**Nakatani RIES Fellowship for Japanese Students**

**Application for Part II Research Internship: Spring 2017**

The Nakatani Research & International Experiences (RIES) Fellowship for Japanese students is a research internship program abroad for Japanese undergraduate students majoring in science & engineering (S&E). The program will enable students to gain real world experience with S&E research, provide an introduction to U.S. higher education and provide opportunities for cultural engagement and collaboration with U.S. students. The program will serve as a catalyst for Japanese students interested in S&E study and research and engagement with the U.S. through international research collaborations.

*Part I (Aug. – Sept. 2016):* Fellows selected for the 2016 program will complete a 7-week experience in August – September 2016 that will include a five-week research experience at Rice University. This five-week experience will introduce students to higher education in the U.S. and the conduct/approach of scientific and engineering research in the U.S. The capstone experience of the program will be the presentation of a topical research poster on their project and a one-week closing program in Washington, DC and New York City designed to introduce students to other universities in the U.S. and the intersection of science & engineering research and policy.

*Part II (Feb. – March 2017):* Upon successful completion of the program at Rice University, fellows will have the opportunity to be selected for funding for a second research internship experience in the U.S. possibly at Rice University, Columbia University, Harvard University or the University of California at Berkeley. This second part of the program will be a highly independent experience that will build on all that they have learned during their first experience at Rice University. The exact duration of the Part II research experience will vary and be determined by the student in consultation with their host lab/professor.

*Part II Application Process*: To be considered for the Part II program, Nakatani RIES JP Fellows should submit the following information by **September 1, 2016** to [nakatani-ries-jp-fellow@rice.edu](mailto:nakatani-ries-jp-fellow@rice.edu). Decisions on Part II support, including total funding available, will be made by early October.

A one-page statement of purpose that addresses the following questions:

* 1. Why do you want to participate in the Part II program? How will this experience further your long-term goals and build upon your prior experience in the Part I program?
  2. What type of research are you most interested in pursuing during the Part II program?
  3. Do you have any potential host professors and universities that you are interested in for the Part II program?

*Questions:* For questions on the Part II program or application process please email [nakatani-ries-jp-fellow@rice.edu](mailto:nakatani-ries-jp-fellow@rice.edu).