

Application Guidelines for the 2025 Doctoral Program Scholarship of the Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII)

1. Outline and Purpose

The Kyoto University Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (hereinafter referred to as "CCII") was established in April 2020 with the mission of training future generations of researchers in the fields of cancer immunology and immunotherapy.

To attain this mission, CCII has established the Scholarship Program for prospective postgraduate students, aiming to provide an environment where outstanding candidates entering the field can focus on their research by offering support for admission and tuition fees.

2. Eligibility

Students who wish to be recipients of the CCII Scholarship starting in April 2025 must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Applicants who will be enrolled in the regular curricular (Master's or Doctoral Course) from April 2025 in fields that CCII recruits for;
- (2) Exceptional candidates, both academically and personally, who are able to obtain a recommendation from a prospective supervisor;
- (3) Candidates with Japanese nationality.

3. Number of Students to be Awarded

A limited number of students

4. Amount of Scholarship Award

JPY 250,000 per month (JPY 3,000,000 per year)

5. Period of Scholarship

- (1) Students of the Medical Science Master's Course: Maximum 5 years*
* 2 years for the Master's (M. Med. Sci.) Course and 3 years for the Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course
- (2) Students of the Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course: Maximum 3 years
- (3) Students of the Doctoral (Ph.D.) Course: Maximum 4 years
- (4) Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative Program in Genomic Medicine (Joint Ph.D.): Maximum 4 years

6. Deadline for Applications

No later than Friday, January 31, 2025

7. Application Process

- Applicants must complete the “Application for Kyoto University Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII) Scholarship” in English and submit it either in person or by registered mail to the CCII office at the address provided at the end of these guidelines.
- Applicants must request their prospective supervisors to submit the “Recommendation for Kyoto University CCII Scholarship” (in English) to the CCII office, either in person or by registered mail.
- Please note that the application documents are non-returnable.

8. Selection and Result Notification

- CCII will conduct a screening process to select scholarship recipients from among those who have passed the entrance examinations.
- Notifications will be sent in April 2025 (subject to change).
- Please note that no inquiries regarding the selection decision will be accepted.

9. Payment Method of Scholarship

Scholarship funds will be deposited into recipients’ individual bank accounts every 6 months, in April and October (subject to change).

10. Submission of Annual Report

- Scholarship recipients are required to prepare and submit annual reports outlining their research achievements and activities during the scholarship period. Those annual reports will be posted on the CCII website and through other related organizations.
- As for the research achievements, scholarship recipients are expected to present their research achievements at academic conferences or publish them in academic journals. When publishing, recipients must acknowledge the support of the CCII Scholarship program in their papers and articles, specifying that their research was made possible by the program. Additionally, recipients are required to submit printed copies of their published work to the CCII Office.

11. Participation in Annual Meetings

- Scholarship recipients are required to attend annual research report meetings during the scholarship period.
- Photographs taken at these meetings may be used for public relations purposes and published on the CCII website.

12. Privacy Policy

In principle, confidential information obtained from applicants’ documents will be used solely for purposes related to scholarship selection, including the selection process and notification of recipients.

13. Qualifications and Other Requirements

(1) Qualification

Recipients must be regular students enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”).

If scholarship recipients take a leave of absence or withdraw from the Graduate School during the scholarship period, they must immediately notify the CCII Office.

(2) Leave of Absence or Withdrawal

1) Scholarship payments will not be made during periods of leave or withdrawal, even if tuition fees have already been paid. However, this excludes cases where the leave or withdrawal is for overseas study. If the absence or withdrawal exceeds three months by even a single day, payments will cease from the fourth month onward. Missed payments during absence or withdrawal will not be reimbursed, even if the recipient returns to the Graduate School.

2) If a scholarship recipient takes a leave of absence or withdraws from the Graduate School after receiving scholarship payments, the CCII Office may request repayment for the unused period. The recipient is responsible for any transaction fees incurred. However, this requirement does not apply if the reason for absence or withdrawal is overseas study.

3) If a scholarship recipient’s leave of absence or withdrawal extends beyond the initial scholarship payment eligibility period, payments will end at a point calculated from the start of leave or withdrawal. For students in the Medical Science Master’s Course, the payment eligibility period is defined as either 2 years for the Master’s (M. Med. Sci.) Course, or 3 years for the Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course.

(3) Scholarship recipients shall forfeit their eligibility for the award in the following cases:

1) Selection as a fellow of the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1 or DC2) by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

2) Selection as a fellow of the Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING) under the Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies (DogS) SPRING program during the scholarship payment period

3) Withdrawal or loss of student status at Kyoto University for any reason.

4) Being subject to disciplinary action under Kyoto University Rules, Article 32, Paragraph 1 (including cases where Article 53 or Article 53-15 is applied *mutatis mutandis*).

5) Any other conduct deemed inappropriate for a scholarship recipient by CCII

* Recipients who find themselves in any of the situations described above (1-4) must immediately notify the CCII office.

- (4) If CCII scholarship recipients are found to have falsified their submitted documents, failed to comply with the terms in these Guidelines, or engaged in any other inappropriate behavior, they shall be required to return the full amount of all awarded funds to the CCII.
- (5) Other scholarships may be combined with this scholarship, provided such scholarships permit simultaneous awards.
- (6) Recipients are asked to participate in public relations activities for this scholarship program. Specifically, the CCII will post information such as the recipient's name, photo, supervisor at CCII, and research field on its website. Recipients may also be requested to participate in interviews. to participate in the PR activities of this.
- (7) Scholarship applicants are deemed to have accepted the terms outlined in items (1) to (6) above.

14. Inquiries and Address

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TEL: 075-753-9518

* These guidelines are a translation of the original Japanese version. In the event of any discrepancies in wording or interpretation between the two versions, the Japanese version shall prevail.