

## *Frequently Asked Questions about the Graduate School of Medicine*

This document contains answers to questions in the following topics:

- Application
- Entrance Examination
- Fees and Financial Aid
- Life in Japan

### ■Application

#### **Q1. What kind of graduate programs does Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University has?**

A1. Please refer to the following URL to find out the graduate programs at Kyoto University.

<[http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad\\_school/major/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad_school/major/)>

Also, please confirm our policies.

Admission Policy: [http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad\\_school/gs-policy/a\\_policy/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad_school/gs-policy/a_policy/)

Curriculum Policy: [http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad\\_school/gs-policy/c\\_policy/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad_school/gs-policy/c_policy/)

Diploma Policy: [http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad\\_school/gs-policy/d\\_policy/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad_school/gs-policy/d_policy/)

#### **Q2. Can I apply to the graduate programs taught in English?**

A2. Some “Research Fields (Laboratories)” provide courses and academic supervision in English. Please consult the professor/leader of “Research Fields (Laboratories)” which you are interested in.

List of Research Field (Program in Medicine and Medical Sciences

<[http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad\\_school/research/doctoral\\_course/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/grad_school/research/doctoral_course/)>

List of Research Field (Program in Public Health)

<<http://sph.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/field/> >

#### **Q3. I contacted the laboratory and confirmed that I can apply. How do I proceed with my application?**

A3. Applicants who graduated schools outside of Japan must take “Preliminary Eligibility Check”.

Please download the Preliminary Eligibility Screening Check Sheet from our website, fill out the form and submit it with PDF of your graduate certificates of higher education to

[kyoumu-in@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:kyoumu-in@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp) by email.

Applicants cannot apply to the entrance examination without this process until the designated deadlines of each program. The deadline can be confirmed on Admission Guidelines.

If you are eligible to apply our graduate program, you will be;

- able to request the electronic application forms by email (overseas candidates only)
- Informed to obtain “Admission Guideline Booklet” when it will be released. As the booklet and the application forms are only in Japanese, you are recommended to ask your prospective Research Field (Laboratory) to assist you to fill out the forms. (domestic applicants only)

#### **Q4. What kind of documents do I have to prepare for my application?**

A4. Required documents differ depending on the programs, courses, and application qualifications. The common documents to submit are listed here. For further information, refer to the "Admission Guideline".

- Graduation Certificate or Certificate of Expected Graduation
- Official Academic Transcript
- Two photographs to paste on the exam admission ticket
- Application fee receipt: 30,000 yen (Japanese government sponsored international students don't need to pay application fee but required to show Japanese Government Sponsored International Student Certificate.) Those who applied through online application system T-cens can pay through online system.
- Copy of Residence card (If the applicants are currently residing overseas, please submit a copy of passport.)
- Forms that designated on Admission Guidelines.
- A valid English proficiency test score (for program in Medical Science and Public Health only)  
Applicants are to submit either of listed below, other score than listed below cannot be accepted.
  - TOEFL-iBT : Examinee Score Report (original)
  - TOEFL-PBT: Examinee Score Report (original)
  - TOEIC®: Official Score Certificate or Certificate of Achievement (original)This is required to all the applicants who are applying program in Medical Sciences and Public Health including English mother-tongue applicants.

#### **Q5. Should all academic transcripts/diplomas be original to be submitted? Do you accept photocopies of these?**

A5. We only accept original documents (e.g. Degree Certificate, Dean's Letter) or officially verified copies (issued and certified by the university or institution). Those have to be physical documents only, no electric copies and their printouts are acceptable.

For example, prepare the documents below regarding the officially verified copies:

- the certification letter (Dean's letter) with signature/stamp of the dean or authorized by the school official.
- the certified documents by the authorized the school official or an organization such as the embassy of your country in Japan to prove that the copies are not different from the originals (In this case, submit certifications and copied of the original)
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Please consult us in advance if you have any difficulties with submitting originals or verified copies. (e.g. If a government or a university are not functioning due to the civil conflict.)

#### **Q7. Will my application documents be returned to me after finishing the selection process?**

A7. No. None of the application documents will be returned to the applicants. Please do not submit the original copy of your diploma (e.g. Degree Certificate).

#### **Q8. I am currently living outside Japan. How can I apply?**

A8. Overseas candidates must get the electronic forms to make their application materials and send them by postal mail until the deadline. Forms will be provided by request after they passed the Preliminary Eligibility Check.

### **Q9. I am already living in Japan. How can I apply?**

A9. The applicants who live in Japan should ask for assistance to the prospective supervisor in the Graduate School of Medicine.

### **■Entrance Examination**

#### **Q10. What kind of Entrance Examination will be given?**

A10. It depends on your major. Written examination of “English” (Program in Medicine only) and “specialized subject of the applicants’ field” and an interview test will be given in both English and Japanese. Therefore the applicants who do not speak or read Japanese can apply for it. (For example, written test is written in English as well as in Japanese.)

Refer to the “IV Evaluations” in the “Admission Guideline” for further information regarding the entrance examination.

<[http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/apply/entrance\\_examination/](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/apply/entrance_examination/)>

#### **Q11. How can I get the past entrance examination questions?**

A11. The past questions are filed and available at the Office of Student Affairs, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University. You can borrow the file for about one hour to make photocopies (we do not distribute its photocopies or provide electronic copies). Please bring your ID card to the office and it will be kept the office as a deposit while you are borrowing the file. The available hours for lending the past questions are Monday to Friday (except for National holidays and school holidays), from 9:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 16:00.

#### **Q12. Is the entrance examination only offered in Japan?**

A12. Yes. It is offered only in Japan. Applicants must come to Kyoto University to take an entrance examination on the scheduled date.

### **■Fees and Financial Aid**

#### **Q13. How much are the fees?**

A13. It will be cost 817,800 yen for the first year, in case you enter Kyoto University in academic year 2013.

- The admission fee (one-off fee at the enrollment): 282,000 yen
- Tuition fee (First semester): 267,900 yen
- Tuition fee (Second semester): 267,900 yen
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Please note that the fees above are subject to change. If the tuition fees above are revised after your enrollment, the new amount will be applied.

#### **Q14. What kind of financial aid is available at Kyoto University?**

A4. Kyoto University offers four kinds of financial aid for the students (each of them will be explained in the other items):

- Admission Fee Exemption
- Tuition Exemption
- Scholarships (grant and loan)
- Employment in University (TA, RA, Fellowships)
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**Q15. Does Kyoto University offer an exemption of admission and tuition fee?**

A15. Yes. Kyoto University students with financial difficulties can apply to Kyoto University's tuition exemption. Please see the link for the details;

[http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/campus/tuition/entrance\\_fee\\_exemption.html](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/campus/tuition/entrance_fee_exemption.html)

Please note that the tuition exemption is granted within a budget, students who had a benefit in the past may not receive the same as before due to the budget cut and recent increase in applications.

Refer to; [http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/campus/tuition/tuition\\_exemption.html](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/campus/tuition/tuition_exemption.html)

**Q16. Does Kyoto University offer scholarships?**

A16. No. But the information for scholarships can be obtained through the Kyoto University website or other website of related organizations.

<<http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/scholarship.html/>>

<[http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/program/scholarship\\_2.htm](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/program/scholarship_2.htm)>

<[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1319066.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1319066.htm)>

<<http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/faculty/kyoumu/overseas-student/>>

**■Life in Japan**

**Q17. Are there housing facilities for the international students?**

A17. Yes. Five housing facilities are available for new international students at Kyoto University. Located in the Shugakuin, Uji, Ohbaku, Misasagi, and Tanaka areas.

Please read through the information below before you apply.

- Housing applications may be submitted by the field which you belong via the Office of Student Affairs.
- Lots will be drawn in cases when the number of applicants exceeds the number of available units.
- The period of residence is limited. (It is usually for six months.)
- Students who live in one or more year of their arrival in Japan are not eligible to apply.

Information on housing managed by local public organizations and private organizations is available at the following URL. <<http://www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/kuiso/students/h-info/>>

**Q18. What should I prepare before coming to Japan?**

A18. Refer to the "Admissions Guide for International Applicants".

< <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/admissions/undergrad/pamphlet.html> >

Contents of the "Handbook for International Students" are:

- Legal Procedures
- Student Life
- Facilities on Campus
- Housing Information
- Daily Life, etc.

Also, handbook for international students is available here:

<<http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/issue/handbook>>

**Q19. Does Kyoto University offers “Japanese classes” as a foreign language?**

A19. The International Center Kyoto University offers free Japanese classes for the international students. < <http://www.ryugaku.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/japanese-e/japanese-classes-e/> >  
Japanese classes are not included the requirements of the Graduate School of Medicine.

**Q20. Where can I find the information about classes and the academic calendar?**

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Classes and Examinations

<<http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/faculty/kyoumu/class-exam/>>

Brief version of the Graduate School Bulletin in English

< <http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016school-bulletin.pdf> >