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New Start-up Support System Established to Assist Doctoral Students



The NIMS Joint Graduate School Program provides students with the opportunity to pursue degrees in cutting-edge research environments. Since 2004, NIMS researchers have served as faculty members, mentoring graduate students through to degree completion. Currently, NIMS has joint agreements with seven universities: University of Tsukuba, Hokkaido University, Yokohama National University, Osaka University, Kyushu University, Waseda University, and starting in April 2025, students from Institute of Science Tokyo will also be accepted.

A key feature of this program is the NIMS Graduate Research Assistantship, which employs students as NIMS Junior Researchers, allowing them to focus on their research without financial concerns. However, entrance fees and other university-related costs remain a significant barrier for many students when deciding their academic path. To address this issue, NIMS has launched a new support system that provides newly hired NIMS Junior Researchers with a one-time Startup Support Grant of 300,000 JPY in addition to their salary. Starting in April 2025, this initiative will expand opportunities for students who might otherwise forgo a doctoral degree due to financial constraints. NIMS remains committed to advancing materials science by fostering the next generation of researchers.

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