



for  
**Planetary Health,**  
nagasaki university

## **Call for Applications: Hosting Nagasaki Public Health Consulting Year 2025**

**Doctor of Public Health Program, Interfaculty Initiative in  
Planetary Health, Nagasaki University**

*Nagasaki University is looking for an organization that is interested in hosting our Doctor of Public Health students. Under the faculty's guidance, the students will provide consulting services to address the host organization's public health challenges.*

### **What is Nagasaki Public Health Consulting?**

The Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health, Nagasaki University, has established a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program in 2022 based on the philosophy of coexistence between human society, the earth, and the ecosystem. Our DrPH program prepares students as professionals who can bridge science, policy, and practice in public health. Please see our homepage for details.<sup>1</sup>

In this DrPH program, students are required to take a practical course named “Nagasaki Public Health Consulting.” In this course, 4-6 doctoral students will form a team to work with a host organization, such as an international organization, government agency, NGO, or private company, etc. As a group of public health experts, they work together to solve challenges faced by the host organization. After preparing in Nagasaki from April to July, the student team will conduct an on-site consultation for three weeks in September and compile a report. Through this training, students will apply acquired knowledge in tackling health policy issues and skills such as negotiation and teamwork with the host organization and others.

The Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health, Nagasaki University, promotes collaboration with a wide range of organizations. We welcome a variety of ideas from many organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.planetaryhealth.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/drph-program/>

### **What are the benefits for the host organization?**

Doctoral students in the DrPH program are skilled professionals with diverse backgrounds in public health. As external consultants, they will make intellectual contributions that are different from a typical internship. The host organization can use this collaborative opportunity, for example, in the following ways:

- To analyze public health issues in a country/region and use this analysis to propose new project ideas.
- To deepen understanding of the current problems that the host organization is trying to solve and propose potential solutions.
- To evaluate strategies, progress, or outcomes of the ongoing works and use this information to enhance/reorient the works.

The student report of the past years can be found at:

<https://www.planetaryhealth.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/16051/>

<https://www.planetaryhealth.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/16131/>

### **Basic requirements for the Nagasaki Public Health Consulting**

The following are the basic requirements for this program. Details will be tailored to the host organization's circumstances.

Place of the on-site consultation:

- Anywhere in Japan

Host organization:

- An organization that is involved in proposing, formulating, and implementing health policies, programs, or projects
- An organization that can share the responsibility of providing educational opportunities to students with Nagasaki University as an equal partner

Topics:

- Any issues related to public or planetary health
- Issues related to government policies are highly appreciated

Schedule:

- The student team will follow the schedule shown in the table below.

<b>Desk research (April-July)</b>	<b>On-site consultation (September)</b>
- Problem definition	- Interviews and site visits
- Literature review	- Hypotheses testing
- Information gathering	- Presentation of results and recommendations
- Problem analysis	- Preparation and submission of a final report
- Forming hypotheses	
- Preparation of draft report	
- On-site work planning	

Language used to communicate with the host organization:

- Preferably in English. Nagasaki University may hire a translator, when necessary.

Deliverables:

- An oral presentation and a brief written report containing analysis results and recommendations (all in English). The exact format and structure will be discussed between the host organization and the student team.

### **Expected roles of the host organization**

The host organization is expected to provide support during the desk research phase (April to July) as well as the on-site consultation phase (September).

#### **Desk research phase (April-July)**

- Providing materials that are not available on the Internet
- Providing information on local transportation and accommodation
- Preparing a list of interview candidates

#### **On-site consultation phase (September)**

- Coordination with interviewees
- Discussion with the student team on the presentation/report contents
- Confirmation of the final report

### **Cost**

The cost related to the field survey, including students' transportation and accommodation expenses, will be generally provided by Nagasaki University within its budget limits. However, this does not preclude the provision of financial support from the host organization.

Please note that Nagasaki University does not usually cover the per diem and lodging expenses of the host organization's staff and the fees for interviewees.

### **Memorandum**

Upon mutual agreement, a memorandum of understanding will be signed between the host organization and Nagasaki University as necessary.

### **Interested in hosting our students?**

Please submit your ideas, intent, or any questions to:

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**Deadline: January 31, 2025**