Application guidelines for FY2021 National Astronomical Observatory Japan
Special Inter-Institutional Research Fellows

1 Number of Students Accepted
   A few

2 Eligibility Requirements
   Those who are enrolled in a graduate school and major in astronomy or related fields

3 Period of Acceptance
   As a general rule, the acceptance period shall be within one year from April 2021 or six months from October 2021. However, if necessary, a different starting date, or an extension of the acceptance period may be allowed. The total period of acceptance of a master's student shall not exceed one year.
   (Article 13.2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools)

4 Research Locations
   The area where NAOJ's research and education staff are stationed

5 Application Documents
   (1) Request for arranging entrustment of student supervision (form 1) from the dean of the graduate school which the applicant belongs to.

   The applicant must contact the administrative office of the graduate school he / she belongs to and inform them of his / her application for this program, and have the graduate school issue the document.

   (2) A letter of recommendation from the supervisor at the graduate school the applicant belongs to.

   (form 2)
   *For new applicants only. In the case of application for extension, the applicant should submit
   (6) Reasons for Extension Form instead.

   (3) Curriculum Vitae (form 3)

   (4) Certificate of Enrollment

   If the applicant is to advance to a higher-level course in a new semester, the applicant must submit a certificate of enrollment in the current course at the time of application, and then submit a certificate of enrollment in the new course as soon as possible after entering the course.

   (5) Certificate of enrollment in Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai), Accidental Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and
Research (Futai-Baiseki) or equivalent insurance.

6 Reason for Extension (free format)
Prepared by the supervisor at the graduate school which the applicant belongs to.
*Only if the applicant has been accepted as a NAOJ Special Inter-Institutional Research Fellows in FY 2020 and wishes to extend the period of acceptance. (If not applying for a continuation, submit a letter of recommendation from the supervisor.)

6 Deadline for Submission of Documents
Acceptance from April: Friday, February 26, 2021
Acceptance from October: Tuesday August 31, 2021

7 Examination
The Dean of the Graduate School will be notified of the results of the examination based on the submitted documents.

8 Examination fees, admission fees and tuition fees
No examination fees, admission fees, or tuition fees will be charged.

9 Other Notes
(1) In the case the applicants has not yet been admitted to a graduate school, the applicant must submit the application as a "prospect" candidate, and inform the administrative office at NAOJ as soon as the admission is confirmed.

(2) The Personal Accident Insurance for Students (Gakkensai) and Accident Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Futai-Baiseki) provided by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services is applicable to disasters occurring during the commissioning period and should be taken out through the graduate school to which the applicant belongs.

(3) The supervisor of the graduate school should have a thorough discussion with the faculty member of NAOJ before submission of the documents. In particular, when an applicant wishes to receive research guidance in the Hawaii or Chilean region, it is appropriate for the applicant, the supervisor of the graduate school, and the faculty member of NAOJ to discuss this in advance because of the financial cost of living in the region.

(4) The main advisor at NAOJ must be selected from the list of faculty members on the attached sheet. If the applicant wishes to receive research guidance by more than two faculty members including assistant professor, provide the name of the assistant professor as a co-supervisor.

(5) An applicant wishes to apply for acceptance from a date other than April or October 2020 must contact the NAOJ faculty member before submitting application, and also contact the administrative office below.
Document submission (Administrative contact information)

2-21-1 Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181-8588, JAPAN

Inter-University Research Institute Corporation National Institutes of Natural Sciences

National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

Graduate Student Affairs Unit

Email: daigakuin@nao.ac.jp

TEL: 0422-34-3659

Please write "Application form enclosed" in red on the front of the envelope
List of faculty members and their research fields

Please refer to the following URL for more information on the faculty members' research and other details.
https://www2.nao.ac.jp/~open-info/reslist/index.html

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