

Application Guidelines for Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO) Scholarship for October 2024 Special Admissions for International Students for Ph.D. Course

Graduate School of Dental Science, Kyushu University has been approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to award “MONBUKAGAKUSHO Scholarship” for the program entitled “Oral health-rebuilding Advanced Dental Research Course for MENA countries” which will start in October 2024.

“Oral health-rebuilding Advanced Dental Research Course for MENA countries” is a 4years Ph.D. degree program offered by Kyushu University Graduate School of Dental Science. The motto of our dental school is “Overall Well-being through oral health” and we hope to share this belief with students who will join this program. In addition, we also hope that this program can support the oral health of developing countries in the middle east. We hope to share with students in the program the specialized knowledge about dentistry in Japan and eventually we hope these students can bring the know-how back to their home countries and contribute to the development of oral health in their home countries.

As part of this program Kyushu university is now asking for applications from outstanding international students from abroad to join us in this program.

1. Documents to be submitted

- The original of the following documents must be submitted either in Japanese or English. The translated version in Japanese or English must be submitted as well as the original if the original is issued in a language other than Japanese or English.
 - a) Application form (download from our homepage)
 - b) Field of Study and Research Plan (download from our homepage)
 - c) Form (download from our homepage) indicating the 3 professors you would like to study under at our Graduate School of Dental Science. Please select 3 professors and rank 1-3 in the order of the professor you would like to guide you when you enter our Graduate School.
 - d) A document to identify the applicants’ nationality (A copy of passport, an official copy of the family register published by the country of applicant’s nationality, a copy of certification of citizenship and so on)
 - e) Certificate of Completion published by the university of the applicant’s final academic background
 - f) Academic Record Transcripts published by the university of the applicant’s final academic background from which the applicant’s academic record is proved to be excellent.

Note: Please make sure that the transcript you had submitted is CLEAR and that all grades is clearly marked on the transcripts. Please send the grading scale (e.g. 90-100 marks=A, 80-70 marks=B, 50 and above=fail etc) together with the transcript. If we cannot verify your GPA to be more than 2.30 (please refer to 18. Calculation Method of GPA) we will not be able to recommend you for this scholarship.

- g) A bulletin of the applicant's major publication (if any)
- h) A document to prove the applicant's language skills defined in hereinafter
"8. Language Requirements" (e.g. An official certification of TOEFL, IELTS or JLPT)

2. Application Period and Email Address for Submission

Application schedule

October 2023: Accepting applications

November 2023: Selection of Applications by document screening and Online interviews

December 2023: Selected students will be nominated to MEXT for the scholarship, nominated students have to submit all necessary documents by January 2024

May 2024: Students have to apply to our Graduate School of Dental Science Ph.D. course which is a separate process from the MEXT application

June 2024: Notification of selection from MEXT

September 2024: Arrive in Japan

Application Deadline: Friday, October 27th 2023 (Must be received by e-mail)

- Any application will NOT be received for any reason when the application period is expired.

Email Address for Submission: ijgsigaku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

3. Target Students

Applicants must be residents outside of Japan at the point of application and will enroll in our Ph.D. Course at Graduate School of Dental Science, Kyushu University in October 2024.

4. Nationality: Only international students who belong to these named below nationalities may apply.

- Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Palestine, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya

5. Age: Applicants must have been born after April 2nd, 1989.

6. Academic Background

International students must meet one of the following requirements to apply:

- Graduates who have completed or are expected to complete an 18-year curriculum education in a foreign country (major in Dentistry, Medical Science or Veterinary Medicine) by the date of enrollment.
- Applicants who have completed a 16-year curriculum education and have 2 years of research experience at a university or research institution, and whose research is evaluated by the faculty as having the same level as a graduate in Dentistry, Medical Science or Veterinary Medicine.
- Those who have received, or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree or a degree

equivalent to the bachelor's by date of enrollment by completing a 5-year course or longer (includes completing the course by taking classes in a correspondence course provided by a foreign university or an equivalent foreign facility in Japan, or completing the course at a scholastic organization admitted by the School Education System in the foreign country concerned) at a foreign university or other foreign schools (limited to the institution and its overall situation of educational research activities admitted by the person certified by the foreign government or relevant authorities, or the equivalent institution specially designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

7. Academic Grades

Applicants should have GPA (Grade Point Average: 1-3 scale/ calculation method is shown in hereinafter "18. Calculation Method of GPA") score at 2.30 or more on their final academic backgrounds, or for current students to have GPA score at 2.30 or more on their latest academic grades. At the same time, applicants shall be requested to maintain the score even during the scholarship period.

8. Language Requirements

Applicants shall meet either one of the following requirements about the language skill (Japanese or English).

- Japanese: Applicants shall pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) level N2 or higher, or have completed an educational program in which Japanese is the primary language that meets the requirements for admission to the Master's Degree.
- English: Applicants shall have a score of B2 or higher on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in English, or have completed an educational program in which English is the primary language that meets the requirements for admission to the Master's Degree.

9. Arrival Date in Japan

In principle, applicants shall arrive in Japan 2 weeks before/after the 1st of October 2024.

10. Visa Requirements

Applicants shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" Visa at Japanese diplomatic mission located in each country of nationality before leaving for Japan, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student".

11. Exclusions:

The following applicants are not eligible for the scholarship. If he/ she is found out as a scholarship student after being selected, he/ she must be withdrawn from the scholarship.

- ① Those who are actively involved in military service or are military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of scholarship.
- ② Those who are unable to arrive in Japan within the designated period by Kyushu University.
- ③ Those who were previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship

programs.

- ④ Those who are currently applying to another program under Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship system.
- ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a university or other schools in Japan with a residence status of “Student”.
- ⑥ Those who are prospective to complete their study at university but unable to fulfill the requirements of academic qualification and background by the prescribed date.
- ⑦ Those who have dual nationality at the time of application and cannot prove that they have given up Japanese nationality by the time of arrival in Japan.
- ⑧ Those who are planning to be absent from graduate school for a long period due to internship, research activities and so on from the time of application.

12. Period of Scholarship

The scholarship period is effective for the standard total education period at the department (4 years).

13. Scholarship Benefits Allowance

145,000 yen per month will be supplied.

14. Traveling Costs

1. Transportation to Japan: The recipient will be provided with funds, according to his/ her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT or Kyushu University, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the nearest international airport to his/ her home residence (*) to International Airport or another that Kyushu University designates. Expenses such as domestic transportation from his/ her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or domestic transportation within Japan (including transit expense) will NOT be covered. (* The home country address stated in the application form is regarded as the recipient’s “home residence”. But if it is clear the address when the recipient arrived at Japan to be different from present address, changed address is regarded.)
2. Transportation from Japan: The recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be provided upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for travel from the nearest international airport.

Note 1: Travel insurance to and from Japan shall be paid for by the recipient. Note 2: If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return to the home country for a temporary return.

Note 3: If the recipient returns to his/ her home country for his/ her personal reason or the reason based on “16. Scholarship Payment Suspension Matters” before the expiration month of his/ her scholarship, he/ she will not be paid travel expenses to return to the home country.

15. Admission and Tuition Fees

Admission and tuition fees will be waived for students who are accepted into this program.

16. Scholarship Payment Suspension Matters

The scholarship will be cancelled in principle in the following situations. If the recipient has been receiving the scholarship despite his/her falling under any of the following situations, the recipient shall be ordered to return the total/ partial amount of scholarship that he/she received during the period wherein he/she was involved with any of the following situations:

- ① The recipient is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application.
- ② The recipient violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for life or for a period of exceeding 1 year.
- ③ The recipient is taken a disciplinary action such as expulsion, suspension and an official letter of censure officially published by the university, based on the regulations of the university.
- ④ It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the course within the standard education period because of poor academic grades, suspension or leave of absence.
- ⑤ The recipient arrives at Japan without valid student Visa, or the recipient's residence status has changed to one other than "Student".
- ⑥ The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures).
- ⑦ The recipient has proceeded to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.
- ⑧ The recipient has withdrawn from Kyushu University or has moved to another university/ college or another graduate school.
- ⑨ The recipient fails to keep GPA at 2.30 or more at each end of the academic year, or required grade level of Kyushu University.

17. Requirements for Completion of Program

- (1) Complete Ph.D. Course at Kyushu University by satisfying all the necessary graduation requirements. Students will be awarded one of the following degrees upon course completion Doctor of Philosophy (Dental Science), Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Dentistry).
- (2) In addition to the requirements referred to in (1), students must earn at least 32 credits for graduate school class subjects listed in the Kyushu University Graduate School of Dental Science academic program, including at least 8 credits from the comprehensive lower-year curriculum, at least 16 credits from the core curriculum for the student's specialist field, and at least 8 credits from the specialist upper-year curriculum.

18. Calculation Method of GPA (Grade Point Average)

Applicants shall calculate their own GPA at the time of their final academic background or the current academic record at their relevant course according to the calculation method below.

Firstly, applicants shall determine "Assessment Point" based on the table shown in as follows, and then calculate by applying a formula indicated under the table.

Classification	Grade Assessment				
4-point scale		Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Failed
4-point scale		A	B	C	F
4-point scale		80% or above (Up to 100%)	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
5-point scale	S	A	B	C	F
5-point scale	A	B	C	D	F
5-point scale	90% or above (Up to 100%)	80% or above – below 90%	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
Assessment Point	3	3	2	1	0

The formula to be applied:

{("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 3 × 3) + ("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 2 × 2) + ("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 1 × 1) + ("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 0 × 0)} /The total number of registered credits

Note 1: If credit system is not used for the lectures/ classes registered, the number of credits shall be calculated with being replaced with the number of subjects.

Note 2: Assessment that is not listed in the table above shall be excluded.

19. For enquiries about this program please contact

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