

For Overseas Nominating Institutions



# 9 - 13 March, 2025

Check-in/Registration: Saturday, **8** March, 2025

Check-out: Friday, **14** March, 2025

Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2025: Sunday, **9** March, 2025

## Yokohama, JAPAN

HOPE Meetings are held for excellent graduate students and young researchers specially selected from countries/areas around the Asia-Pacific and Africa region. These meetings give an opportunity for the participants to engage in interdisciplinary discussions with Nobel laureates and other distinguished scientists pioneering the frontiers of knowledge. They also give the participants, who lodge together over the course of the event, a chance to make friends and form collegial networks with peers from the regions.

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## About HOPE Meetings

HOPE Meetings give opportunities to excellent graduate students and young researchers selected from countries and areas in the Asia-Pacific and Africa region to engage in interdisciplinary discussions with Nobel Laureates and other distinguished scientists pioneering the frontiers of knowledge. It is hoped that the experience the participants gain at the meeting will inspire and motivate them to become excellent scientists able to shoulder the future of science and technology in the region.

## Meeting Format

On-site and in-person

\*Lecturers may participate in the meeting through the online-conferencing platform

## Organizer

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

## Participants

The participants will comprise about 20 PhD students and young researchers from the institutions in Japan and 90 will be nominated by the Overseas Nominating Institutions of the Asia-Pacific and Africa region; [Australia](#), [Bangladesh](#), [China](#), [Egypt](#), [India](#), [Indonesia](#), [Israel](#), [Kenya](#), [Korea](#), [Malaysia](#), [Myanmar](#), [Nepal](#), [New Zealand](#), [Philippines](#), [Senegal](#), [Singapore](#), [South Africa](#), [Taiwan](#), [Thailand](#), [Turkey](#), [Vietnam](#).

## Selection Criteria

Participants are selected based on the following criteria:

- Be a **PhD student** or **young researcher** (received PhDs within the past 5 years\*; after 2 April 2019) with a record of excellent academic performance
  - \* Past 5 years excludes periods of maternity/paternity, and childcare leave.
- Have not been selected to participate in a past HOPE Meeting
- Have an excellent record of research and a high level of interest in the societal influence of scientific knowledge and its application
- Have a strong interest in a wide scope of science and research
- Be expected to go on to advance future research in the Meeting's subject field(s)
- By participating in the meeting, be expected to initiate joint research and/or build collegial networks in the future
- Have a strong desire to participate actively in the Meeting's exchanges and discussions
- Possess ample English proficiency to do so
- Be able to participate in the entire Meeting program from 9 to 13 March.\*

\* Please note that HOPE Meetings are like intellectual short-term intensive camps. In that sense, it is quite different from a normal scientific conference.

**Nomination Deadline**

**Monday, 30 September, 2024**

## Cost Sharing

### • JSPS

- JSPS will cover the cost of holding the meeting and local travel costs <sup>a)</sup>.
- JSPS will cover the cost of overseas travel insurance <sup>b)</sup>.

### • Overseas Nominating institutions

- Nominating institutions will cover the international travel costs <sup>c)</sup> of their own participants.

- a) 1. Accommodations at the designated hotel in Yokohama
    - check-in: 8 March - check-out: 14 March
    - Each participant will be provided with a single bed room.
  2. Meals: from dinner on 8 March to breakfast on 14 March
  3. Transportation between Narita/Tokyo International Airport and the hotel/meeting venue.
- b) Designated travel insurance valid during the meeting period: 8 March to 14 March.
  - c) International airfare to Narita/Tokyo International Airport, Japan.

## Program of the 16th HOPE Meeting

The program of the HOPE Meeting will feature the following:

- 1 Lectures by Nobel laureates and distinguished researchers
- 2 Small group discussions with the lecturers (seminar style)
- 3 Poster session including 1 minute oral presentation by each participant
- 4 Oral presentations by multinational teams of participants
- 5 Cultural experience program and excursion (research facilities and cultural heritage sites)

Please note: The program may be subject to change.

Lecturers may participate in the meeting through the online-conferencing platform.



Date	MORNING			AFTERNOON & EVENING		
SUNDAY, 9 March	Participation in the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2025*					Reception Party
MONDAY, 10 March	Opening Ceremony	Lecture	Group Discussion	Poster Session	Lecture	Group Discussion
TUESDAY, 11 March	Lecture	Group Discussion	Poster Session	Lecture	Group Discussion	Lecture
WEDNESDAY, 12 March	Poster Session	Lecture	Group Discussion	Lecture	Cultural Programs	Preparation for Team Presentations
THURSDAY, 13 March	Team Presentations		Closing Ceremony	Research Institutions Visit / Excursion		

Tentative (as of June 2024)

\* Since 2012, Nobel Prize Outreach AB has been annually holding Nobel Week Dialogue on December 9, the day before the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony in Sweden. It is an open symposium aimed at stimulating discussion between world's leading researchers and intellectuals, including the Nobel laureates, and the general public. Since March 2015, Nobel Prize Outreach AB and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) have co-hosted the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo series. Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2025 is scheduled to be held for the sixth time. [https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-nobel\\_prize\\_dialogue/npd\\_tokyo2025/index.html](https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-nobel_prize_dialogue/npd_tokyo2025/index.html)

## Responsibility of Participants

Participants are obliged to submit all required documents, including abstracts for poster presentations, and meeting reports. Attendance at all components of the Meeting is also mandatory.

**Important Notice** JSPS does not recommend traveling with accompanying persons (e.g., family members). As each day's program will stretch uninterruptedly over the full day from morning to night, non-participants will not be allowed to attend the meeting programs. A daycare room will be set up by JSPS near the venue for accompanying preschool children of up to 6 years old who may need childcare. However, JSPS will not be able to pay expenses related to accompanying children (such as meals).

## Schedule (tentative)

<b>2024</b>	June	Send out nomination requests to nominating institutions
	30 September	<b>Nomination deadline</b> (for overseas nominating institutions)
	Early December	Notify nominating institutions of the selection results
	Late December	Participants prepare for their participation in the meeting (1) Submit registration forms, photos, poster presentation abstracts
<b>2025</b>	Mid-January	(2) Confirm travel plans, submit slides for <i>Flash Talks</i>
	8 March	Hotel Check-in
	<b>9-13 March</b>	<b>16th HOPE Meeting</b> 9 March: Participation in the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2025
	Late March	Participants submit reports to JSPS
	April - July	JSPS sends participants' reports to nominating institutions

## Chairperson of the Organizing Committee



KAJITA Takaaki

Nobel Laureate in Physics 2015

Distinguished University Professor (Institute for Cosmic Ray Research) , The University of Tokyo

## Meeting Venue

Yokohama is a metropolis located only 30 minutes from central Tokyo, yet it is characterized by a beautiful harbor visited by foreign cruise ships, a group of historical buildings that retain the vestiges of the port's opening, and the world's largest Chinatown.



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