

NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS): Financial Support
Genetics Program, SOKENDAI
5-year PhD program in Life Sciences
Enrollment: October 2024 / Application Deadline: November 1, 2023



Financial Support:

A limited number of NIG-GS applicants who pass the tertiary screening and satisfy certain conditions will be offered a monthly stipend (approx. 140,000 JPY), tuition support, and airfare to and from Japan at the beginning and upon completion of the program as long as he/she remains a student in good standing. The monthly stipend will be provided by a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship.

Other applicants who passed the tertiary screening will be offered [the same financial support as students enrolled through General Admission](#).

Please be aware that due to limited availability of MEXT funding, eligibility to receive the MEXT scholarship does not guarantee that all successful applicants will receive a recommendation for the scholarship.

Important Notes on the Nationality and other conditions to receive the MEXT Scholarship:

Southeast Asian countries and other “Priority nations/regions”

We encourage applications of students from 129 “Priority nations/regions” designated by the MEXT (especially 10 Southeast Asian countries).

* See the attached list on [“Priority Nations/Regions”](#).

As a rule of the MEXT scholarship, the priority in the selection will be given to students who hold nationality of one of these 129 countries.

The slots of the scholarship are limited (25% or less) for applicants holding the nationality not on the priority nations list.

Scholarship for Taiwanese students

Taiwanese are not eligible for the MEXT scholarship. Taiwanese students enrolling in the university are encouraged to apply for other scholarships such as [Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Scholarship](#), which is equivalent to the MEXT scholarship.

Conditions of The Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship:

(1) Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship amount for 2024 has not been fixed yet.

For reference, the amounts of stipend (per month) for 2023 were as follows.

1st and 2nd-year student: 144,000 Japanese Yen

3rd to 5th-year student: 145,000 Japanese Yen

Amounts for 2024 may change depending on the budget conditions.

The scholarship will NOT be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence from the university or does not attend classes for an extended period of time.

(2) Transportation to Japan:

According to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, an economy class air ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address to the international airport in

Japan nearest to NIG will be provided. Other expenses, such as inland transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, and any special taxes on overseas travel, will NOT be provided (the address stated in the application is considered as “home address of the grantee”).

(3) Transportation from Japan:

For a grantee who returns to his/her home country by a specified date after the period of his/her scholarship has ended, MEXT will pay for an economy class air ticket from the international airport in Japan nearest to NIG to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

* The grantee should buy air travel insurance at his/her own expense.

(4) Tuition:

Admission and tuition fees will not be charged.

(5) Term of Scholarship:

The MEXT scholarship will be payable for 5 years. Students receiving the MEXT scholarship have to apply for an extension after the 2nd year for reviewing. The application must be approved by the Japanese government in order to receive the remaining three years of fellowship. Please note that the term of scholarship is subject to change according to the Japanese government's policy.