**Application Form for Support of Niigata University New Next Generation Project**

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| Course\* |  | Major/Year\* |  |

\* Enter the applicant’s course, major, and year as of April 1, 2024.

**Niigata University aims to improve treatment and help form career paths for doctoral course students with excellent academic performance. The purpose is to develop next-generation doctoral talents capable of performing challenging interdisciplinary research that goes beyond existing frameworks and creating innovation in diverse areas. In view of this purpose, describe yourself in terms of the following items so that we can evaluate your qualifications and eligibility as an applicant.**

**1. Reasons for applying for this project and career goals as an academic researcher (Summarize in one page.**)

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**2. Research plans (Describe your research in full detail.)**

Describe the following items **in one page**:

**(1) Research title and area**

Background of research (Describe the background of your future research plan, the problems that the research should overcome, the details of how you came up with the research ideas, etc.)

**(2) Research purpose and method (Describe the following items in an easy-to-understand manner. You may use charts and tables).**

(i) Research purpose and method (Describe the content of your research.)

(ii) Describe in detail what plans are in place, what should be discovered, and to what extent

**(3) Characteristics and originality of your research (Describe the following items.)**

(i) Characteristics, novel viewpoints, and originality of your research in comparison with earlier research, etc.

(ii) Positioning and significance of your research in comparison with other relevant research at home and abroad

(iii) Expected impact of your research plan at the time of its completion and future prospects and spillover effects

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**3. Past research activities**

Delete the examples (shown in blue) to complete this form. Enlarge the columns as needed.

**(1) Papers published in academic journals and other publications** (including university bulletins and collections of papers) and books. (Indicate whether or not the papers have been peer-reviewed. Among the peer-reviewed papers, list only the papers that have been published or accepted for publication. Exclude those under peer review or those submitted but not yet accepted.)

(i) List the authors (all authors, including the applicant, in the order they appear in the paper), title, journal name, volume number, pages (first to last), and year, in this order.

(ii) For international academic journals with an impact factor (IF), provide the latest IF (in the form of “IF=x.x”) after the year of publication.

(iii) For the papers that have been accepted for publication, attach proof of acceptance.

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| Peer reviewed | (Authors), (title), (journal name), (volume number), (pages (first to last)), (year), (IF=x.x) |
| Non peer reviewed |  |

**(2) Papers that are subject to peer review, under peer review or have been submitted but not yet accepted** (State the journal name and the time and date of submission. Exclude those in the process of being submitted.)

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| (Authors), (title), (journal name), (time and date of submission) |

**(3) Explanations and general remarks in academic journals, commercial magazines, etc.**

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| Peer reviewed | (Authors), (title), (journal name), (volume number), (pages), (year), (IF=x.x) |
| Non peer reviewed |  |

**(4) Presentations at international conferences and academic meetings outside Japan** (Distinguish between oral and poster presentations and indicate whether the presentations have been peer reviewed.)

(i) List the authors (all authors, including the applicant, in the order they appear in the paper, etc.), title, name of the academic meeting at which the presentation took place, identification number of the paper, etc., place of presentation, and month/year. List them for oral presentations first and then for poster presentations.

(ii) Circle the name of the presenter.

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| Peer reviewed | (Authors (circle the name of the presenter)), (title), (name of the academic meeting at which the presentation took place), (identification number of the paper, etc.), (place of presentation), (month/year), (oral or poster) |
| Non peer reviewed |  |

**(5) Presentations at academic meetings, symposiums, etc., in Japan** (Provide the same information as that required under item (4).)

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| Peer reviewed | (Authors (circle the name of the presenter)), (title), (name of the academic meeting at which the presentation took place), (identification number of the paper, etc.), (place of presentation), (month/year), (oral or poster) |
| Non peer reviewed |  |

**(6) Patents, etc.** (Please make a distinction between “applied,” “published,” and “granted.” If the patent is currently in the application stage and details cannot be provided, a summary is sufficient.)

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| (Publication number), (title of invention), (status [“applied,” “published,” or “granted.”]) |

**(7) Other accomplishments and awards** (Please describe accomplishments worth mentioning other than research outputs.)

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**4. Items to be confirmed**

**Confirm and check the following items. You cannot apply for the project if one or more items remain unchecked.**

□ I have read the application guidelines and FAQs of both this project and the JST SPRING program and understood the purposes of the project and the program.

□ I will avail myself of career development and training opportunities, most notably the compulsory activities defined in the common menu for first-year (D1) students and in the talent development units for second-year (D2) and higher students.

□ I will cooperate with various surveys conducted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), JST, and Niigata University, most notably follow-up surveys on the career paths of program completers.

□ I accept that because each talent development unit has its own standard quota, I may not be able to move on to the unit of my preference.

**If you are an international student, confirm and check the following item. If the item remains unchecked, you cannot apply for the project.**

□ I understand that I am required to take a career path that will contribute to Japan’s science, technology, and innovation with a view to remaining in Japan after completing the program and to helping Japan become more internationally competitive.

Date:

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Applicant signature: