

**Fiscal Year 2017**  
**Application Guide**  
**(For Privately Financed International 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) Research assistantships may be offered to students with outstanding research abilities.

(5) 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. Program offered

Students will choose one of the following courses.

(1) International Program for Medical Research

This is a double-major program covering both basic and clinical medicine in global perspective. Students 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.

#### 4. Qualifications and conditions of application.

- (1) Qualified applicants: Those who possess other nationality than Japanese.
- (2) 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, after completing at least 16 years of school education have engaged in more than 2 years of research at universities or equivalent research organizations.
  - (iii) Those who are recognized by Graduate School of Medicine to have the same or even higher academic competence than medical school graduates.
- (3) Recommendation: Those who are recommended by his/her alma mater.
- (4) Health: Those who are mentally and physically healthy.
- (5) Command of Language: Those who have a good command of English.
- (6) Admission Date: Those who will be able to enroll in the school on October 1, 2017.
- (7) Student visa: Accepted applicants are required to obtain a student visa before arriving in Japan.
  - (note 1) Failure to enroll in the school on October 1 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 including civilian employees will not be admitted while retaining these titles.

#### 5. School Fee (for FY 2016)

- (1) Examination Fee: 30,000 yen
- (2) Enrollment Fee: 282,000 yen
- (3) Tuition Fee: 535,800 yen per year  
(Note: If the tuition fee is subjected to change during the stay, the new fee will be immediately applied.)

#### 6. Application Procedure:

Applicants are required to submit the following documents through a professor by April 24, 2017.

- (1) Application form
- (2) Study Program
- (3) Diploma or certificate of graduation (or scheduled graduation) from the last university (both undergraduate and postgraduate schools for non-medical school graduates).
- (4) Certificate of school records of 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.

- (5) Research Publications (English): Research paper, outline of his/her thesis, etc.
- (6) 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.
- (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) Those who are scheduled to be supported by governmental or private scholarships should submit verifying documents.
- (10) Examination Fee (for FY 2016): 30,000 yen. (Contact us for information about overseas remittance.)
- (11) Copy of valid 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) and (2).
  - (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 or examination fee are not returned.

## 7. Selection and Notification of Admission.

- (1) Graduate School of Medicine will make a selection based on the submitted documents and an oral examination (an interview either in person or via internet).
- (2) Successful applicants will be notified in July. Their status will be identical to that of regular Ph.D course graduate students of Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine.

## 8. Miscellaneous

- (1) Full or half of the tuition fee may be subjected to exemption depending on the student's performance and economic status.
- (2) 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 of Japanese language.

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

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