

NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS): Financial Support
Department of Genetics, SOKENDAI
5-year PhD program in Life Sciences
Enrollment: October 2021 / Application Deadline: November 2, 2020



Financial Support:

Accepted NIG-GS candidates will be considered for full financial support. It is important to note, however, that acceptance to the graduate program and offers of financial support are distinct. 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, by research assistantships, or by a combination of research assistantships and other potential scholarships. Other candidates who passed the tertiary screening will be offered [partial financial support equivalent to students enrolled through General Admission](#).

Taiwanese students can apply to the NIG-GS program but are not eligible to receive MEXT scholarships. They are encouraged to apply for other scholarships such as the [Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Scholarship](#).

Conditions of The Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship:

(1) Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship amount for 2021 has not been fixed yet.

For reference, the amount of stipends (per month) for 2020 was as follows.

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

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

Amounts for 2021 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. 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: SOKENDAI will provide all the tuition.

(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.