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VERY URGENT

TO : DEANS, DIRECTORS, HEADS OF ACADEMIC UNITS

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Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT : Call for Applications for the
Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award 2021

DATE : 19 April 2021

The Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA), through its Office of International Linkages (OIL) Diliman, is calling for applications by regular UPD faculty members, researchers, or students for the Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award. This communication includes background information about the Award, eligibility, the list of required documents, and a timetable of the application process. A set of FAQs is also provided. We request the dissemination to your faculty members, researchers and students of the invitation to apply for the program.

We are happy to add that our nominee last year, Dr Mary Donnabelle Balela of the UPD College of Engineering, received an Encouragement Award in the 2020 Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award search. You may also check out the link: [Hitachi Innovation Awardees 2020](#)

Background

The Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award recognizes individuals and groups that undeniably served public interests through their outstanding achievements in research and development (R&D) in the fields of science and technology, including their visions of an ideal future society and social implementation plans for R&D as a means of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each year, two goals and several relevant targets are selected from the 17 goals and 169 targets for the SDGs. For the year 2021, **Goal 14 “Life Below Water”** and **Goal 15 “Life on Land”** are selected. Awards will be given accordingly:

- **Best Innovation Award** – (up to 2 awardees)
 - JPY 3,000,000 or approx. USD 28,000
- **Outstanding Innovation Award** – (up to 10 awardees)
 - JPY 1,000,000 or approx. USD 9,000
- **Encouragement Award** – (up to 10 awardees)
 - Approx. JPY 500,000 or approx. USD 5,000

Eligibility of Applicants:

Applicants can be **individuals or groups**. For groups, a group representative will be the applicant. Applicants must satisfy all the following criteria:

- (1) Applicant is a **faculty member, researcher, or student** who belongs to the eligible university or research institution.
- (2) Applicant has made an **outstanding achievement in R&D in the fields of science and technology**. Achievements include publication of research paper, conference presentation, patent acquisition, etc. and an accompanying **social implementation plan**.



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Application Documents: (Please see attachments to this memo)

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- (1) Application Form
- (2) Recommendation Letter
- (3) Three (3) kinds of evidence of applicant's R&D achievements

Other documents which may help in accomplishing the application documents:

- (a) Application Guidelines
- (b) How to fill-in the Application Form
- (c) Appendix 1 – Goals, Targets and Examples of R&D Themes for 2021
- (d) Appendix 2 – Eligible Universities and Research Institutions for 2021 (in alphabetical order)

The documents may also be downloaded through the link: <http://bit.ly/Hitachi2021>

Timetable of the Application Process

The process has two stages, selection by UPD and then, from all the entries coming from the different eligible universities, selection by Hitachi Foundation. The UPD Screening Committee will select three (3) applications which will comprise the official entries of UPD. Application documents must be submitted **on or before 07 May 2021** to: oid_acadadminstaffmobility.upd@up.edu.ph Applicants may also contact OIL Diliman via UP Trunkline 981-8500 local 2561 (c/o Ms. Catherine Tagaban). In case the *Work From Home* scheme is still in effect, queries may be sent through the same email address.

Stage 1	
April 1 – June 30, 2021	Application and Selection period
May 10 – May 28, 2021	Application document screening (UPD level)
May 31 – June 11, 2021	Interviews with applicants (UPD Level)
June 14 – June 25, 2021	Selection of three (3) UPD nominees; Transmittal of recommended applications by UPD to Hitachi through their online application system
Stage 2	
July to August 2021	Application documents screening (Hitachi Foundation)
September 2021	Interviews with recommended applicants conducted through Skype or telephone
October 2021	Selection committee and Notification of results via email
January 2022	Awarding Ceremony

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the relation between the Hitachi Innovation Award and the Scholarship Program?
Ans: Starting 2020, the Hitachi Innovation Award superseded the Hitachi Scholarship Program.
2. What are the reckoning periods for the R&D achievement and its social implementation?
Ans: No time prescriptions.
3. What if the R&D is a collaboration that involved researchers from UPLB and/or UP Manila?
Ans: Collaborating researchers must decide to which eligible University their entry will belong to and submit application documents accordingly.

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