* ***Use 10.5 point font and complete within 6 pages.***

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**Application Form for**

 **Okayama University Science, Technology, and Innovation Creation Fellowship (OU Fellowship) [Academic Year 2021]**

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| **[Submission Date]Month: Day:　　Year:** |

**I have read the application guidelines thoroughly and have confirmed that I am eligible to apply for the Okayama University Science, Technology, and Innovation Creation Fellowship [Academic Year 2021].**

**1. Applicant Information**

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| Full Name |  | Contact Information | Email:Phone Number: |
| Date of Birth (As of April 1, 2021) | Month: Day:　　Year:　　　(Age: )　*\* Individuals who are eligible to apply for this fellowship are younger than 30 years of age in principle. However, (1) younger than 32 years of age for applicants who have taken time away from their academic pursuits to have and raise children or for other life events, (2) younger than 33 years of age for those who have enrolled in a medical field that requires clinical research. Individuals who fall under category (1) are required to write the period of time that they were away from academic pursuits due to life events in the Special Notes in the “Academic History” column below, and individuals who fall under category (2) are required to place a checkmark in the appropriate box*. |
| Academic History (After undergraduate degree) | 1. Month: Year:　 University　　Faculty　　Graduation2. Month: Year:　 University　Master's Course　　Division 　　Admitted3. Month: Year:　　Completed (Expect to complete)Special Notes: [ ]  Enrolled in a medical field that requires clinical research. |
| Status of Enrollment in the Doctoral Program (2nd Semester)(As of April 1, 2021) | 1. Date of (Intended) Enrollment: Month Year 2. Title of Graduate Course/Division:*Please choose one from the list.*3. Total months of enrollment in the doctoral program (2nd semester) as of April 1, 2021: Year(s) Month(s) (Excluding the period of time off of school)*\* “3.” is not required for those intending to enroll in April 2021.* |
| Title and Name of the Advisor (Planned) |  |
| Evaluator Information | *Provide the following information regarding the individual submitting the Evaluation Form: the evaluator’s affiliation, title, name, and relationship to the applicant.**（If the person is the same as the one provided in the previous column, write “Same as the advisor (planned).”* |
| Confirmation of Eligibility to Apply★ If you have any question about your eligibility, please contact the secretariat.  | *Confirm the situation as of April 1, 2021 before placing a checkmark in the appropriate box below. The application is not complete if there are any unchecked sections.* [ ]  I ***am not*** a member of the workforce.*\* “Member of the workforce” here means (1) individuals engaged in a job that provides an ordinary income, (2) individuals who have retired from a job that provides an ordinary income, and (3) full-time homemakers. However, those who fall under category (3) may be qualified to apply depending on their individual circumstances.* [ ]  I ***am not*** a Research Fellow (Young Scientists) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.*（The two items below are only for students from abroad.）*[ ]  I came from abroad to study in Japan, but I’m not a recipient of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship. [ ]  I came from abroad to study in Japan, but I’m not a recipient of a scholarship from my country. |
| Other Scholarships, etc.(Excluding one-time award for enrollment) | *Place a checkmark in one of the appropriate box regarding other scholarships (as of April 1, 2021) and provide the required information.*[ ]  I ***am not*** a recipient of any scholarships, excluding one-time award for enrollment, and I ***am not*** currently in the process of applying for any other than the OU Fellowship. [ ]  I ***am*** a recipient of the following scholarship. / I have applied for the following scholarship. \* Cross out the portion that ***does not*** apply. Name of Scholarship:　　　　　　　　Monthly Stipend: yen (Duration: from month/year to month/year) |

**2. Research Achievements　Note your past achievements considering (1) to (6) below.**

**(1) Work published in academic journals, etc. (including bulletins, collections of theses, etc.), and books** (Clearly state whether they were reviewed or not. **If reviewed, list only those accepted for future publication.**) Include author(s), title, name of journal, publisher, issue number, starting and ending pages (pp), and year of publication.

**(2) Commentaries and summaries posted in academic journals or commercial publications**

**(3) Presentations at international conferences (Clearly state whether they were oral or poster presentations, and if they were reviewed or not.)** Write the name of author(s), title, name of the academic conference, number of theses, location, month and year. (**Include only if your presentation application has been accepted.**)

**(4) Presentations at domestic conferences, symposiums, etc.** Write as in (3) above.

**(5) Patents, etc.** (Clearly state whether the patent is in the application process, the application is published, or the patent has been acquired. However, in the case that the patent is in the application process and cannot be described in detail, only an outline should be provided.)

**(6) Other** (Prizes, etc.)

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**3****. Title of Research and Field of Research**

Write the title of the research described in “4. Research Plan” below within 100 letters.

Write the Secondary Areas of research that applies in the column for the research field using the Okayama University Priority Research Fields in the attachment.

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| Title of Research:　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Research Field: |

**4. Research Plan**

**(1) Research Background**Discuss your past research achievements, and describe the theme, background, issues, and problems to be solved in the research you plan to conduct during your doctoral studies.

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**(2) Objectives and Content of Research**　(Describe in an easy-to-understand manner using figures and tables. )

① Describe the objectives, methods, and content of your research.

② Specifically, describe what, how, and how much you are going to clarify through the research, and by when.

③ If the research will be conducted by a group, clearly describe your part.

④ If you are going to conduct research at a different research institution during the relevant research period (regardless of whether it will be inside or outside of Japan), please note this below.

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**(3) Features and Unique Points of Research**Write about the following items:

① Features, viewpoints, and unique points of the research compared with previous studies if there are any

② Positioning and meaning of the relevant research among the related research conducted both inside and outside Japan

③ Expected impact when the research is completed and your future vision

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**5. Reasons you want to be a researcher, what you consider the desirable characteristics of a researcher to be, your strong points, etc.**

　The OU Fellowship Program was established to cultivate young researchers capable of promoting Okayama University priority research fields and playing important roles in science, technology and innovation creation in Japan. Considering these goals, please discuss the reasons you want to be a researcher, the type of researcher you wish to be, your motivation to take charge of science, technology, and innovation creation for the future of the country, your strong points, etc. If you have specific career goals after completion of the doctoral program (academia, private sector, starting a business, overseas post-doctoral researcher, etc.), please discuss them below.

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