

2013
Program for Leading Graduate Schools
Health Life Science: Interdisciplinary and
Glocal Oriented Program
(HIGO Program)

[Guideline for Student Application]

Health Life Science: Interdisciplinary and Glocal Oriented Program (HIGO Program) provides screening tests to the applicants entering the graduate school in 2013. The content of this program and the information about the briefing session are mentioned in number 8 below.

1. Number of students to be admitted to the program:
20 (Those who accept scholarship are 20, but supernumerary attendance is accepted, as far as the student fulfills certain requirements.)

2. Eligibility for application
Students who enrolled in one of the courses below in 2013.
 - ① Master Course of Graduate School of Medical Sciences
 - ② Master Course of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - ③ Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Medical Sciences (including those who entered to the doctoral course from the master's programs)
 - ④ Four-year Doctoral Course (Division of Medical Pharmacy) of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

3. Application Procedures
 - (1) Application is accepted during
April 5 (Fri.) 2013 ~ April 10 (Wed.), no later than 5:00pm
 - (2) Application is accepted through:
Bring the application form to the Student Affairs Section where the student belongs to, or post it.
(Internal mail is also available.)

4. Papers needed for Application

| Papers for submission | Details |
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| Application form | Complete the prescribed form |
| Photo ID slip, Admission card, and Address label | 4 cm high × 3 cm width, face-on photograph of upper half of the body, without head covering is to be pasted on the form. The photograph has to be one taken within 3 months of the application. |
| Photograph (1) | |
| Reasons for application | Write the reasons in the prescribed form |
| Approval by the supervisor | A4 sized paper. Form is optional. |
| Score of external exam | As for the English exam, the score by an external organization can be a substitute for the exam, as far as it fulfills certain standards. So when the application is submitted, present the score. The student can also take the TOFEL-ITP on the day of exam. |
| Envelope for return admission card | Write your address and your name on the long format No 3 envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm), and paste stamp worth 80 JPY on the envelope. The envelope for internal mail is also accepted. |
| Scholarship application form | Those who want to receive scholarship should present the scholarship application form. |

5. Exam fee for TOFEL-ITP

4,160 JPY (Pay in cash at the exam room. Those who do not take the TOFEL-ITP need not pay this fee.)

6. Screening Process

Date of exam: April 20 (Sat.), 2013 (Come to the exam room by 8:50 on the day of the exam.)

The exam room: School of Medicine, Kumamoto University (1-1-1 Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto)

Subjects for the exam

- (1) English exam (TOFEL-ITP) 9:00~11:20 (Dictionary cannot be brought into the exam room.)
- (2) Short essay 12:30~14:00
- (3) Interview 14:20~ (20 min/person)

*During (1) and (2) hours, students' desks must be clear except for their admission card, writing utensils, an eraser, and a watch. Students are not allowed to use a dictionary during the English exam.

*The student is notified of the details of the exam site when the admission card is sent to the applicant.

*Those who want to be assessed by showing the previous score they attained within the 2 past years by external organizations, including TOFEL-iBT (score 33 or over),

TOFEL-PBT or TOFEL-ITP (score 407 or over), IELTS (score 4 or over), should present the copy of one or some scores. And on the day of the exam, please show the original score sheet. After confirmation, it is returned to the student. The new score (presented by original and copy) attained after the time of application is also accepted. When scores from multiple organizations are presented or when the result of the TOFEL-ITP shown on the exam day is better than the presented scores, the best result is chosen among them. As for the TOFEL-ITP and TOEIC-IP, only the scores attained on them at Kumamoto University are accepted.

However, the basic score mentioned here is the minimum requirement, and in order to pass the exam, students are required to fill the criterion of integrated assessment, which includes English. So the students are suggested to take TOFEL-ITP on the day of exam.

7. Announcement of exam result

May 1 (Wed.) 11:00

An acceptance letter is sent to applicants who passed the exam. Also, examinee's numbers of successful applicants are shown on the website of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the HIGO program.

8. Briefing on the program

The detail of the HIGO Program is shown on the website: <http://higoprogram.org/en/>.

The briefing will be held as below:

Date: April 4 (Thu) 2013, 16:00~17:00

Site: Conference room, 1st floor of the Institute of Molecular Embryology and Genetics

9. Management of Personal Information

- (1) Names, addresses and other personal information presented at the time of application are used for screening, announcement of successful applicants, and relevant procedures to promote this program.
- (2) The personal information received for screening, including the results of the exam is used as data for analysis, and it is also used to survey and study the screening methods for applicants.
- (3) Some of the tasks of (1) and (2) can be committed to an external business operator. In such case, some or all of the personal information is provided after contracting with external business operators, so that the personal information will be treated properly.

10. Scholarship system

In order to encourage students who study in this program, there is a system to provide scholarship. Scholarship is offered to applicants after the prescribed procedure of screening.

- (1) The payment amount (planned amount)
 - ★The amount can be changed according to the national budget.
 - Master's Course 140,000 JPY/month
 - Doctoral Course 200,000 JPY/month
- (2) Requirement for eligibility, compliance rules
 - During the period when scholarship is supplied, the student must belong to this program continuously, and participate in the studies provided by the program.
 - The student is not allowed to receive any other scholarship or fellowship from other institutes.
 - ★Kinds of scholarship that cannot be received redundantly
 - Research Fellowship for Young People by the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (DC)
 - Scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization
 - International students: scholarship from the Japanese government, scholarship from his or her homeland, scholarship for international students by JASSO, scholarship from Kumamoto University (excluding the scholarship provided to support the tuition.)
 - During the period when scholarship is supplied, the student cannot do side-jobs.
- (3) Scholarship is considered to be miscellaneous income, and is taxed. So the recipients of scholarship have to file an income tax report.

HIGO program may offer financial aid in the form of teaching assistantship for those who cannot receive scholarship.

11. Notes

- After presenting the application form, the applicant cannot change the entries written in the form.
- The application form cannot be returned to the student.
- Those who make false statements in their application form lose their exam eligibility. Even after the screening process is over, the student's eligibility is annulled.

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