



A monthly newsletter featuring updates and highlights related to J-PEAKS.

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EVENT

[June 4 (Thu), 2026] University Management Talent Design Workshop

This workshop will be held ahead of the “University Management Talent Summit 2026 (tentative title)” scheduled for September this year. It is a small, in-person session for practitioners (UA/URA, administrative staff, and those in HR and planning) to exchange views.

It focuses on candid discussion of practical topics that are hard to share in larger settings, including not only ideal system design but also operational challenges and on-the-ground concerns.

On the day, group discussions will be the main format, with speakers rotating among groups to provide input and facilitate exchanges on multiple topics. Please see the website for details.

Date & Time: June 4, 2026 (Thu), 14:00–17:00

Venue: Hotel Global View Niigata (in-person only)

Target Participants: Practitioners at universities seeking to establish or improve UA/URA systems, including those from J-PEAKS-affiliated institutions

Speakers (planned)

- Takayuki Ogura, Head, Research Planning Division, Department of Research Promotion, University of Osaka
- Norito Sato, Vice Executive Director, Vice President, and Senior URA, Okayama University
- Daisuke Yokono, Chief, Planning and Coordination Section, Planning Division, Niigata University

Capacity: 40 participants

Details : Please see the website.

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/news/1106985/>

(Available in Japanese only)

WORKSHOP

大学経営マネジメント人材 デザインワークショップ

- 現場課題から考える大学経営人材の制度設計 -

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研究推進部研究企画課
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出向による研究マネジメン
ト人材育成

岡山大学
副理事・副学長
上級URA
佐藤 法仁
多職種育成と技術職員の金
学組織化を通じた経営人材
育成

新潟大学
総務部企画課
企画調査係長
横野 大介
UA制度の導入趣旨と人事評
価制度、複線人事等の課題
整理

- ▶ 実務担当者同士で率直に議論できる少人数制
- ▶ 制度設計だけでなく「運用の工夫・悩み」を共有
- ▶ UA/URAに限らず、多職種の人材マネジメントを横断的に扱う
- ▶ 自大学の制度改善に持ち帰れるヒントが得られる

6/4(木) 14:00~17:00
(13:30 受付開始)
ホテルグローバルビュー新潟 (対面開催)

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UPDATE

This September: Niigata University J-PEAKS WEEK 2026 – Latest Updates

A New Knowledge Ecosystem Powering Every Aspect of “Life”



The schedule for “Niigata University J-PEAKS WEEK 2026” has been set for September 7 (Mon)–September 18 (Fri).

As a flagship event showcasing Niigata University’s J-PEAKS initiatives (including priority areas and university management reform), it aims to highlight the University’s leading efforts and future vision, expand collaboration and co-creation across academia, industry, and government, and bring J-PEAKS closer to faculty, staff, and students.

Confirmed events are listed below. Details and additional programs will be introduced in upcoming issues—stay tuned.

9/7 (Mon)	8 (Tue)	9 (Wed)	10 (Thu)	11 (Fri)	12 (Sat)	13 (Sun)	14 (Mon)	15 (Tue)	16 (Wed)	17 (Thu)	18 (Fri)
<p>▲ Sept 7 University Management Talent Summit 2026 @ Tokyo Convention Hall</p>			<p>Universities with advanced management systems gather to share insights with industry and foster a new level of university-society co-creation.</p>			<p>← Sept 8–17 Co-Creation Subcommittee Series @ Ikarashi and Asahimachi campuses, etc. →</p>			<p>▲ Sept 18 J-PEAKS Symposium 2026 @ ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Niigata Highlights of Niigata University’s J-PEAKS initiatives and dialogue sessions</p>		
<p>On-site staff present activities at each center and J-PEAKS-related initiatives.</p>											

※Event titles and details are subject to change.

UPDATE

Thank You for Your Applications to the J-PEAKS Strategic Leap Program (SLP)

The Strategic Leap Program (SLP) is a university-wide competitive funding program under J-PEAKS, aimed at significantly enhancing the University's research capacity and innovation creation.

Preliminary applications for the Core Stage closed on May 14, with over 100 submissions received. We sincerely thank all applicants for their strong and ambitious proposals.

The Core Stage will be selected through a two-step review process: a preliminary screening (outline) followed by a full proposal review for shortlisted projects.

Results of the preliminary review are scheduled to be announced in late June. Please see below for the upcoming schedule.



Upcoming Schedule

- Notification of preliminary review results: Late June 2026
- Full application period: July 1 (Wed) – July 30 (Thu), 2026, 17:00
(Application forms and details will be provided separately.)
- Notification of final results and start of funding: Early September 2026



REPORT

Niigata University Showcases J-PEAKS at AAAS Annual Meeting 2026



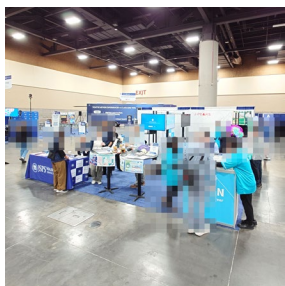
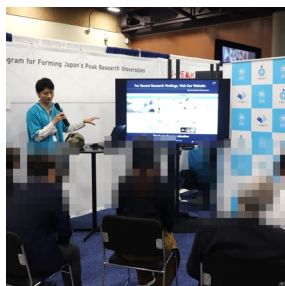
Niigata University participated in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting 2026, held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, from February 12 (Thu) to 14 (Sat), and conducted international outreach.

A total of 11 selected universities joined the exhibition, co-organized with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, to present J-PEAKS initiatives to an international audience.

The exhibition booth attracted more than 600 visitors over three days. From Niigata University, Yutaro Sato (UA) took part, introducing the University's J-PEAKS initiatives. He also visited Arizona State University to exchange views on industry-academia collaboration and international partnerships.

For details, please see the news article on the Niigata University URA website.

<https://www.ura.niigata-u.ac.jp/2026/02/24/8213/>
(Available in Japanese only)



● J-PEAKS Mini Column—Voices from the Field ●

In February, we participated in AAAS 2026 in Phoenix, USA, presenting the university's initiatives through a joint exhibition with JSPS and J-PEAKS-selected universities. Unlike Niigata in February, Phoenix was warm, dry, and very comfortable.

While our booth drew limited foot traffic, the event offered valuable opportunities to engage with university representatives from Japan and abroad and gain insights into institutional strategies, research promotion, and evolving research environments. We also learned from observing the roles of diverse professional staff, including communications personnel, at other universities (I am very grateful to those who supported me despite my inexperience).

We will apply these insights to future UA activities, including J-PEAKS. (YS)

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○Niigata Univ. J-PEAKS Website

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/>

Updates on J-PEAKS-related events and activities are available here.



○Niigata Univ. J-PEAKS Internal Website

<https://app.cais.niigata-u.ac.jp/shurl/fw/2PLWiy>

To support timely information sharing and ensure transparency, materials such as the program's overall design, budget allocations, and meeting documents are available to internal users. For more detailed information, please scan the QR code.

