EFSD and JDS Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme

The Japan Diabetes Society and EFSD will be able to introduce the following organizations for accepting researchers from Europe and Japan.

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		Organization	Department	Address	Contact	E-mail address	Research contents	Website
For EFSD Applicants	1	**Diabetes Research Center, Research Institute, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Japan Institute for Health and Security**	Department of Molecular Diabetic Medicine	1-21-1 Toyama, Shinjuku City, Tokyo 162-8655, Japan	Prof. Dr. Kohjiro Ueki (Director of Diabetes Research Center)	ueki.k@jihs.go.jp	Ongoing research projects are follows: 1. Mechanism of sarcopenia in diabetes using knockout mouse models. 2. Role of Activin B in the regulation of glucose homeostasis. 3. Mechanism of NASH and hepatocellular carcinoma in diabetes. 4. Role of noncoding RNAs in the regulation of insulin sensitivity and glucose homeostasis. 5. Role of insulin signaling in pancreatic β cells.	
	2	**Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine**	Department of Metabolism &Endocrinology	2-1-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Prof. Dr. Hirotaka Watada	hwatada@juntendo.ac.jp	(Basic Research) •Significance of proteostasis regulated by autophagy and the endoplasmic reticulum stress response in pancreatic β cells •Role of ribosomal quality control in pancreatic β cells •Importance of lysosomal proteases in pancreatic β-cell homeostasis •Pathogenesis of type 1 diabetes associated with protein homeostasis in pancreatic β cells •Identification of risk factors for the progression of atherosclerosis in diabetes (Clinical Research) •Investigation of the mechanisms of insulin resistance in the liver and skeletal muscle •Analysis of genetic polymorphisms associated with diabetes and diabetic complications •Significance of intracellular lipid accumulation as a determinant of insulin sensitivity •Establishment of optimal diabetes treatment strategies based on the evaluation of early atherosclerosis using carotid ultrasonography and related modalities •Clinical management of autoimmune thyroid diseases	
	3	**Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine**	Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Nutrition	54 Kawahara-cho, Shogoin, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8507, Japan	Prof. Dr. Daisuke Yabe	tounaiei@kuhp.kyoto-u.ac.jp	Islet biology, Incretin, Insulin secretion	
	4	**The University of Tokyo**	Department of Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases, Graduate School of Medicine ; Medical Research Center for Mebyo AI	7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan	Prof. Dr. Toshimasa Yamauchi (Professor and Chairman ; Director of Medical Research Center for Mebyo AI)	tyamau@m.u-tokyo.ac.jp	Comprehensive research of the universal metabolic regulation mechanisms for healthspan： 1. Gaining insights from multiomic analyses of samples obatined from human subjects and animals. 2. Analyzing the function of potential regulators and therapeutic targets using models of obesity and type 2 diabetes. 3. Elucidation of the pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes using methods in computational biology and statistical genetics 4. Persuing mechanisms of metabolic deaseses based on stem cell biology. 5. Machine learning to elucidate protein structural basis for disease prediction.	
	5	**Tokyo Women's Medical University School of Medicine**	Division of Diabetology and Metabolism, Department of Internal Medicine	8-1, Kawada-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-8666, JAPAN	Prof. Dr. Mototsugu Nagao (Professor and Chairperson)	diabetes.an@twmu.ac.jp	Our laboratory investigates the role of fatty acid transporters, particularly CD36, in the regulation of insulin secretion in pancreatic β-cells. This research is conducted in close collaboration with Prof. Lena Eliasson's laboratory at the Lund University Diabetes Centre in Sweden, where advanced expertise in islet cell biology and exocytotic machinery complements our lipid signaling and metabolic research framework. Researchers and trainees from Sweden and other European countries regularly engage in this collaborative project.	
For JDS Applicants	6	**German Diabetes Center and Division of Endocrinology and Diabetology Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf**		c/o Auf´m Hennekamp 65, 40225 Düsseldorf, Germany	Prof. Dr. Michael Roden	michael.roden@ddz.de	Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases	
	7	**Sahlgrenska Academy at University of Gothenburg**	Department of Molecular and Clinical Medicine	Blå stråket 5 B Wallenberglab/SU, 41345, Göteborg	Prof. Dr. Ulf Smith	ulf.smith@medic.gu.se	Pathogenesis of Type 2 diabetes and its complications	
	8	**University of Bari Aldo Moro**	Department of Precision and Regenerative Medicine and Ionian Area, Section of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Andrology and Metabolic Diseases	Piazza Giulio Cesare, n. 11 - Bari 70124, Italy	Prof. Dr. Francesco Giorgino	francesco.giorgino@uniba.it	Pathophysiology of pancreatic islets, adipose tissue, and cardiac progenitor cells in Type 2 diabetes and obesity. Analysis of RCTs and observational studies with meta-analysis and network meta-analysis. AID in Type 1 diabetes and GDM.	