

Application for MEXT Scholarship Research Students (University Recommendation, Special Selection)

PhD Program for Fostering Medical Science Research Leaders of the Next Generation for the academic year of 2024

Graduate School of Medicine, Nagoya University

The Graduate School of Medicine of Nagoya University has been selected as a special program by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of the Japanese government. We will accept applications for international students (research students) who seek a PhD degree in Medicine as follows.

※ Please note that this application guidelines are based on the MEXT's application guidelines for the last academic year. If the MEXT guidelines are changed or revised, the University will follow their changes.

1. Qualifications and conditions for application

(1) Nationality

Applicants must be non-Japanese citizens.

(2) Age

Applicants must be at age 34 years or younger as of April 1, 2024 (born on or after April 2, 1989).

(3) Academic Requirements and Eligibility

The academic coefficient according to the MEXT standard, which is similar to but not identical to the GPA score, must be 2.30 or higher in a transcript of the last institution you attended. (Please refer to p.7 about the GPA(Grade Point Average) in MEXT standard.) In addition, one of the following requirements must be fulfilled.

- 1) Persons who have completed 18 years of schooling in a foreign country;
- 2) Persons who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country's government or a related institution, or have been separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and graduated from a program that requires 5 or more years to complete (Includes graduating from a program implemented by the relevant overseas school while living in Japan through distance learning, as well as graduating from a program implemented by an educational facility established with the relevant overseas country's school education system and has received the designation mentioned above).
- 3) Persons who will have engaged in research at a university, research institute or similar institution for at least two years by September 30, 2024, after graduation from a university program excluding medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to pharmacy programs where the minimum duration of study is six years) or veterinary medicine, or the completion of 16 years of schooling in a foreign country, who are recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine through their achievements in said research as having scholastic ability equivalent to or higher than that of persons who have graduated from a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to pharmacy programs where the minimum duration of study is six years) or veterinary medicine;
- 4) Persons who have been enrolled in a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical sciences (limited to those whose minimum duration of study is six years), or veterinary medicine at a university for at least four years or persons who have completed 16 years of schooling in a foreign country or a course of study in Japan at an educational institution positioned under the schooling system of a foreign country as offering university programs

(limited to those where persons who have completed the program are treated as having completed 16 years of schooling of said foreign country) and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, who are found to have acquired the designated credits at a graduate school of the University with an excellent academic record.

5) Persons who will be at least 24 years of age by September 30, 2024 and who are recognized by a graduate school of the University through Individual Screening as having scholastic ability equivalent to or higher than that of persons who have graduated from a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical science, or veterinary medicine (limited to those whose minimum duration of study is six years) at a university.

[Notes] For applicants applying under eligibility criteria 3) to 5):

1. Applicants applying under eligibility criterion 3) shall satisfy the following two requirements:

- 1) Persons who, at the time of application, shall have graduated from a university, or shall have engaged in research at a university, research institute or similar institution for at least two years after the completion of 16 years of schooling in a foreign country; and
- 2) Persons who have achieved research excellence, through academic papers and research presentations, recognized as being of academic quality equivalent to or higher than that of master's thesis.

2. Eligibility review for application

Those who are applying under one of the eligibility criteria 3) to 5) must use a set of prescribed forms for eligibility review and submit it to the Student Affairs Division, Graduate School of Medicine (refer to "11. Contact") by registered mail, to arrive no later than November 15, 2023. (Be sure to write "Graduate Program: Eligibility Review for Application (MEXT)" in red on the front of the envelope.

The Graduate School of Medicine will conduct the eligibility review (an interview may be performed, if necessary), and applicants will be notified of the review results by e-mail.

3. List of documents to submit for eligibility review

1) For applicants applying under eligibility criterion 3):

- i) Eligibility review form (prescribed form)
- ii) University diploma/certificate of graduation (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iii) University academic transcript (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iv) Curriculum vitae (prescribed form)
- v) Report of research achievements (prescribed form)
- vi) Copies of academic papers and research presentations

2) For applicants applying under eligibility criterion 4):

- i) Eligibility Review Form (prescribed form)
- ii) Diploma/certificate of graduation (issued by the principal/dean etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iii) University academic transcript (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iv) Statement of Reasons for Application (prescribed form)

3) For applicants applying under eligibility criterion 5):

- i) Eligibility review form (prescribed form)

- ii) Diploma/certificate of graduation (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iii) Academic transcript (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iv) Curriculum vitae (prescribed form)
- v) Work history document with detailed work duties and experience, etc.
- vi) Report of research achievements (prescribed form)
- vii) Copy of academic papers and research presentations

Written explanation from prospective advisor (for persons having scholastic ability equivalent to or higher than that of persons who have graduated from an 18-year curriculum in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine)

2. Application Procedures

(1) Submission of Application

All documents required for application listed below in 3 should be submitted during the following filing period to the Student Affairs Division of the Graduate School of Medicine (refer to “11. Contact”).

In case of mailing, applications have to be sent by registered mail. For those applying by mail, the application must reach the office with APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM (MEXT) written in red on the face of the envelope.

Upon confirming the submission of the necessary application documents, Graduate Student Section will inform you of the deadline for payment and the payment method of application fee of ¥30,000 by e-mail. (Japanese yen, no other currencies accepted, and non-refundable) It must be paid by credit card or bank transfer in a few days after receiving an email. The sender is responsible for the costs of the processing fee for the bank transfer. The application will be processed upon confirmation of the payment of the application fee.

(2) Filing period for application

Applications will be accepted from January 5 to January 16, 2024 (JST). Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

3. Documents Required for Application

The following documents are required. Documents for application should be typewritten or neatly written in block letters in English or Japanese. In the event that certificates, transcripts and other documents are in a language other than English or Japanese, a translation into one of these languages must be attached.

Document	By post		By email
	(Original)	(Copy)	
A. Application Data Sheet (Prescribed form No.1)	1		
B. Application for Japanese Government (Monbu-Kagaku-sho) Scholarship (Prescribed form No.2/ Both side printing) *1	1		1
C. Nominee's photograph (Taken within the last six months; size 4.5 x 3.5 cm. Head and shoulders, front view of face, no hat or any other coverings. Name and nationality to be written on the back of each photograph. It should be pasted in the specified position.)	1		
D. Field of study and study program (Prescribed form No.3)	1		
E. 2 Letters of recommendation. They must be obtained from two referees who meet the requirements stated below. (1) A Letter of recommendation addressed to the president of Nagoya University from the dean or higher of the graduate school to which the nominee belongs <u>at their home country</u> (2) A letter of recommendation from the nominee's academic advisor of the graduate school to which the nominee belongs <u>at their home country</u> (mentioning the nominee's research ability)	one each		
F. Photocopy of passport (Copy of family register or Citizenship papers if you don't have your passport yet)		1	
G. Transcript from the nominee's undergraduate and graduate school (must be issued by the university)	1		
H. Certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) or record of degree from the nominee's most recent university (undergraduate or graduate school)	1		
I. Academic report from the nominee's most recent university that confirms the academic ability of the nominee (The record must include a clearly understandable academic index such as GPA, ABC markings, and an ordinal ranking within the entire number of students.)	1		
J. Summary of degree dissertation		1	
K. English Proficiency Test Scores Please submit either of following score that certify your fulfillment of the English proficiency requirement. (1) TOEFL: minimum score of 80 iBT; 60 Paper-delivered Test (2) IELTS: minimum overall band score of 6 (3) Duolingo English Test: minimum score of 110 (4) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): minimum level of C1 (5) Other evidence showing that the applicant has English proficiency at least equivalent to requirements above *Please note that, in all cases, only the results of tests taken after January 2021 will be considered valid for the application. However, an applicant who is a native speaker of English or applicant		1	

who graduated the course which meets qualifications for this admission to the medical doctoral program in English as a medium of instruction is exempted from this requirement by submitting certificates from university.			
L. Certificate of health (Prescribed form No.5)	1		
M. Declaration of applicable specific categories: Refer to p.8 and fill in the form on p.9.	1		

*Original Documents and Hard-copies can't be stapled and must be in order as listed above.

*1 Application for Japanese Government (Monbu-Kagaku-sho) Scholarship and your photo must also be submitted in excel form through e-mail (iga-ryu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp).

4. Selection Method

The selection process involves two steps: document screening, and an interview by Zoom.

1) Document screening

Those who pass document screening shall proceed to the interview stage.

2) Interview

The interview will be focused mainly on the candidate's research proposals. The interview will be held around in late January or early February 2024 and it shall be conducted in English. The schedule of the interview will be informed to applicants after document screening.

5. Final Announcement of Selection Result

The selection result of the Graduate School of Medicine will be announced on February 13, 2024.

6. Enrollment Procedures

Successful candidates will be notified of the registration procedures for admission to the graduate program. Candidates must register for enrollment on the designated dates at the Student Affairs Division of the Graduate School of Medicine.

If applicants enter as a privately-funded student, the deadline for payment of registration fee (JPY 282,000) is July 26, 2024

*Note that failure to register on the designated dates will be regarded as cancellation of admission by the candidate.

Successful Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan on the designated day in late September, 2024.

7. Required Fees (tentative)

The fees for registration for academic year 2024 are as follows:

※ Required fees may change in accordance with circumstance.

Entrance fee: 282,000 Japanese yen

Tuition fee: 267,900 Japanese yen per semester* (yearly tuition fee is 535,800 Japanese yen)

Note:

1) Entrance fees have to be paid at the enrollment registration indicated above and tuition fees for the autumn semester in October. Once paid, tuition fees and entrance fees will not be refunded.

2) Students can apply for reduction and extension of payment of entrance fees and tuition fees for one semester. In such case, an application form, available at enrollment registration, must be submitted to the Student Affairs Division, Graduate School of Medicine within the given period.

3) MEXT Scholarship Recipients are exempted from the above fees.

8. MEXT Scholarship Contents

Stipend: 148,000 Japanese yen per month (for 2023) *The exact stipend for 2024 has not been determined yet.

Air Ticket: Economy-class round ticket from the international airport nearest to the recipient's residence to Chubu Centrair International Airport (or Narita International Airport) in accordance with the MEXT condition.

9. Related Notes

1) Within the successful applicants, five students from the upper grades who are satisfied with the academic coefficient according to the MEXT standard will be recommended as MEXT scholarship recipient.

However, Graduate School of Medicine recommends more than 75% (4 students among 5 students) from the priority region countries designated by MEXT as Appendix 1.

2) Those who are adopted as MEXT Scholarship Recipient need to submit ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT to the Educational Committee of Graduate School of Medicine every year.

If the evaluation by the Committee does not meet the prescribed criteria, payment of MEXT scholarship will be suspended.

3) Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. After applications are filed, changes in submitted documents will not be permitted and the application fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

4) A false statement, misrepresentation or omission by the applicant in the applications may form the basis for denial of admission or dismissal from the Graduate School of Medicine, Nagoya University.

5) If the applicants live together with their family members in Japan, they need to first come to Japan alone and obtain visa with a status of "dependent" visa. After arriving in Japan, they can apply for Certificate of Eligibility for the status of Dependent at the Immigration Services Bureau on behalf of their family members.

10. Treatment of information on individuals

Any information regarding individuals which has been obtained in the course of invitations for applications or from details contained in application documents, shall be used for the purposes of notifications concerning the application in hand, entrance examinations, announcements of results of entrance examinations, enrollment procedures and any other items subsidiary to these situations. It will also be used for the administration of the school register and for academic records connected with student academic affairs after enrollment. Furthermore, any information obtained concerning individuals will be treated appropriately, and shall never be used for any other reason other than its administrative purpose.

11. Contact Address

Postgraduate Section, Student Affairs Division, Graduate School of Medicine, Nagoya University

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12. GPA(Grade Point Average) in MEXT standard

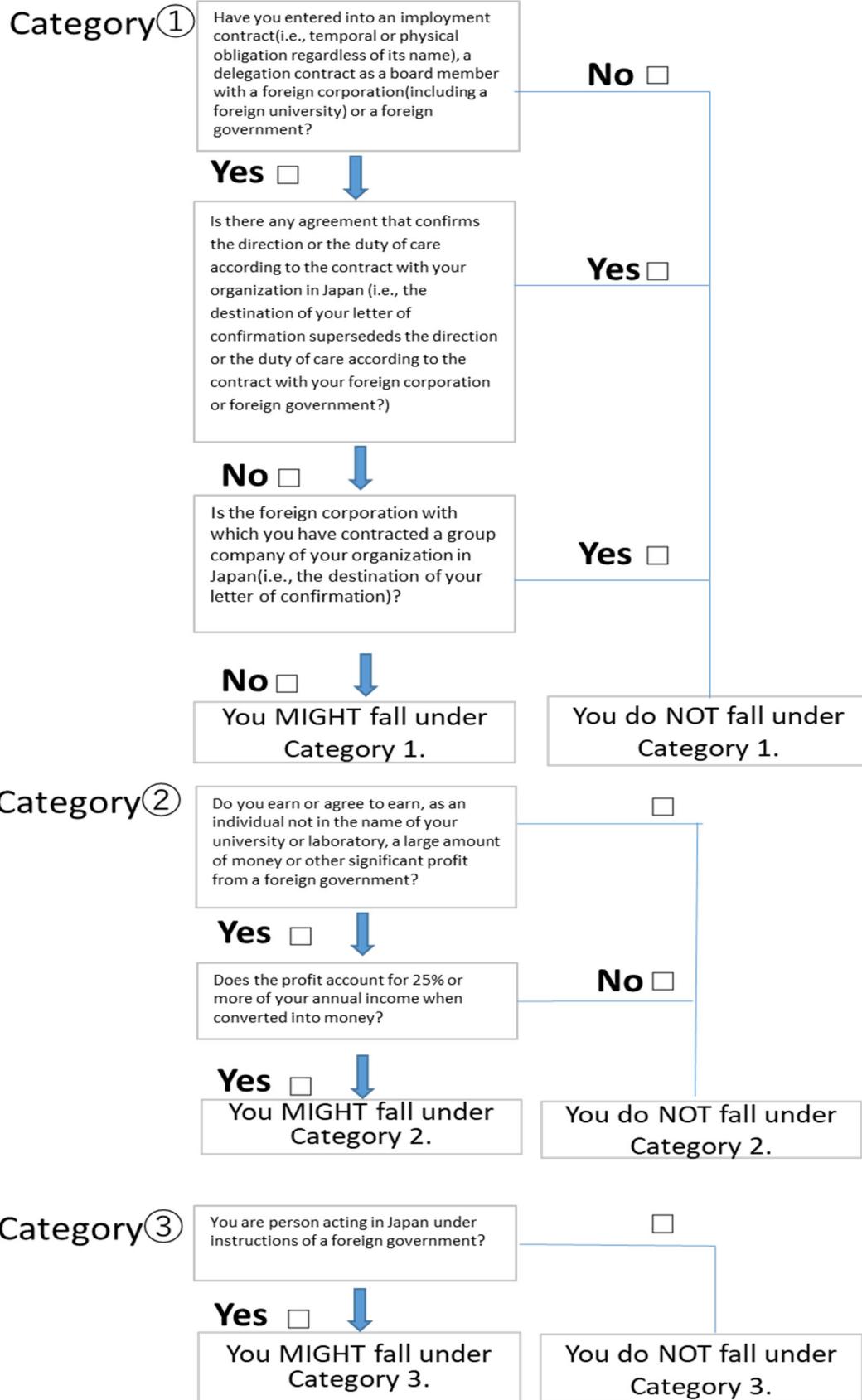
The applicant must obtain a GPA of 2.3 or higher in the last academic year, in accordance with the GPA standard of MEXT.

$$\text{GPA} = \{ 3 \times (\text{total credits of Grade Point 3}) + 2 \times (\text{total credits of Grade Point 2}) + 1 \times (\text{total credits of Grade Point 1}) \} \div \text{total credits of registered courses}$$

4 level evaluation		A	B	C	F
		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
5 level evaluation	S	A	B	C	F
	A	B	C	D	F
	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
Points		3	2	1	0

- ※ Evaluations which does not include in the table above (For example, 「Approval」 , 「Pass」 , etc.) is not be included.
- ※ If your transcript cannot be calculated following the table above, please send an e-mail to the Student Affairs Division of the Graduate School of Medicine (see "11. Contact Information") with the following documents attached, and after receiving approval from the Student Affairs Division, submit the following documents by registered mail, no later than December 15, 2023. (Be sure to write "Graduate Program: Transcript Review for Application (MEXT)" in red on the front of the envelope. The Graduate School of Medicine will conduct the review and applicants will be notified of the review results by e-mail.
 - Diploma/certificate of graduation (issued by the principal/dean etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
 - University academic transcript (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed) * The record must include a clearly understandable academic index such as GPA, ABC markings, and an ordinal ranking within the entire number of students.

Flowchart for Determining Applicable Categories



Declaration of applicable specific categories

If you are applying to Nagoya University as a faculty member or student, we ask you to declare whether you are subject to “deemed exports” controls under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (“FEFTA”).

Please refer to the attached flowchart for your position, check the appropriate boxes, and submit it together with your application form and documents.

Department _____

Name _____

Category 1 applies Category 2 applies Category 3 applies No categories apply

If you fall into one of the Categories 1 to 3, please provide a reason below and submit the relevant evidence.

Reason for applicability

(e.g., employed by ___ institution, receiving funding/scholarship from ___, or planning to do so)

(_____)

Evidence

(e.g., proof of employment by a foreign organization (letter of employment/contract), letter of funding from a foreign organization (individual), notice of scholarship award or application form)

(_____)

*Please contact us if you are unsure whether any of the above categories apply.

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List of Priority Region Countries designated by MEXT

Priority Region	Name	Priority Region	Name
South-east Asia	Myanmar	Middle East	Iran
	Thailand		Turkey
	Malaysia		Syria
	Singapore		Lebanon
	Indonesia		Israel
	Philippines		Jordan
	Viet Nam		Iraq
	Cambodia		Kuwait
	Laos		Saudi Arabia
	Brunei		Afghanistan
Russia and CIS	Uzbekistan	South-west Asia	Pakistan
	Kazakhstan		India
	Kyrgyz		Nepal
	Azerbaijan		Bangladesh
	Tajikistan		Sri Lanka
	Turkmenistan		Bhutan
	Armenia		Maldives
	Moldova		
Africa	Egypt	East Asia	Mongolia
	Sudan	South America	Brazil
	Libya		Paraguay
	Tunisia		Uruguay
	Algeria		Argentina
	Madagascar		Chile
	Kenya		Bolivia
	Tanzania		Peru
	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Ecuador
	Nigeria		Colombia
	Ghana		Venezuela
	Liberia	Suriname	
	Gabon	Guyana	
	Congo	The United States	The United States
	Cameroon	Central and Eastern Europe	Greece
	Zambia		Austria
	Cote d'Ivoire		Swiss
	Morocco		Poland
	Senegal		Czech Republic
	Ethiopia		Hungary
Guinea	Romania		
Uganda	Bulgaria		
Zimbabwe	Albania		
South Africa	Slovakia		
Mauritania	Ukraine		
Togo	Croatia		
Central African Republic	Slovenia		
Benin	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		
Malawi	Bosnia and Herzegovina		
Guinea-Bissau	Serbia		
Swaziland	Montenegro		
Eritrea	Kosovo		
Comoros	Cyprus		
Namibia	Liechtenstein		
Botswana			
Mali			
Niger			
Mauritius			
Lesotho			
Seychelles			
Somalia			
Mozambique			
Rwanda			
Sierra Leone			
Burundi			
Djibouti			
Gambia			
Chad			
Angola			
Cape Verde			
Sao Tome and Principe			
Equatorial Guinea			
Burkina Faso			
Republic of South Sudan			