document screening can attend the second screening. The recommenders and grant applicants will be emailed the result of the first screening at the beginning of November 2023.

(2) Second screening: Interview

Applicants who pass the first screening will be emailed the details of the interview when they receive the result of the first screening.

    i)   Scheduled Date: beginning of December 2023

    ii)   Scheduled Location: NEC Head Office, 7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo

    iii)   Interviewees can choose either English or Japanese for the language at the interview.

    iv)   They will be reimbursed for transportation expenses based on the rules of the foundation.

(3) Grant decision notification

The recommenders and applicants who attend the second screening will be emailed a grant decision notification by the middle of December 2023.

6. Contact

The Secretariat

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