



## **Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine**

### **Application Guideline for Medical Frontier Program**

#### **[Master / Doctoral Student]**

#### Outline of Medical Frontier Program

Medical Frontier Program started since 2010 for undergraduate students, and it has expanded to master / doctoral students since 2013. Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine offers research opportunities for international students as special auditors for two (2) to twelve months (one year) in length to aim for the exposure to the advanced research. This program runs under the Center for International Relations, Graduate School of Medicine with the collaboration of Departments organizing our Graduate School.

#### **I . Eligibility**

Students must be able to communicate fluently either in English or in Japanese\* and meet all requirements for each courses described below.

\*TOEFL iBT score over 80 or JLTP(Japanese language Proficiency Test)N2 is desirable.

\*\*Students from institution without inter-faculty student exchange agreement are required to go through document screening.

#### **II .Available course periods and deadlines respective**

Spring period	(April - June)	:November 30
Summer period	(July - September)	: February 28
Autumn period	(October - December)	: May 31
Winter period	(January - March)	: August 31

#### **III. Course Duration and Number of Students Accepted**

##### 1) Course Duration

Research Courses :two (2) weeks to twelve months (one year)\*

\*Must finish at the end of March, which is the end of academic year in Japan.

##### 2) Number of Students Accepted

Four (4) international students per each period noted in section II could be accepted.

This does not include the students from institution without inter-faculty student exchange agreement.

#### **IV. Coursework and Credits**

##### **1) Coursework**

Basically , the class hours are from 9am to 4pm, one hour break included

##### **2) Credits**

Students will be given certification of attendance and credit\* from Osaka University.

Certification and academic record will be sent to student's home institution.

\*One week 35 hours =1 credit and one week schedule and syllabus is indicated in a separate document.

#### **V. Financial Information**

##### **1) Tuition Fees and payment**

Tuition fees(14,400 yen per week) are paid by due date for all the registered courses. If the enrollment extends through summer period to autumn period, the payment should be done by each required period.

- Students from institution without inter-faculty student exchange agreement are required to pay all tuition fees for the registered course unless enrollment is officially cancelled.
- Students from institution with inter-faculty student exchange agreement, tuition fees are waived. Please contact with the relevant staff at your home institution.

##### **2) Scholarship and Financial Aid**

For students from institution without inter-faculty student exchange agreement:

- Scholarship by Osaka University (80,000 yen per month / term within 90 days)
- Shin-ya International Fund offers financial aid to those who does not receive any financial aid from other institutions. The amount is the same with the total tuition fees, and maximum up to 100,000 yen equivalent to 6 weeks tuition fee. Please note that the number of the scholarship slots is limited. If a student receives this financial aid, a student must return to their country promptly after the program period.

#### **VI. Cancellation and Change**

It is not allowed to cancel or change after students are officially admitted at the committee and the faculty meeting. Students withdrawing for extenuating circumstances must contact their home institution and prepare a document with reasons written from belonging faculty or department dean of their institution.

Cancellation or shorten the registered course after starting the class and after the payment, no tuition refund is provided in any case.

## **VII. Accommodation**

If University Dormitories and International Student Dorm are not available, University Coop will offer a private apartment. We will inform how to apply after students accepted to the program.

	Osaka University -Toyonaka Campus International House -Suita International Student Dormitory	International Student Dorm (Kyoritsu Gakushu Shoureiyo)	Private Apartment by University Coop
Eligible Period of Lodging	31 nights or more	31 nights or more	One night
Lodging Fee Yen	5,900/month	63,000/month Breakfast and Supper included	3,000-4,500/day
Utility charge, common service fees	Cost depending by dormitories	No charge for short term (staying within 90 days)	Included in Lodging Fee
Location	Toyonaka Campus International House: in Toyonaka Campus -Suita International Student Dormitory: Minamisenri (off campus)	Esaka, Ryokuchikouen etc.	
Note	Lodging fee is monthly units and it cannot be adjusted even if a student enters or leaves the dorm on a day other than the first or the last day of the month.	Extra daily rent is 2,100 yen for short term.	Furnished one room Even staying less than 31 nights, students should pay at least the cost of 31 nights

## **VIII. Other information**

- 1) All students are required to enroll "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" and "Liability Insurance coupled with PAS". It costs 1,520 yen in total and should pay it at the first day of the course period.
- 2) All students are required to carry an overseas travelers' personal accident insurance which will sufficiently cover students own medical care during the period of entire stay. Proof of coverage must be in English to submit after you are officially allowed to the program.
- 3) Students accepted to Research Course for more than three months (91 days) require student visa. Necessary form will be send to students after officially allowed to participate in the Medical Frontier Program.

## IX. Application Procedures

- 1) Please contact [info@cir.med.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:info@cir.med.osaka-u.ac.jp) to acquire Medical Frontier Program Application form.
- 2) Send the completed application form with an identification photograph attached (size 3cm x 2.4cm) by e-mail first, to meet deadlines as below, otherwise the application will not be considered.

Period	Application Deadline
Spring period (April - June)	November 30
Summer period (July - September)	February 28
Autumn period (October - December)	May 31
Winter period (January-March)	August 31

- 3) The contents of the applicant's application will be checked through e-mail. After applicants receive a confirmation in contents, completed application documents (master copy) as below must be sent by post to reach the Center for International Relations, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine.

### **Check List**

For enrollment,

- ① A completed application form with an identification photograph attached (size 3cm X 2.4cm)
  - ② Recommendation from one professor in applicant's home institutions. The letter should be written in English on your institution's letterhead
  - ③ A current transcript of the applicant's academic record
  - ④ Motivation Letter for each Research field (free form)
  - ⑤ A copy of the language certificate and test score
- 4) The document reviewing requires approximately 1 month after receiving the completed application documents (hardcopy)
  - 5) We will notify the result by both e-mail and post whether applicants are selected or not.
  - 6) Submitted documents will not be returned regardless of the result.
  - 7) After applicants are officially allowed to participate in the Medical Frontier Program, send a passport copy and an identification photograph (size 3cm x 2.4cm) by e-mail or by post.

8) Sending Address

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