

2014
Program for Leading Graduate Schools
Health life science: Interdisciplinary and
Glocal Oriented Program
(HIGO Program)

[Guideline for Student Application]

Health life science: Interdisciplinary and Glocal Oriented Program (HIGO Program) provides screening tests to the applicants entering the graduate school in 2014. The content of this program and the information about the briefing session are mentioned in number 8 below.

1. Number of students to be admitted to the program:
A limited number for foreign students (Those who accept scholarship are limited, but supernumerary attendance is accepted, as far as the student fulfills certain requirements.)
2. Eligibility for application
Students who enrolled in one of the courses below in 2014.
 - ① Master Course of Graduate School of Medical Sciences
 - ② Master Course of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - ③ Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Medical Sciences (including those who entered to the doctoral course from the master's programs)
 - ④ Four-year Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
3. Application Procedures
 - (1) Application is accepted during
April 7 (Mon.) 2014 ~ April 10 (Thu.), no later than 5:00pm
 - (2) Application is accepted through:
Bring the application form to the Student Affairs Section where the student belongs to, or post it.
(Internal mail is also available.)

4. Papers needed for Application

Papers for submission	Details
Application form	Complete the prescribed form
Photo ID slip, Admission card and Address label	4 cm high × 3 cm width, face-on photograph of upper half of the body, without head covering is to be pasted on the form. The photograph has to be one taken within 3 months of the application.
Photograph (1)	
Reasons for application	Write the reasons in the prescribed form
Approval by the supervisor	A4 sized paper. Form is optional.
Envelope for return admission card	Write your address and your name on the long format No 3 envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm), and paste stamp worth 82 JPY on the envelope. The envelope for internal mail is also accepted.
Score of English exam (only those required)	Those who are admitted to the Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Medical Sciences, through the 3rd exam, and have not submitted English Test score when you applied, are required to submit your English score now. This exam, for evaluation, uses the TOEFL-ITP Score of the entrance exam of either the Graduate School of Medical Sciences or the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, or English Test Score submitted in the application procedure. You can submit your latest (new) score, when you apply for this selective exam.*
Scholarship application form	Those who want to receive scholarship should present the scholarship application form.

*English exam score: TOFEL-IBT, TOFEL-PBT or TOFEL-ITP, IELTS

(Only the scores attained within the 2 past years of the exam date are accepted. As for the TOFEL-ITP and TOEIC-IP, only the scores attained on them at Kumamoto University are accepted.)

5. Exam fee

Not needed.

6. Screening Process

Date of exam: April 19 (Sat.), 2014 (Come to the exam room by 9:40 on the day of the exam.)

The exam room: School of Medicine, Kumamoto University (1-1-1 Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto)

Subjects for the exam

(1) Short essay 10:00~11:30

(2) Interview 12:30~ (20 min/person)

*During the Short essay exam, students' desks must be clear except for their admission card, writing utensils, an eraser, and a watch.

*The student is notified of the details of the exam site when the admission card is sent to the applicant.

7. Announcement of exam result

April 30 (Wed.) 11:00am

An acceptance letter is sent to applicants who passed the exam. Also, examinee's numbers of successful applicants are shown on the website of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the HIGO program.

8. Briefing on the program

The detail of the HIGO Program is shown on the website: <http://higoprogram.org/en/>.

The briefing will be held as below:

Date: April 4 (Fri) 2014, 16:00~17:00pm

Site: For foreign students, small conference room, 5th floor of the Institute of Molecular Embryology and Genetics

9. Management of Personal Information

- (1) Names, addresses and other personal information presented at the time of application are used for screening, announcement of successful applicants, and relevant procedures to promote this program.
- (2) The personal information received for screening, including the results of the exam is used as data for analysis, and it is also used to survey and study the screening methods for applicants.
- (3) Some of the tasks of (1) and (2) can be committed to an external business operator. In such case, some or all of the personal information is provided after contracting with external business operators, so that the personal information will be treated properly.

10. Scholarship system

In order to encourage students who study in this program, there is a system to provide scholarship. Scholarship is offered to applicants after the prescribed procedure of screening.

(1) The payment amount (planned amount)

★The amount can be changed according to the national budget.

Master's Course 200,000 JPY/month

Doctoral Course 200,000 JPY/month

(2) Requirement for eligibility, compliance rules

- During the period when scholarship is supplied, the student must belong to this program continuously, and participate in the studies provided by the program.
- The student is not allowed to receive any other scholarship or fellowship from other institutes.

★Kinds of scholarship that cannot be received redundantly

Research Fellowship for Young People by the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (DC)

Scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization

International students: scholarship from the Japanese government, scholarship from his or her homeland, scholarship for international students by JASSO, scholarship from Kumamoto University (excluding the scholarship provided to support the tuition.)

- During the period when scholarship is supplied, the student cannot do side-jobs.

(3) Scholarship is considered to be miscellaneous income, and is taxed. So the recipients of scholarship have to file an income tax report.

HIGO program may offer financial aid in the form of teaching assistantship for those who cannot receive scholarship.

11. Notes

- After presenting the application form, the applicant cannot change the entries written in the form.
- The application form cannot be returned to the student.
- Those who make false statements in their application form lose their exam eligibility. Even after the screening process is over, the student's eligibility is annulled.

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