

◆Eligibility Requirements

[Q1] Are all research fields eligible for this program?

[A1] As described in the application guidelines, all research fields are eligible.

[Q2] Am I eligible to apply if I am currently working as a researcher at a different institution?

[A2] You can apply as long as you meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the application guidelines. However, you may not work for both Nagoya University and another institution at the same time, so you will be asked to resign from any positions you may have at other institutions if you are accepted by this program.

[Q3] Are there any age restrictions?

[A3] No. You can apply as long as you meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the application guidelines.

[Q4] Am I still eligible to apply if I obtained a doctoral degree after withdrawing from a doctoral program upon completion of required coursework (ABD)?

[A4] If you have completed a doctoral program and obtained a doctoral degree, the date of doctoral program completion does not necessarily have to match the date of doctoral degree acquisition.

[Q5] If I have no postdoctoral experience (such as a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists), am I eligible to apply?

[A5] You may apply, as experience is not a prerequisite.

[Q6] Can I apply if I have never interacted with any Nagoya University faculty members?

[A6] It is possible to apply, but one of the conditions for application is that a Nagoya University faculty member must serve as your host faculty member. If you wish to apply, please find a faculty member in your field of specialization by searching the Nagoya University website and contact them directly to discuss the possibility of them being your host, or ask someone at another institution to help connect you with a suitable faculty member at Nagoya University.

◆Host Faculty

[Q7] Can I serve as a host faculty member if I am not a full professor (e.g. associate professor, lecturer, or assistant professor)?

[A7] You can serve as a host faculty member if you are a Nagoya University faculty member and are not an emeritus professor, fixed-term faculty member, or tenure-track assistant professor. However, you must obtain approval from the head of the host department at the time of application.

[Q8] Can I serve as a host faculty member even if I plan to resign or retire before the end of the YLC faculty member's term of appointment?

[A8] You are eligible to serve as a host faculty member even if you plan to resign or retire during the YLC faculty member's term of appointment, provided you are a Nagoya University faculty member and meet the hosting requirements at the time of application. However, a replacement host faculty member must be appointed in the host department before you resign or retire.

◆Host Department

[Q9] Is pre-application screening required within the host department?

[A9] Please check with the head of your department, as each department handles this differently.

[Q10] Does the “head of the department” mean the dean of the graduate school or the head of the department?

[A10] It means the dean of the graduate school. However, please check with the host department, as some may require prior approval from within the department.

[Q11] Will any expenses be covered by the host department?

[A11] All expenses other than salary, such as relocation fees, are to be covered by the host department to which the YLC faculty member is assigned.

◆Application Documents

[Q12] Can I ask questions about what to include in the application form?

[A12] We respect the interpretations of the applicants and therefore will not respond to individual inquiries about how to complete the application.

[Q13] What languages may I use to fill out the application form?

[A13] Please fill out the form in either Japanese or English.

[Q14] A copy of the diploma is listed as a required document. May I submit a certificate of degree acquisition instead?

[A14] In principle, we ask applicants to submit a copy of their diploma. However, if absolutely necessary, a certificate of degree acquisition may be substituted as long as it lists the name of the applicant, the institution that granted the degree, the name of the degree, and the date of degree acquisition. Note that it is not necessary to submit a copy of a Master’s degree.

[Q15] The Academic History and Employment History sections of the application form are too small. Can I add an extra page?

[A15] Modifying the form, including adding extra pages, is not permitted. Please include only the most relevant items from your academic and employment history.

[Q16] Can I modify the format of the application form, such as by adding pages?

[A16] Modifying the form, including adding extra pages, is not permitted. Please ensure that all information fits within the prescribed number of pages.

[Q17] How do I submit documents proving that an article or other research has been accepted for publication?

[A17] Please check the serial number shown in the Research Achievements section, write that serial number down on the upper right side of the acceptance document, and submit the document as a PDF file together with the application form.

[Q18] Are there any language requirements for the three significant research achievements (e.g. articles)?

[A18] You may submit research achievements in a language other than Japanese or English, but if you do, you must include the abstract translated into Japanese or English at the beginning.

[Q19] Does the writer of the Letter of Recommendation (a researcher in the field of specialization) have to be a Professor or equivalent status?

[A19] No. Any person who can give an objective evaluation may write the Letter of Recommendation, regardless of title or position.

[Q20] Can the person who writes my Letter of Recommendation (a researcher in my specialization) be a researcher living outside Japan?

[A20] Yes. Any person who can give an objective evaluation may write the Letter of Recommendation, regardless of country of residence or nationality.

[Q21] Is there any requirement regarding the date for the Letter of Recommendation?

[A21] Yes. Please submit a letter dated within the application period specified in the application guidelines.

[Q22] I submitted my application documents on the last day of the application period, but I have not received a reply to confirm receipt. What should I do?

[A22] Due to the high volume of applications we receive on the last day of the application period every year, it inevitably takes us some time to notify all applicants that we have received their applications. Rest assured, we will contact you on the last day of the application period. Please either wait a while or submit your application well in advance. If you have not received a reply by the day after the end of the application period, please contact us at ylc@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp.

[Q23] I found a mistake in my application after I submitted it. Can I replace it with the correct document?

[A23] We do not accept any corrections or changes to an application once it has been submitted.

◆YLC Program

[Q24] Will you invite applications for the YLC program again next fiscal year?

[A24] We have not yet made any decisions about next year.