

AY2023 Graduate School of Medical Sciences Guidelines for International Scholarship Program

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1. Purpose

This program provides a range of opportunities for students (including international students) at the Graduate School of Medical Sciences to participate in international study and research activities related to medicine and life sciences and supports their participation in such activities. Through the program, we aim to help participants broaden their international perspectives and enhance their study and research capabilities, as well as heighten University students' awareness of global society and motivate them to actively enter into the world.

2. Eligible students

Students in the Master's and Doctoral Courses of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (including international students)

3. Student activities aimed to support

- (1) Presentations at international conferences related to medicine and life sciences
- (2) International research activities related to medicine and life sciences
- (3) International internships related to medicine and life sciences
- (4) Other international study and research activities related to medicine and life sciences
- (5) Studies with clear objectives under the International Exchange Partnership

4. Restriction of duplicate application

The scholarship for the program is not granted to students who have already received other scholarships or research subsidies with the aim of supporting their overseas activities.

5. Allowance for support

Travel expenses (①～④) + Accommodation fees (⑤ 10,000 yen/night)

*Up to 300,000 yen per student

Travel region	1.Paris,London,New York, Washington, etc. (designated city by Jasso)	2. a part of North America, Europe, the Middle and Near East area	3. Specific city (city specified by Jasso except for 1.and 2.)	4. a part of Asia, Central and South America, Africa	5.Accommodation fees
Allowance (1.~4. + 5)	Travel expenses 200,000yen	Travel expenses 160,000yen	Travel expenses 140,000yen	Travel expenses 120,000yen	10,000yen/night

6. Documents needed for application

(1) Application Form (Form 1 should be used.)

(2) Resume (Free form)

(3) List of Research Achievements (presentations at academic conferences, published research papers)

* For presentations at academic conferences and published research papers, write the names of all persons concerned, including co-speakers and coauthors. The classification of oral or poster presentation should be clearly stated for presentations at academic conferences.

(4) Application through presentations at international conferences

-A document stating the conference name and date(s); the program for the conference; the abstract and a document proving its acceptance; a document indicating whether the presentation is oral or poster.

-An English proficiency test score (TOEIC or TOEFL etc.) that the applicant took before application

* If the applicant has not taken English test, the English score of the entrance examination is available.

-An English proficiency test score (TOEIC, TOEFL or TOEIC Practice Test etc.) that the applicant took after the activities.

(5) Application based on (2) to (5) of Section 3

Applicants should submit the following documents:

-Report written in English by an applicant about his/her overseas activities or studies

-Letter of acceptance by the head of the institution in which the applicant will conduct his/her overseas activities and studies

-Copy of a contract for overseas travel insurance

-An English proficiency test score (TOEIC or TOEFL etc.) that the applicant took before application

* If the applicant has not taken English test, the English score of the entrance examination is available.

-An English proficiency test score (TOEIC, TOEFL or TOEIC Practice Test etc.) that the applicant took after the activities.

(6) Receipts for expenses incurred during the program participation and air ticket stubs if taking a plane (Copies are acceptable.)

* If the applicant has not left for an overseas destination yet, submit them immediately after returning home.

(7) Notification of Overseas Travel

Those who are going to abroad must submit "Notification of Overseas Travel" before leaving Japan. Format available on website. <http://www.medphas.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/medgrad/gakunai/rule/>

7. Screening method

The Screening Committee selects scholarship students based on documents submitted by those in the Graduate School of Medical Sciences according to the following standards. The screening is conducted by the end of July for the 2023 (April 2023 – February 2024).

- (1) Eligible students are those who plan to study abroad at their own expense.
- (2) For presentations at academic conferences, speakers who give an oral presentation as a leading speaker have priority over poster presenters.

Based on the List of Research Achievements, points are given to each applicant as stated below.

- Presentation as a leading speaker at international conferences: 2 points/time
- Presentation as a co-speaker at international conferences: 0.4 points/time
- Presentation as a leading speaker at domestic conferences on a national level: 1 point/time
- Presentation as a co-speaker at domestic conferences on a national level: 0.2 points/time
- Presentation as a leading speaker at domestic conferences on a local level: 0.5 points/time
- Presentation as a co-speaker at domestic conferences on a local level: 0.1 point/time
- Publication of academic papers in English as a leading author: 5 points/paper
- Publication of academic papers in English as a coauthor: 1 point/paper
- Publication of academic papers and review papers in Japanese as a leading author: 1 point/paper
- Publication of academic papers and review papers in Japanese as a coauthor: 0.2 points/paper

When the difference in total points is small, the levels of the conferences and journals in which papers are published are also assessed. Students in higher grades have priority. Screening is comprehensively conducted based on a variety of factors as stated above.

(3) For applications not based on presentations at academic conferences, priority is first given to activities under the International Exchange Program, and next to support activities to foreign countries by students. Applicants' English proficiency (TOEIC, TOEFL and similar scores are used as a reference), overseas activities, academic records at the University, academic year, and other factors are also comprehensively assessed.

(4) In screening, lower priority is given to students who reapply for the scholarship after having already received it, or graduate students from the department to which the majority of applicants belong.

8. Screening Committee

The Screening Committee consists of the following members with the Chairperson of the Education Board at the Graduate School as chair.

- (1) Chairperson of the Education Board at the Graduate School
- (2) Vice Chair person of the Education Board at the Graduate School
- (3) Head of International committee of the Education Board at the Graduate School
- (4) Chairperson of the Student Committee at the Graduate School of Medical Sciences

9. Selection of scholarship students

Scholarship students are selected by a resolution of the Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

10. Report on overseas activities and research results

Students in the Graduate School of Medical Sciences who conducted overseas activities under this scholarship program must submit a report of their activities and an English proficient test score (TOEIC, TOEFL or TOEIC Practice Test etc.) that the applicant took after the international activities to the Academic Section of the Administrative Office for Medical Sciences after returning home, using the designated form. In addition, they may be asked to write reports for publications of the University and its alumni association, and other institutions.

The Dean of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences must submit a report on the program to the President by the end of the fiscal year.