

Fiscal Year 2017
Application Guide
(For Japanese Government Scholarship Students)
Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine
(Ph.D Course)
-Leadership Development Program for Medical Sciences in Asia-

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine invites application of talented Asian students to Leadership Development Program for Medical Sciences in Asia (Ph.D Course) which train them as leaders in the field of medical sciences.

1. Field of Study and Number of Students to be admitted

(1) Field of Study

Please refer to the following URL.

<http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

(2) Number of Students to be admitted

Up to four students

2. Features of “Leadership Development Program for Medical Sciences in Asia”

(1) Those who graduated (or are scheduled to graduate by the time of admission)

from universities which are located in Asia and have an academic exchange agreement with Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine will be preferentially adopted.

(2) Date of Admission is October 1, 2017. The period of study is, in principle, four years ending September 30, 2021. Ph.D degree (Medicine) will be conferred to those who have fulfilled all the requirements for graduation.

(3) Applicants are required to have high levels of English proficiency since lectures, laboratory training and thesis advice are given in English.

(4) Enrolled students will learn Japanese to a level sufficient for everyday life in Japan.

(6) Faculty members of the Graduate School of Medicine will tutor each student beyond the scope of their specialty.

3. Courses offered

Students will choose one of the following courses.

(1) International Course for Medical Research

This is a double-major course covering both basic and clinical medicine in global perspective. Students will choose two fields: one from Physiology and Cell Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pathology, Microbiology and

Infectious Diseases, and Social/Community Medicine and Health Sciences. The other from Internal Medicine, Internal Related, Surgery, and Surgery Related.

(2) Educational Course for Physician

This is a single-major course focusing on clinical medicine with clinical practice at Kobe University Hospital to train highly specialized professionals. Students will choose one of the following fields: Internal Medicine, Internal Related, Surgery, and Surgery Related. They also choose another from the above or other fields.

4. Qualifications and Conditions of Application

(1) Qualified applicants: Those who are newly coming from Asian countries to join Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine as Ph.D course graduate students.

(2) Nationality: Citizens of the countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.

(3) Age: Those who were born after April 2, 1982.

(4) Educational Background: One of the following.

(i) Those who have completed, or are scheduled to complete by the time of admission, 18 years of school education (ending with a course in medicine, dentistry, a six-year course in pharmacy or a six-year course in veterinary medicine).

(ii) Those who have engaged in more than 2 years of research at universities or equivalent research organizations after completing at least 16 years of school education.

(iii) Those who are recognized by Graduate School of Medicine to have the same or even higher academic competence than medical school graduates.

(5) Recommendation: Those who are recommended by his/her alma mater.

(6) Health: Those who are mentally and physically healthy.

(7) Command of Language: Those who have a good command of English.

(8) Admission Date: Those who will be able to come to Japan between October 1 and October 7, 2017.

(9) Student visa: Accepted applicants are required to obtain a student visa before arriving in Japan.

(note 1) Failure to enroll in the school during the designated period shall lead to cancellation of the admission.

(note 2) Failure to graduate from universities by the end of September 2017 shall lead to cancellation of the admission (for those who have submitted an application based on the expectation of graduation by the time of admission).

(note 3) Military personnel or their tail will not be admitted while retaining these titles.

- (note 4) Those who are granted a scholarship from any other organization or party, including the ones from the applicant's home country will not be adopted.

5. Terms of Scholarship

- (1) Allowance: A monthly allowance : ¥148,000 (for FY2016). This amount may subject to a small change. (¥ represents Japanese yen)
- (2) School Fee: Examination fee, enrollment fee and tuition fee will not be charged at all.
- (3) Travel Expenses:
 - (i) Cost of a trip to Japan: An economy class air ticket from an international airport (must be located in the country of the student's citizenship) nearest his/her home address to the Kansai International Airport will be provided.
 - (ii) Cost of a trip from Japan to a home country: An economy class air ticket from the Kansai International Airport to an international airport (must be located in the country of the student's citizenship) nearest his/her destination will be provided to those who are returning to their home county by the stipulated date after the scholarship period is over.

*Insurance, a landing fee, tax and so on must be paid by your own expenses.
- (4) Period: Four years from October 2017 to September 2021.
The period may be shortened in case he/she shows an outstanding performance.
However, the period of scholarship support cannot be extended beyond 4 years.

6. Application Procedure

Applicants are required to submit the following documents through a professor by November 25, 2016.

- (1) Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho, MEXT) Scholarship Student for 2017 (Print on both sides) including Field of Study and Study Program (Print on both sides).
- (2) Diploma or certificate of graduation (or scheduled graduation) from the last university (both undergraduate and postgraduate schools for non-medical school graduates).
- (3) Certificate of school records from the last university (both undergraduate and postgraduate schools for non-medical school graduates).
Documents should be attached to specify the candidate's standing; such as GPA (Grade Point Average), ABC grading or his/her order of merit (Xth place out of the total student number of XX), etc.
- (4) Research Publications (English): Research paper, outline of his/her thesis, etc.
- (5) Recommendation letter written by a person with an equivalent (or higher)

position to the Dean of his/her home university, which must be addressed to President of Kobe University.

- (6) Certificate of the candidate's family register or citizenship of his/her home country.
- (7) Objective material to show the candidate's good command of English language. (For those who are not given university education in English, a certificate of his/her score in TOEIC, TOEFL (PBT, iBT, CBT) or IELTS must be submitted.)
- (8) Photograph (4.5 x 3.5 cm, a front view of the upper half of the body with a hat off, taken within the past six months, his/her name and nationality written on its back) should be pasted on the specified part of the application form).
- (9) Copy of the applicant's passport
 - (note 1) An applicant should contact a professor of his/her major field beforehand and make good inquiries about their research activities.
 - (note 2) All the documents pertaining to the application should be printed on the paper of the same size (size of A4 is preferable).
 - (note 3) Use the fixed form provided by Graduate School of Medicine to prepare the above mentioned documents (1).
 - (note 4) In case the submitted documents are found incomplete or inaccurately filled, or not delivered to us by the deadline, they will not be accepted.
 - (note 5) Submitted documents will not be returned.

7. Selection and Notification of the Result

- (1) Kobe University will make a selection based on the submitted documents and an oral examination (an interview either in person or via internet) and make a recommendation to MONBUKAGAKUSHO (MEXT).
- (2) MONBUKAGAKUSHO will examine the candidates recommended by Kobe University and make a decision on the successful applicants. The result will be notified to Kobe University.
- (3) Kobe University will notify each applicant of the result of the MEXT Scholarship selection in July and issue a certificate of entrance permission to the successful candidates. Their status will be identical to that of regular Ph.D course graduate students of Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine.

8. Scholarship Withdrawal

- (1) Scholarship students may have their scholarship withheld in the following cases.
 - (i) In case the submitted documents are found to contain a false statement.
 - (ii) In case he/she violates the pledge to the Minister of Monbukagakusho.
 - (iii) In case he/she is subjected to disciplinary action at Kobe University or

judged to have no possibility of achieving his/her goal.

(iv) In case he/she quits Kobe University.

(v) In case his/her visa status is changed from “Foreign Student” to another classification.

(2) In principle payment of the monthly allowance will be suspended during a period when he/she is on leave from the school or does not attend the school for a long time.

(3) The applicant to this program is not allowed to make a simultaneous application to other graduate programs, to the MEXT scholarship via recommendation by Japanese Embassy, or to “Short-term Students Exchange Promotion Program Scholarship” sponsored by Japan Student Services Organization.

9. Miscellaneous

Applicants are advised to study the climate, custom and weather of Japan as well as to get information on the university beforehand.

While the educational and research activities are carried out mainly in English, some command of Japanese language is necessary for one’s daily life. He/she is expected to have some knowledge on Japanese language.

10. For more information, please write to the following address.

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