

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2024 for Research Student: University Recommendation (General, Special)

1. Qualification

1) Applicants must have nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.

※Applicants from the countries specified by MEXT are given priority. Please refer to the list of priority countries.

2) Applicants must be born on or after April 2, 1989.

3) Applicants must have the necessary qualifications to be admitted to graduate school.

[1] Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country (18 years for admission to a doctoral course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and 6-year undergraduate-based pharmacy), including those who are expected graduation.

[2] Those who have reached the age of 22 (24 for admission to the doctoral program of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and 6-year undergraduate-based pharmacy) and recognized as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of university graduates by individual entrance qualification screening at the graduate school, including those who are expected graduation.

(Note) Includes those who are qualified to enter a Japanese graduate school with qualifications other than the above (including those who are expected graduation).

4) Applicants must be proficient in English or Japanese language and meet one of the following conditions:

【Japanese】

[1] Passed JLPT N2 or higher at the time of enrollment.

[2] Completed the curriculum that meets the entrance qualifications for the master's program or doctoral program in Japan, with Japanese as the main language.

[3] Have competency equivalent to [1]

【English】

[1] Have an English proficiency test score of CEFR B2 level or higher at the time of enrollment.

[2] Completed the curriculum that meets the entrance qualifications for the master's program or doctoral program in Japan, with English as the main language.

[3] Have competency equivalent to [1]

5) Applicants must, in principle, be able to arrive in Japan by a date specified by the accepting university which should be within two weeks before or after the first day of the semester (October 1) in the year specified by the accepting university.

- 6) Applicants who have already graduated from their latest degree program must have a final grade point of 2.30 or higher out of 3, while current students must have a grade point of 2.30 or higher for their current courses, and both are expected to maintain the same academic standards during the period of the scholarship program.
- 7) Please refer to the Application Guidelines issued by MEXT for more details.

2. Scholarship benefits

University covers the entrance examination fee, the entrance fee and the tuition fee.

About 150,000 yen monthly stipend will be given to each grantee during the period of graduate school enrollment and the period of enrollment as a research student (up to one and a half years), however the scholarship will be suspended if the grantee's academic performance is significantly poor.

3. Curriculum

Special program: "Program for developing global leaders on the basis of medical data science"

This special program develops epidemiology, data science, and advanced medical research from non-communicable diseases (NCD) to the field of infectious diseases (CD). Students take courses in the core areas of the Interdisciplinary Medical Science and Innovation Course and the NCD Epidemiology Leader Course.

In the first year, students take courses such as Basic Science Fundamentals & Multidisciplinary Seminars, Infectious Diseases, and Introduction to Fundamentals of Public Health to acquire knowledge and skills in infectious diseases such as infectious diseases, microbiology and virology, and non-communicable diseases such as lifestyle-related diseases research.

In the second year, students take the Qualifying Examination (QE). After passing the QE, they engage in research on their respective themes, and aim to write a doctoral dissertation and obtain a degree.

General program: The "Advanced Medical Science Course" conducts medical research in the field of medicine from basic medicine to clinical medicine, the "Advanced Medicine for Clinicians Course" mainly conducts clinical research, the "Interdisciplinary Medical Science and Innovation Course" conducts research on the creation of new academic fields and medical innovation by integrating medicine and other fields, and the "NCD Epidemiology Leader Course" conducts research on NCDs. All courses require students to take the Qualifying Examination (QE) in their third year, and after passing the exam, aim to write a doctoral dissertation and obtain a degree.

Please see the following website for further details about our curriculum.

<https://www.shiga-med.ac.jp/hqcera/en/index.html>

4. Selection Timetable

i Selection at SUMS

Our screening committee will choose top four candidates for Special Program and other several candidates for General Program in February 2024. After the selection at SUMS, we recommend the candidates to MEXT.

ii Final Results

The final decision will be made by MEXT and our committee, the candidates will receive the results in June 2024.

5. Academic Calendar for Class of 2024

i Special Program

Arrival in Japan	Late September 2024
Doctoral Matriculation	October 2024
Completion of the Doctoral degree	September 2028

ii General Program Student

Arrival in Japan	Late September 2024
Accepted as a research student	October 2024
Doctoral Entrance Examination	November 2024
Doctoral Matriculation	April 2025
Completion of the Doctoral degree	March 2029

6. Notes when Applying

When applying, please give us the basic information of the applicants by email in advance of the submission. Each has a deadline; December 15th.

We suggest, in principle, all applicants to apply for both special and general program.

i. Email to provide applicant basic information

Deadline: 5 pm on Friday, December 15, 2023

Required applicant information:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Nationality
- (4) Final Academic Background (Name of School, Graduation (or expected) Date)
- (5) Desired course and Supervisor

(6) Current Status

ii . Application Submission

Deadline: 5 pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2024

- * Please refer to the Application Guidelines and submit all the required documents.
- * You can check the required documents with the checklist we offer.
- * Application Forms are available at MEXT website and please download by yourself to use them.
- * We will not accept any incomplete applications.

7 . Contact and Submission

【Contact ・ Application submission office】

Student Division, Student Support office at Shiga University of Medical Science

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