

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

Q1-1. Can I apply to the graduate programs taught in English?

A. 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:

<<https://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/field/>>

Q1-2. Should all academic transcripts/diplomas be original to be submitted? Do you accept photocopies of these?

A. 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. If the university issue only digital certificate, submit the photocopy.

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

- the certification letter (Dean’s letter) with signature/seal 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.)

Q1-3. Will my application documents be returned to me after finishing the selection process?

A. No. None of the application documents will be returned to the applicants.

■Entrance Examination

Q2-1. What kind of Entrance Examination will be given?

A. “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.

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

<https://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/apply/exam/requirements_mmq/>

Q2-2. How can I get the past entrance examination questions?

A. 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.

Q2-3. Is the entrance examination only offered in Japan?

A. 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

Q3-1. What kind of financial aid is available at Kyoto University?

A. 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)

Q3-2. Does Kyoto University offer an exemption of admission and tuition fee?

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

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/how-to/tuition/tuition-exemption>

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.

Q3-4. Does Kyoto University offer scholarships?

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

<<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/how-to/financial-aid>>

■Life in Japan

Q4-1. Are there housing facilities for the international students?

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

Please refer to the following information below before you apply.

- Housing applications may be submitted by your host professor.
- 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. < <https://kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/housing/searchguide/> >

Q4-2. What should I prepare before coming to Japan?

A. Refer to the “Handbook for International Students”.

< <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/publications/handbook-for-international-students> >

Contents of the “Handbook for International Students” are:

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

Q4-3. Does Kyoto University offers “Japanese classes” as a foreign language?

A. The Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) Kyoto University offers free Japanese classes for the international students.

< <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/japanese-language-education> >

Japanese classes are not included the requirements of the Graduate School of Medicine.