

International Program to Conjoin Brain Science and Society

MEXT Scholarship Application Guideline (University Recommendation 2025 Special program) Enrollment October 2025

Nagoya City University (NCU) started the program for conjoining brain science and society in the graduate school from October 2023. This guideline shows the procedure for University Recommendation Special Program administered by NCU for recommendation to the MEXT.

Please carefully read this MEXT Scholarship Application Guideline (University Recommendation 2023 Special program), although this includes basic information about MEXT scholarship, which is a shorter, translated version of the original application guideline by MEXT. If there is any conflict between this version and the MEXT version, the MEXT original version will prevail.

1. Name of the Program

Program to Conjoin Brain Science and Society

2. Graduate Schools for this Program and Number of Admissions

1) Graduate Schools for this Program

Applicants must choose one of the following graduate schools as their majoring field when applying for this program:

Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Master's 2 years)

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Master's 2 years or Doctoral 3 years)

Graduate School of Design and Architecture (Master's 2 years or Doctoral 3 years)

Graduate School of Nursing (Doctoral 3 years)

Graduate School of Sciences (Master's 2 years or Doctoral 3 years)

2) Number of Students to be Accepted

The designated number of candidates that NCU can recommend to MEXT are 4 in total.

3. Eligibility and Benefits

1) Eligibility

Applicant, not residing in Japan, who will be able to arrive in Japan prior to the enrollment period

as a graduate-level student. All applicants must be in their home countries when applying. Students who are currently staying in Japan are not eligible to apply for this program with some exceptions.

2) Nationality

Applicant must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Applicants who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible.

3) Age

Applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1990(under 35).

4) Academic background

Student who is interested in brain science and society can apply to the scholarship of this program .

In principle an applicant must be graduated from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/ she has completed or will complete a 16 year school curriculum in a foreign country.

5) Term of scholarship: 2 or 3 years

For applicant who expects to be enrolled in a degree program (Master's or Doctoral): until completion of the same program (but not to exceed the usual number of years required for completion). Please refer to 2.1) Graduate Schools for this Program.

6) Monthly allowance:

Master's students 144,000JPY

Doctoral students 145,000JPY

7) Travel costs:

Economy class air ticket (one-round trip) fees will be provided.

8) School fees:

Examination, admission and tuition fees are exempted.

4. GPA requirement

Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.30 or higher. It is calculated by MEXT's GPA calculation method based on applicant's academic record, using the following formula and table. (the calculation itself will be done by the academic advisor.)

Grade formula:

GPA = ((No. of Credits with GP3 * 3) + (No. of Credits with GP2 * 2) + (No. of Credits with GP1 * 1) + (No. of Credits with GP0 * 0))/Total Number of Registered credits

	Grade				
4 level rating		Excellent	Good	Fair	Fail
4 level rating		A	B	C	F
4 level rating		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
5 level rating	S	A	B	C	F
5 level rating	A	B	C	D	F
5 level rating	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
Grade Point(GP)	3	3	2	1	0

5. Application Procedures

All applicants must consult the prospective supervisor who has to be a faculty member listed in “List of Supervisor” regarding whether or not their planned research activities are appropriate for the program and obtain his/her consent before applying to a program.

- 1) Application deadline: Early-January. Please ask your supervisor.
Please make sure to submit all application forms and required documents to your supervisor by post.
- 2) These documents must be written in either Japanese or English. A document written in any other languages must be attached with a Japanese and English translation.

[List of application documents]

1	2025 Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students) (<u>double-side printing</u> , original, no photocopies) on which a photograph (4.5x3.5cm, taken within the last six months, upper body, full-faced, no caps or hats. Write your name and nationality on the back side) must be pasted. * Note that applicants may be required to resubmit the application form in January 2025.
2	Field of Study and Research Plan (Research Proposal) (<u>double-side printing</u>)
3	Copy of Passport
4	Transcripts issued by the university last attended. *A candidate who had already achieved master degree should submit his/her transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate school.
5	Certificate of Graduation or Provisional Certificate of the university (undergraduate

	and/or graduate school)
6	Proof of high performance of good achievement record to verify the potential abilities such as Certificate of Distinction, rank of academic record among the whole class or an official letter describes above content from <u>the Dean of applicants' home university to the President of Nagoya City University</u>
7	Recommendation Letter from the Dean or equivalent (or higher) official of applicant's home university. The letter should be addressed to the <u>President of Nagoya City University</u> and printed on the university letterhead.
8	Summary of Thesis (free format)
9	English Proficiency Test Score Report (such as TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS obtained within 2 years)

6. Contact/ Inquiries

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