

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS**  
**OKINAWA GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM**  
**(MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT SCHOLARSHIP)**

**(MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM)**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Okinawa Global Health Science Program has been organized in order to offer a better opportunity for graduate study to students from abroad by (1) instructing all courses in the English language and (2) commencing the academic program in October instead of April.

The Program is organized by the Field of Human Health Promotion and International & Islands Health Science, and offers a Master's and a Doctoral program to acquire knowledge and research skills for public health improvement of developing countries.

Upon enrollment, the candidates are each assigned to a supervisor who will direct their thesis research for two years (Master's program) and three years (Doctoral program) in the designated field of specialization. The degree of Master of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 30 credits (16 compulsory credits and 14 or more elective credits). Some of the courses may include laboratory or field work and training. The degree of Doctor of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 14 credits.

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION (Fall 2017)**

(\* See the information available at [http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1346643.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1346643.htm))

**1. Study Areas and Number of International Students for Admission**

A total of 3 students (2 students for Master Program and 1 student for Doctoral Program), supported by scholarships from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho: MEXT), will be accepted for enrollment under the Okinawa Global Health Science Program within the Graduate School of Health Science, University of the Ryukyus.

**2. Qualifications Required for Applicants**

- (1) Nationality: nationals of those nations recognized under the foreign scholarship program of MEXT, mainly those located in Southeast Asia and Pacific.  
**Applicants must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government be a resident of a foreign country. Stateless persons can be applicants, too.**
- (2) Age Limit: Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1982.
- (3) Education: Applicants must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she  
[1] has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or  
[2] is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a Japanese graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral

course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty).

- (4) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to take graduate studies at universities in Japan.
- (5) Language: **applicants must be fluent in English.**
- (6) Arrival in Japan: between October 1-14, 2017.
- (7) Those who can guarantee their admission to the university if they are accepted.

Remarks:

- 1) Military personnel and civilian employees are not eligible for this scholarship if they remain on duty.
- 2) Those who do not arrive within the time limit will be subject to cancellation of their scholarship.
- 3) Persons already with financial support from their government or other organizations, etc., are ineligible for this scholarship.
- 4) Those applicants who failed to graduate by October 2017 will be subject to cancellation of their scholarship.

### **3. Scholarship and Expenses**

- (1) A monthly stipend of 144,000\* yen (regular students in Master's courses) or 145,000\* yen (regular students in Doctoral courses) will be awarded for a year from October 2017. However, this may be suspended during periods of leave of absence or when the student remains off campus for prolonged periods without authorization.

\*The amount of allowance will be subject to change depending upon the annual budget of the Japanese government for each fiscal year.

- (2) Travel Expenses

- 1) Onward Travel: an economy class air ticket, from the international airport closest to the student's home to New Tokyo International Airport (or, if more economical, another international airport), will be given.
- 2) Return Travel: an economy class air ticket, from New Tokyo International Airport (or another international airport) to the closest international airport to the student's home, will be given to those persons who will be leaving after the scholarship period and before the expiry of the time limit designated by MEXT.

Remarks:

- 1) Expenses for domestic travel between Okinawa are to be paid by the student.
  - 2) Fees for travel insurances of both onward and return trips should be paid by the student.
- (3) Fees for entrance examinations, admission and tuition will be waived.

### **4. Evaluation of Applicants and Scope of the Special English Program**

- (1) Based on recommendations made by the University of the Ryukyus, MEXT will scrutinize and authorize admission of applicants as international students to be supported by the Scholarship. Applicants will be notified of the results by mid-May 2017.
- (2) Successful applicants will be enrolled as full-time graduate students and will be expected to accomplish course work and thesis research (Master of Health Science degree to be awarded) in two years under supervision and instruction exclusively in English.
- (3) Those grantees who have completed their Master's Course in this Program can apply for admission to the Doctoral Program. However, MEXT scholarships are not necessarily available for admission.

## 5. Formalities of Application

All of the following documents must be received by the Graduate School of Health Science of the University of the Ryukyus, before the February 1, 2017 deadline. They must be submitted by the head of the graduate school if the applicant is a graduate student; by the head of the institution or establishment if employed; and by the dean of the university from which the applicant graduated, if he or she is now without any formal affiliation.

- (1) Completed Application Form (use the form supplied) (Form I-i, I-ii, I-iii)
- (2) Health Certificate (by public hospital within the past 6 months) (Form II)
- (3) Certificate of Graduation or Diploma (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable), or Certified Letter from the university or the graduate school at which the applicant is currently enrolled, stating the expected graduation date.
- (4) Official Academic Transcript (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable) from the university (and the graduate school) and their English translation.

A GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) must be issued by the university authorities.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{A} \times 4 \text{ point} \times \text{course credits} + \text{B} \times 3 \text{ point} \times \text{course credits} + \text{C} \times 2 \text{ point} \times \text{course credits} + \text{D} \times 1 \text{ point} \times \text{course credits}}{\text{Total Credits Earned}}$$

### Grading Scale

A	..... Excellent (90-100)	4 Point
B	..... Good (80-89)	3 Point
C	..... Average (70-79)	2 Point
D	..... Passing (60-69)	1 Point
F	..... Failure (0-59)	0 Point

- (5) Certificate of Citizenship or Proof of Residence in applicant's home country.
- (6) A Letter of Recommendation, addressed to the attention of President of University of the Ryukyus, by the dean or head of the institution/employing body. (Form III)
- (7) Letter(s) of Reference from the major professor and/or supervisor who has personal knowledge of the applicant.
- (8) Photograph (upper front figure without hat, taken within 6 months, 6 cm×4 cm), name and nationality indicated on the reverse side, and to be fixed on the specified part of the application form. One additional photograph (Same as above, but 4 cm×3 cm), name and nationality indicated on the reverse side, should be supplied in an envelope.
- (9) State the titles or subjects of books or papers (including undergraduate and master's thesis written by the applicant), if any, with the name and address of the publisher and the date of publication.
- (10) Certificate of Guaranteed Admission (Those who have a job need to make sure to turn in a document from your employer which states that you are allowed to attend the University of the Ryukyus temporarily.) (There is no required format to follow.)

### Remarks:

- 1) The above documents should be written in English using word-processing software when possible.
- 2) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking supporting evidence. They will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline.
- 3) The letters of reference and recommendation should indicate the English proficiency of applicants as excellent, good, or fair.
- 4) All the submitted documents will be retained and will not be returned to the applicant.
- 5) The information for documents (1), (2), (6) must be written on the forms provided. As a rule, only the originals are accepted.

## **6. Reservations**

Enrolled students may be denied scholarship payment when:

- (1) A serious falsehood is found in the application documents (in this case, admission may be cancelled even after enrollment).
- (2) He or she has broken the pledge declared to MEXT.
- (3) He or she has been subjected to a disciplinary action or has been judged by the faculty as not being able to continue the program.

## **7. Other Notes**

- (1) Successful applicants are expected to study and understand the geography, climate, customs and habits of Okinawa as well as the general features and conditions of the University of the Ryukyus.  
Useful information is found in the references supplied with these guidelines.
- (2) The International House may be available for accommodation at reasonable cost, if there are vacancies.
- (3) The areas of research conducted by the faculties, and curricula of the Program are outlined in the following section.

## **Correspondence**

Applications must be sent by registered air mail by the head of the affiliated institution or employing body on behalf of the applicant.

All the correspondence related to this application should be addressed to:

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