

TDGs (TOMI Doctoral Global Scholarship)

Support for International Students Enrolled in Doctoral Courses at University of Toyama

For Students Enrolling in October 2026 and April 2027

Application Guidelines

Purpose

The TOMI Doctoral Global Scholarship aims to provide financial support to outstanding self-funded international students enrolled in the Doctoral (Later-Stage) Course at University of Toyama, enabling them to devote themselves to their research.

This application guideline invites submissions from students who will enroll in October 2026 or April 2027 and wish to receive support under this scholarship program, as outlined below.

Important Notes

(1) Notification Schedule

The results of the scholarship screening will be notified by email to all applicants in late August 2026, regardless of their intended enrollment term (October 2026 or April 2027).

(2) University Entrance Examination

To receive support under this program, applicants must separately apply for and pass the entrance examination for a doctoral (later-stage)- course at the University.

If an applicant has not passed the entrance examination, the scholarship decision will be cancelled.

(Entrance examination applications are scheduled to open around July 2026.)

Detailed information on entrance examinations is available on the websites of each graduate school:

- Graduate School of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences for Education
<https://www.mps.u-toyama.ac.jp/>
- Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences
<https://www.gpms.u-toyama.ac.jp/>
- Graduate School of Science and Engineering

<https://www.gsse.u-toyama.ac.jp/>

(3) Admission and Tuition Fees

This scholarship does **not** cover admission or tuition fees.

However, these fees may be paid using the scholarship, as its use is not restricted.

(4) Timing of Arrival in Japan

If the scholarship recipient's arrival in Japan is significantly delayed from the month of enrollment, the scholarship decision may be cancelled.

1. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled (or previously enrolled) in a master's course at University of Toyama or our partner universities; and
- Plan to take the entrance examination for a doctoral (later-stage) course at the University for enrollment in October 2026 or April 2027; and
- Demonstrate excellent research ability.

Please refer to the following link for University of Toyama's partner universities.

<https://www.u-toyama.ac.jp/en/international/>

The following individuals are NOT eligible:

- (1) JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists
- (2) Prospective Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship students
- (3) Those scheduled to receive financial support from their home government
- (4) Those scheduled to receive another scholarship

If you are currently receiving, scheduled to receive, or considering applying for another scholarship, please contact the office listed in Section 11 *before* applying.

However, that receiving research funds or remuneration from other institutions does not affect scholarship eligibility.

2. Scholarship Amount

- Amount: **2,500,000 JPY per year**
- Payment will be made to the student's personal bank account in Japan after enrollment.

- Payments will be made in two installments : 1,250,000 JPY in October and April.
- The scholarship does not require repayment.
- If the student has not yet arrived in Japan at the start of support, payments will begin after arrival.
- This scholarship does not provide support for admission or tuition fees; therefore, students must pay the admission and tuition fees specified by the University separately. However, these fees may be paid using the scholarship, as its use is not restricted. After passing the entrance examination, students must review the payment procedures for admission and tuition fees on the enrollment procedures website. If they wish to apply for exemptions or deferments, they should do so through the same website.
- A “Certificate of Scholarship Award” will be issued after successful admission to the doctoral course.

3. Number of Students to Be Selected

Approximately **five students** enrolling in October 2026 or April 2027.

4. Duration of Support

Support begins in the month of enrollment (October 2026 or April 2027).

- Three years for students in courses with a standard duration of three years
- Four years for students in courses with a standard duration of four years

Support may be cancelled if the student takes a leave of absence, withdraws from the program, or fails to meet required obligations.

5. Application Procedures

Applicants must complete the online application form and submit the following documents:

(1) Required Documents

- ① Application Form (Form 1)
- ② Letter of Recommendation from the Prospective Academic Supervisor at University of Toyama (Form 2)

Applications must be written in Japanese or English.

Applications suspected of being written by someone other than the applicant or created using automatic translation or generative AI will not be accepted.

Before submitting the Letter of Recommendation from the prospective academic supervisor (Form 2), you must first identify a faculty member you wish to be supervised by consulting

the entrance examination information websites of the relevant graduate school or related programs and the “University of Toyama Researcher Profile (Pure)”. After reviewing their research fields, please contact the laboratory directly.

Application Period

April 1 (Wed) – May 15 (Fri), 2026

(2) Application Form URL

<https://forms.office.com/r/jDMzbnBfnb>

(3) Submission Contact

International Affairs Division, Student and Academic Affairs Department

Email: ryugaku@adm.u-toyama.ac.jp

Please note that your application will *not* be accepted if you complete only one of the two steps.

You are required to submit the online application form *and* send all required documents by email by the deadline. Both steps must be completed.

6. Selection and Notification of Results

(1) Document Screening

Each graduate school the applicant wishes to join will review the application documents.

(2) Interview

Based on the results of the document screening, the University Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) will deliberate and determine the applicants who will proceed to the interview, and the Committee will conduct the interview screening (from July 2026 onward). If the applicant is not in Japan at the time of the interview, the interview will be conducted online. Interviews will be conducted in either Japanese or English. Applicants who do not participate in the interview screening will be deemed ineligible for further selection.

(3) Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified by email by late August 2026.

Final selection is confirmed only when the student is officially enrolled as of:

- October 1, 2026 (for October enrollment)
- April 1, 2027 (for April enrollment)

7. Selection Criteria

The evaluation of applicants for this scholarship program will be conducted based on a scoring system for the following items:

(1) Academic achievements up to the time of application, including:

- ① Original articles or review papers published in academic journals
- ② Conference presentations, panel participation, etc.
- ③ Patents obtained or filed

(2) Research plan prepared by the applicant

- ① The background leading to the formulation of the research topic is clearly presented
- ② The idea demonstrates excellence
- ③ The research methods show originality
- ④ The applicant presents a clear outlook for the future development of the research topic
- ⑤ The applicant shows a strong willingness to further develop their abilities as a researcher in a new research environment
- ⑥ The applicant is expected to become a highly capable researcher who will contribute to the future of academia

(3) Interview results conducted by the Committee

The Committee will evaluate the content of the applicant's research plan and the applicant's aptitude through an interview. At the beginning of the interview, applicants will be asked to give a self-introduction and present a brief overview of their research plan for five minutes, followed by answering questions from the interviewers. Interviews will be conducted in Japanese or English.

8. Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

Recipients must:

- (1) Devote themselves to the research stated in their plan
- (2) Submit at least one paper per year or present at an international conference
- (3) Hold regular meetings with their academic supervisor
- (4) Provide research progress reports
- (5) Complete research ethics education
- (6) Report career path information through University of Toyama's Hearn System, and register on the alumni platform
- (7) Respond appropriately to university surveys and requests

- (8) Complete tax procedures, such as tax filings related to the scholarship
- (9) Participate actively in liaison activities as a bridge between University of Toyama and their home country/institution

9. Important Notes

The scholarship may be cancelled, and the recipient may be required to repay the funds if any of the following conditions apply :

- (1) If it is found that the application documents contain false information.
- (2) If the applicant no longer meets the eligibility requirements.
- (3) If the applicant receives disciplinary action under University of Toyama's student disciplinary regulations.
- (4) If the applicant takes a leave of absence. However, in cases of unavoidable leave due to life events such as childbirth or childcare, or due to illness, the Committee may suspend the scholarship. In principle, the suspension period may be approved for up to two years and will not be counted within the "4. Duration of Support," although this may be subject to change at the Committee's discretion.
- (5) If the applicant becomes unable to continue their studies or research due to illness or other reasons.
- (6) If the applicant withdraws from the University.
- (7) If the applicant falls under regulations specified in the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" or the "University of Toyama Security Export Control Regulations."
- (8) If the applicant violates the obligations listed in "8. Obligations of Scholarship Recipients."
- (9) If the University determines that there is any other reason that warrants cancellation of the scholarship.

10. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information will be used for screening and for administering this scholarship program.

11. Contact

International Affairs Division, Student and Academic Affairs Department

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