



2-week internship in Japan, June 2025

at a Pacific Salmon Aquaculture facility

for 2 UiB students (MSc or PhD level)



We invite motivated students to apply for a unique internship opportunity in Japan. This two-week program offers hands-on experience at a recently established Pacific salmon farming facility, providing valuable insight into Japanese aquaculture practices. Two students from the University of Bergen (UiB) will join two students from Hokkaido University to form an international internship team, living and working together throughout the duration of the program. All major expenses will be covered by the ExcelAQUA 2.0 project.

Overview

The internship program is a collaborative initiative between the University of Bergen and Hokkaido University, Japan. The four selected students will commence their experience with a miniseries of lectures conducted in English at the **Hakodate** campus from **10th to 13th June**. Following the lectures, participants will relocate to **Aomori Prefecture** to engage in a practical internship at a **Pacific salmon farming site**¹ for approximately two weeks. Consequently, the overall duration of the program in Japan is provisionally scheduled from **10th to 27th June** with one day prior and one day after for travel. Note, if you extend the period, before or after, that is fine, but those days will be at your own expense.

The program is offered at **no cost**, with the University of Bergen covering expenses related to travel, accommodation, and meals throughout the duration of the internship.

Requirements

During the selection process, **priority** will be given to Master and PhD students enrolled in BIO programs related to aquaculture, physiology, developmental biology, and fish health. This call is limited to **two** students from the University of Bergen, who will join two students from Japan. Applicants with a particular **interest** in fish **aquaculture** for their thesis research will be given additional consideration; please indicate your thesis area in your application. In addition, include a section outlining their **motivation** for participating in the program.

Registration

Questions regarding the internship should be addressed to Professor **Ivar Rønnestad** (ivar.ronnestad@uib.no). **Beate Rensvik** (beate.rensvik@uib.no) is the administrative responsible at UiB.

Please register before 4. April 2025.

Use this QR code link ⇒



¹ This will be in a small town far off the touristic areas, and you will be living basic Japanese style with public bath and tatami room.