The UGSAS-GU has started “UGSAS-GU RONPAKU (Dissertation PhD) Support Program” for further development of academic and research collaboration with 12 member universities of the IC-GU12 and universities related to the UGSAS-GU. In order to reach this goal, we provide financial support for highly qualified applicants from member universities to pursue Ph.D. degrees through the submission of a dissertation without matriculating a doctoral course.

**Who Can Apply**
Faculty staff officially registered in member universities of the any of the IC-GU12 or universities/institutions related to the UGSAS-GU with the prospect of completing a doctorate degree.

**Number of Students Accepted**
About 6 students every academic year

**Application Deadline**
June 30, 2015 (5:00 p.m. JST)

**Admission Decisions**
Will be made by mid-July, 2015

**Guidance Method**
A one-month (or more) stay at Gifu or Shizuoka University an academic year and an opportunity of supervisions by the hosting university. If necessary, the supervisor can pay a visit the fellow’s home university for additional supervision.

**Qualification of RONPAKU**
At least three academic papers that form the basis of the dissertation, and three or more previously presented papers in a field of related research to be respectively published to the journals specified by the UGSAS-GU are needed.

**Summary of Program**
1. Great opportunity to take additional/different supervision by the faculty staff of the UGSAS-GU specializing in the field equivalent to the fellow’s.
2. Obliged to give 1 lecture for the curriculum of the UGSAS-GU, “Special Lecture on Agriculture III.”
3. The fellow is required to submit a report on his/her research at every visit.

**Financial Aid**
Maximum of 200,000 JPY includes a round-trip ticket (economy class, at cost), accommodation fees, and other necessary expenses will be provided for the first visit. All the costs from the second visit and a dissertation evaluation fee of 57,000 JPY* won’t be covered. (*The amount is subject to change.)

Priority will be given to candidates who don’t need any financial aid from the UGSAS-GU.

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