

Life Science Researcher Training Program for Solving Global Issues enroll in Oct. 2026

The Graduate School of Life Science's
"Life Science Researcher Training Program for Solving Global Issues"
is designed for international students who major in life sciences and
are seeking to continue graduate studies in Japan.

Students of the program can apply for
the MEXT* scholarship: IGP special quota.
3-year scholarships for 5 doctoral students and
2-year scholarships for 3 master's students
are available for international students
during their study at Hokkaido University.

(*the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan)

The application for
the MEXT scholarship: IGP special quota is
OPEN NOW!

Interested students should contact
prospective supervisors to discuss their suitability **ASAP**.

After a professor agrees to sponsor a student,
application documents should be submitted to the supervisor,
who will be subsequently submit
to the IGP administration office **by December 10, 2025**.

If you wish to apply for this scholarship, first find a laboratory that
matches your research goals and contact the professor directly.

We strongly recommend you act early!!



OPEN THE WAY TO BRIGHT FUTURE IN SAPPORO, JAPAN

Hokkaido University International Graduate Program Life Science Researcher Training Program for Solving Global Issues

To Prospective Students:

Our special international graduate program (IGP) : Life Science Researcher Training Program for Solving Global Issues is financially supported by the Japanese Government, MEXT. This program aims to train the international research pioneers in life sciences with hopes for a fruitful future in their home country. It provides scholarship to outstanding international students from any country to undertake a PhD or master course study at Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University.

Course Overview..

- The education, guidance, discussion and lecture of IGP program will be given in English.
- Students are encouraged to plan and carry out international meetings to improve their ability to use English as international communication tools, and also to attend international conferences to develop their presentation skills in English.
- Students will be required to make a proposal for competitive research funds and to submit their papers to international journals. It will enable them to have practical experiences in the forefront of research activities.
- The ultimate goal of the program is for students to be global innovators in life science and to be able to develop research by oneself throughout the world.

How to Apply..

- First, find a laboratory to fit in with your work commitments, your needs and your interests. The laboratory list to choose from is available at <http://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/grad/igpoverview/laboratories.php>
- Second, contact the laboratory director and ask about the possibility of an interview.
- After receiving approval of the director, you will prepare the application package: application forms, a letter of recommendation, a graduate diploma, and so forth. Get further information on application procedures from the director or at the program website.
- Finally, submit the complete application form to the director via e-mail.

MEXT Special Scholarships..

- 3-year MEXT scholarship for 5 doctoral students and 2-year MEXT scholarship for 3 master's students are available during their study at Hokkaido University
- Scholarship of 145,000 JPY (DC) / 144,000 JPY(MC) per month will be paid. Admission & tuition fees will be waived.
- Travel expenses from the airport nearest to your place of residence to Japan and final departure from Japan will be covered. *However, depending on the ticket arrangements, travel expenses within Japan may be at your own expense.

Life at Hokkaido University..

- HU provides student dormitories for international students which located at and near Sapporo Campus. Each dormitory room comes equipped with fresh bedding and linen, as well as high speed internet access.
- The Institute for the Advancement of Higher Education provides a support desk staffed with international students who can answer your questions.

For further information, visit the IGP website at <http://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/grad/igpoverview/>

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International Graduate Program (IGP)

- Life Science Researcher Training Program for Solving Global Issues -

For detailed information on entry, please check the website: <http://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/grad/igpoverview/>



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ...

Japanese and international students that study at Transdisciplinary Life Science Course, Biosystems Science Course or Division of Soft Matter, Graduate School of Life Science.

DIVISION / COURSE

Division of Soft Matter

web: <https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/sm/lab>

*Transdisciplinary Life Science Course,
Division of Life Science*

web: <https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/tl/lab>

*Biosystems Science Course,
Division of Life Science*

web: <http://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/bs/en/lab/>

ADMISSION

ENROLLMENT: in April or October

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to obtain entry into the Master's Course you **MUST**:

- Consult with a contact professor before submitting the application
- Have a bachelor's degree

In order to obtain entry into the Doctoral Course you **MUST**:

- Consult with a contact professor before submitting the application
- Have a master's degree

HOW TO APPLY:

First, visit our website to determine which lab is best for you. Contact the directors directly to get information about application procedures.

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SELECTION PROCESS:

- 1) Contact the prospective supervisor (Laboratory Screening)
 - 2) Admission Examination:
 - Those who wish to enroll in October:
Winter Selection (January), Summer Selection (August)
 - Those who wish to enroll in April:
Summer Selection (August), Fall Selection* (October), Winter Selection (January)
- *Fall Selection is only for the Master's Course.

For detailed admission information, please check the website of Graduate School of Life Science: https://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/admission_information/



SCHOLARSHIP

Each scholarship has different application procedures and eligibility requirements, so please check with a prospective supervisor before applying.

- Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship, IGP special quota: This special graduate program is supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). 3-year scholarship for 5 doctoral students and 2-year scholarship for 3 master students are available during their studies in our program.
- Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Finances International Students by Pre-arrival Admission: A few students for master's or doctoral course are issued for 6 months or 12 months.

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