

UNESCO training project for FY 2012 (One-month lab revisit in summer)

*** Applications close on June 10, 2012. ***

Dear UNESCO Alumni,

We are pleased to announce a call for the participants in the one-month lab revisit in summer 2012. The Program is designed to provide researchers related to our UNESCO course with the opportunities to acquire advanced skills and knowledge and to exchange ideas of research at Japanese universities and also to create, sustain and/or strengthen collaborative linkages with Japanese researchers.

We developed a shorter course this year in hopes that it will facilitate your attendance.

Below please find the outline of the project.

If you wish to participate and meet the following eligibility, please reply to us with application form at the bottom of this mail by *7 Jun. 2012 (Thu)* via email to *unesco_conference@icb.osaka-u.ac.jp.*

1. Project Title (tentative):

Building of Asian-core human capital network for development of the network of UNESCO Postgraduate Inter-university Courses

2. Purposes:

- (1) To provide the opportunity for the alumni and related young researchers to visit laboratories at Japanese universities to be exposed to leading-edge research, to upgrade research skills, and to facilitate exchange of researchers.
- (2) To rebuild up networks among researchers between Japan and Asian countries in the field of biotechnology.
- (3) To strengthen and sustain the network among the alumni of our UNESCO courses beyond generations and countries.

3. Schedule:

Early Jun 2012 Selection of the participants

[Course A] Seven (7) participants

26 Aug 2012 Arrival in Osaka

27 Aug 2012 Orientation , presentation and Reception at Osaka University

28 Aug 2012 Lecture of law on Biological Diversity and Analysis study of Microbiological Diversity

29 Aug 2012 Move to assigned Universities (Tohoku U., The U. of Tokyo, Kyoto U., Osaka U. and Kyushu U.)

30 Aug - 23 Sep 2012 Research and Discussion at each U.

24 Sep 2012 Gather at Osaka U, Submission of the report

25 Sep 2012 Return to home country

[Course B] Three (3) participants

26 Aug 2012 Arrival in Osaka

27 Aug 2012 Orientation, presentation and Reception at Osaka University

28 Aug 2012 Lecture of law on Biological Diversity and Analysis study of Microbiological Diversity

29 Aug 2012 Move to assigned Universities (Tohoku U., The U. of Tokyo, Kyoto U., Osaka U. and Kyushu U.)

30 Sep - 2 Sep 2012 Discussion to establish collaborative projects at each U.

3 Sep 2012 Gather at Osaka U, Submission of the report

4 Sep 2012 Return to home country

4. Applicant eligibility:

Researchers who correspond to any of the following;

(1) Alumni of the UNESCO International Post-Graduate University Course in Microbiology (1973-2003), at age under 50.

(2) Alumni of the UNESCO Postgraduate Inter-University Course in Biotechnology (2004-2007), at age over 30.

(3) Young researchers with PhD at age over 30 who belong to / graduated from laboratories supervised by the above alumni.

(4) Graduate students who are being supervised by the above alumni.

5. Requirement:

(1) The participant is highly recommended to revisit the laboratory where the participant finished his/her UNESCO training course under the policy of this project. Please see an attached list of host researchers who cooperate in this project. The list of possible host researchers is subject to change after 10 May. We will inform you on our website in that case.

(2) The participant should be advised to discuss with his/her host researcher about his/her research objective, planning and so on during the stay in Japan, after your submission of the application form (see below).

(3) All participants have to arrive in Japan on 26 Aug 2012 or one day earlier. The period should not be extend, however, you may request reduction of the period..

(4) All participants, particularly in Course B, are requested to discuss your future collaboration with your host researchers. For instance, application to establish collaborative projects for funding agency will be expected to sustain collaboration and network among the UNESCO alumni in Asia.

(5) The participant is requested to spread and transfer his/her experience from this program and our UNESCO course to his/her colleagues or related researchers in his/her country.

[Application form]

The first deadline: 7 Jun. 2012

Email to : unesco_conference@icb.osaka-u.ac.jp

* Name:

* Affiliation:

* Position:

* Host lab who you wish to stay at:

* Your planning at host lab who you wish to stay at:

* Year of UNESCO training (if applicable):

* Laboratory where you finished your UNESCO course:

* Your research interest/field:

* If you prefer to take Course B, describe your plans to discuss research and collaborative project with host researcher:

Yours sincerely,

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