

Application guide for Data-driven Medical Research Global Health Leader Program (DD-GLP) applicants with Japanese Government Scholarship

1. FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF GRANTEES

- (1) Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School offers courses in basic, clinical, and public health medicine fields conducting research related to data science medicine.
- (2) Number of grantees: 4 (provisional)

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Eligibility: New enrolling student of graduate school level from overseas as a Japanese Government Scholars. Those who work at public institutions and universities with good professional records and are seeking to study data science medicine from the viewpoint of basic, clinical, and public health medicine are eligible to apply to this program.
- (2) Nationality: Applicants must be nationals of the countries to which the Japanese Government Scholarship is offered. Applicants who have Japanese nationality are not eligible.
- (3) Age: Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1988
- (4) Academic Background: (a) Applicants must have a minimum of 18 years of education or will complete such education by the end of September 2023, or (b) Applicant's ability must be recognized by Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School as equal to or higher than that of a master degree holder.
- (5) Health: Applicants must be in good health.
- (6) Language Ability: Applicants must have sufficient knowledge and skills in English by meeting one of the following conditions:
 - (a) Achieved an English language proficiency test score equivalent to the B2 CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) level or above.
 - (b) Completion of courses where the language of instruction is English that meet academic background requirements for this program.
 - (c) Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School recognizes an applicant's English proficiency as equal to or superior than the above (a) qualification.
- (7) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must arrive in Japan between October 1 and October 14, 2023(TBA). (In principle, applicants who live outside of Japan at the time of application and travel to Japan in October 2023, upon acceptance to the program, will be considered. However, applicants who live in Japan at the time of application can also apply to this program for potential consideration.)
- (*1) Military personnel and civilian military employees registered on the active list are not eligible.
- (*2) The grants will be cancelled if grantees fail to arrive in Japan by October 14, 2023 (TBA).
- (*3) An applicant who has already won scholarships awarded by the government of his/her own country or/from private organizations will not be selected unless he/she declares intention to decline receipt of these scholarships once he/she is selected as this scholarship student.
- (*4) The grants will be cancelled if an applicant on a bachelor's program at the time of application fails to complete the bachelor's program by September 30, 2023
- (*5) The following people are not qualified to apply for this course;
 1. Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government Scholarship for the year 2023 with the recommendation of universities other than Tokyo Medical and Dental University.
 2. Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government Scholarship for the year 2023 or 2024 with a recommendation from a Japanese embassy.
 3. Those who intend to study at a university in Japan under the Short-term Student Exchange Promotion Program Scholarship for the year 2023 offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).
- (8) Visa acquisition: Tokyo Medical and Dental University will issue a letter of acceptance to the grantees of the Japanese Government Scholarship, which is required for Japan's "Student" (ryugaku) visa application. Applicants must newly obtain the "Student" visa and enter Japan with

the residence status of “Student”. The visa is to be issued at the Japanese embassy or consulate in the applicant's country of nationality. Those who already have other residence status (permanent resident, long-term resident, etc.) will be required to return to their country of nationality, change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Note that the scholarship will be cancelled if the applicants enter Japan without a newly obtained “Student” visa.

3. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP

Four years from October, 2023 to September, 2027 as full-time graduate students, at the maximum.

4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance: 148,000 yen per month (as estimation, based on fiscal year 2022's budget) will be given to each grantee during the term of his/her scholarship. However, the scholarship will be suspended if a grantee is long absent from the university.

(2) Travel Expenses:

a. Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be supplied with a tourist class air ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address in his/her land of citizenship to the Narita International Airport or the Tokyo International Airport (Haneda).

b. Transportation from Japan: The grantee going back to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of the scholarship will be supplied, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from the Narita International Airport or the Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) to the international airport nearest to his/her home address in his/her land of citizenship.

(*1) Any aviation and accident insurance to and from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

(*2) The grantee shall bear all other travel expenses to/from airports on these trips, such as domestic flight tickets, bus or train ticket fees including travel in Japan, airport taxes, and other taxes related to travel.

(3) Tuition and Other Fees: Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition will be exempted.

5. SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

(1) Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School will select candidates from applicants by screening application documents, and recommend them to the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT: Monbukagakusho).

(2) It is desirable for applicants to have at least 2 years of working experience in the field of public health and/or medicine and their positions guaranteed when returned to his or her home country.

(3) Priority will be given to those who belong to Tokyo Medical and Dental University International Collaboration Centers, institutions with established agreements for academic or student exchange with Tokyo Medical and Dental University, international organizations such as World Health Organization and related centers, and institutions with experience of academic or student exchange with Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

(4) The MEXT will make a final decision on grantees by reviewing the documents, and notify Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School of the results.

(5) Upon the notification from the MEXT, acceptance will be announced to grantees in early July. Grantees will enroll as full-time graduate students.

6. FEATURES OF GRADUATE COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(1) Grantees will engage in studying and research, using English.

(2) Once grantees gain required credits at PhD course, submit a dissertation on their research work, and pass a final examination, grantees will be awarded a PhD degree (Medicine or Philosophy).

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the following documents must be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Tokyo Medical and Dental University. The documents must be received by **January 21, 2023 (subject to change) (any changes will be announced on TMDU website).**

1)	Application form for Japanese Government (MEXT: Monbukagakusho) Scholarship: Form 5 # (digital file and a paper version printed on both sides)	1 (original+Word file)
2)	Field of Study and Study Program: Form 6 # (digital file and a paper version printed on both sides)	1 (original+Word file)
3)	Recommendation Report: Form 1 # (filled out by the prospective supervisor)	1 (original+Excel file)
4)	Total academic Report: Form 3 # (filled out by the prospective supervisor)	1 (original)
5)	Certificates of graduation from university and of completion (or prospective completion) of graduate course or degree, if any	1 (original)
6)	Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended which certifies the achievement of an excellent academic record issued by the last school you attended (e.g. GPA, classification, ranking, etc.)	1 (original)
7)	Thesis or its equivalent by which the applicant earned his/her master's degree, if any. Only documents in English are acceptable. If the applicant attended a master's program which does not require a thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent, if any.	1 (copy)
8)	Certificate of family register or citizenship in the applicant's home country, if any	1 (original)
9)	A photocopy of your passport, if any	1 (original)
10)	A letter of reference from a head of the institution the applicant belongs to and another reference is desirable from a supervisor who knows the applicant personally. <u>All recommendation letters should be addressed to "the President of Tokyo Medical and Dental University".</u>	1 (original)
11)	A photograph taken within the past 6 months (4.5×3.5 cm-sized, upper frontal view without a hat) Write the name and nationality on the back, and paste it on the application form as indicated.	1 (original)
12)	A document to certify English proficiency, such as a TOEFL score, when an applicant is not a native in English.	1 (original)
13)	Medical Certificate (Should be within last six month): Form 4	1 (original)

In case of any changes in the form, it will be announced on TMDU website.

In case documents other than 1) – 13) will be required, it will be announced on TMDU website.

8. IMPORTANT NOTICES IN SUBMISSION OF THE DOCUMENTS

- (1) Applicants are advised to stay in close contact with their prospective supervisor to discuss their research in the course since supervisors must submit the student's study plan to the MEXT
- (2) All the documents should be typed in English (except Form 1 and Form 3 filled out by the supervisor) on paper of the same size (JIS A4 size, preferably).
- (3) No application will be accepted unless all the documents mentioned above are fully and accurately completed. Any application arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.
- (4) The documents received by the office after the deadline will not be considered for screening.
- (5) The documents once submitted will not be returned to applicants for any reason.

9. RECRUITMENT

In search of promising human resources, applicants are recruited extensively from the academic circle (including international collaborating centers of Tokyo Medical and Dental University, international organizations, WHO Collaborating Centres, affiliated universities and public institutes; national and

local governments in foreign countries, etc.) which have a record of research collaborations with Tokyo Medical and Dental University or sending students to Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

10. NOTES

(1) Grantees will be deprived of their scholarship in any of the following cases:

- a. A false statement has been made on their application documents.
- b. They violate any article of their pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan
- c. They have been subjected to disciplinary action by the university or have no prospect for academic achievement.

(2) Grantees are advised to have some knowledge on Japanese climate, customs and manners, and university education and conditions in general before coming to Japan. Studying and research are conducted in English, but grantees are strongly advised to study the Japanese language for everyday life.

(3) Grantees are advised to bring some amount of money to cover living expenses for the time being since the scholarship allowance will be paid approximately one month after arrival in Japan.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

For questions, contact us at Student Support Section of Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

The application form and supporting documents should be mailed to:

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