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[For Prospective Doctoral Students Starting in April 2027]

Niigata University Scholarship for Graduate School Doctoral Programs Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship program is to support students who are enrolled in a Master's degree program or a professional degree program of a graduate school at Niigata University with excellent academic records, and have an intension to continue their study in a doctoral program at Niigata University, but are being forced to discontinue their study due to a financial difficulty. The program aims to motivate such students to advance to a doctoral program, and eventually to foster the growth of young researchers by providing them with a scholarship award to finance a part of educational cost necessitated when starting a doctoral program.

2. Scholarship

300,000 yen (one-time payment)

Although repayment is not required, the scholarship money must be returned in any of the following cases.

- When a recipient leaves, or is expelled from a graduate school within the first year of a doctoral program.
- When a recipient receives disciplinary action within the first year of a doctoral program.
- When false information is found in the contents of the application documents.
- When there is a fact that definitively suggests that a recipient is inappropriate as a scholarship student.

3. Number of scholarship recipients

Approximately 30 students

4. Eligibility

Students who can apply for this scholarship program must be enrolled in a Niigata University Master's Program and must fulfill all of the following requirements.

① To be an applicant who takes the screening of a doctoral program in any of the graduate schools of Niigata University in AY2026, and who completes all examinations by the end of February of 2027.
② To be able to promise to enter the doctoral program in April of 2027.
③ To have not received disciplinary action while attending the master's program.
④ The total income of the student and his/her spouse (who has a regular employment income) does not exceed 3.4 million yen in 2025 (*). If the spouse is a salaried employee, the amount of only the spouse's income after employment income deduction should be added to the amount of the student's income.
⑤ To be able to cooperate with the university's public relations activities and participate in report sessions, etc.

* In the case there is a change in the estimated income in 2026 compared to the total income in 2025, the estimated income in 2026 will be used to determine the students' eligibility for the

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scholarship. In this case, the estimated income in 2026 should not exceed 3.4 million yen.

5. Ineligible recipients

This scholarship will not be awarded to students who fall under any of the following categories (①-④) at the time of enrollment in a doctoral program. Additionally, if a recipient of this scholarship is found to fall under any of the following categories (①-④) at the time of entering the doctoral program, they will lose their eligibility for the scholarship.

① Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellows
② Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship students
③ International students sponsored by foreign governments
④ Recipients of the Niigata University Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation

6. Application period and method

(1) Application period:

From Tuesday, November 24, 2026 to Friday, December 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

(2) How to submit:

Application documents must be submitted via Microsoft Forms.

Applicants should review the application guidelines and submit their documents using the following form.

Application Document Submission Form (*)
https://forms.office.com/r/xW4E7Yx2QY

*Access to the Application Document Submission Form requires signing in with your Niigata University Microsoft 365 account (@niigata-u.ac.jp).

If you are using your Niigata University Microsoft 365 account for the first time, please check how to start using it in advance on the following webpage of the Niigata University Information Infrastructure Center.

An English version of the website is also available.

Niigata University Information Infrastructure Center (https://www.cais.niigata-u.ac.jp/)
＞ Home ＞ List of Services ＞ Software License
＞ Microsoft Educational Services (EES) ＞ Use of Student Advantage

Please prepare the documents in the following file formats:
① Application Form (Form 1), ② Recommendation Form (Form 2), ③ Income Statement (Form 3): PDF format
④ Proof of Income, ⑤ Other Supporting Documents: Image or PDF format

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7. Application documents (Forms for ①-③ can be downloaded from Niigata University's website)

①	Application Form (Form 1)
②	Recommendation Form (Form 2)
③	Income Statement (Form 3) * Please refer to “Entry example” and “How to write the income statement” for filling in the forms.
④	Income Certificate for FY2026 (income earned in 2025)
⑤	Proof of other income (if applicable) * Please see "List of Certificates Required for Application" and check the documents that need to be submitted. * A sample Certificate of Salary Payment (Expected) form can be downloaded from Section 7⑤ of the following webpage. https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/campus/economic/scholarship/graduatestudent/

8. Determination of prospective scholarship recipients and prospective scholarship candidates

(1) Based on the application documents etc, we will comprehensively evaluate and decide on prospective scholarship recipients and prospective scholarship candidates.

(2) The following are the definitions of “Prospective scholarship recipients” and “Prospective scholarship candidates”.

○ Prospective scholarship recipients: Those who pass the screening of a doctoral program and will receive the scholarship.

○ Prospective scholarship candidates: Those who may be able to receive scholarship in the event that a vacancy occurs due to rejection by any of the “Prospective scholarship recipients”.

(3) Selection results will be notified to all applicants through Academic Affairs Information System (Student Web System) in mid-March 2027.

9. Determination of those who receive scholarship

(1) Among the prospective scholarship recipients, those who pass the screening of a doctoral program in April 2027 will be approved to become scholarship recipients.

(2) In the event that the number of those who receive scholarship is less than the number of recipients, due to reasons such as the selection result of a doctoral program of prospective scholarship recipients, the scholarship offer is passed on to the next candidate on the waiting list.

(3) The final selection results will be notified to all applicants through Academic Affairs Information System (Student Web System) in April 2027.

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10. Scholarship payment

(1) The scholarship will be transferred to the recipients' designated bank account in May 2027 after NU has confirmed that the recipients have been enrolled in their program and do not fall under any of the categories listed in Section 5, "Ineligible recipients".
(2) In the event that a vacancy occurs due to admission decline etc., the scholarship offer is passed on to the next candidate on the waiting list.

11. Treatment of personal information

The name, address, and other personal information provided in the application for this scholarship will only be used for the ① selection and determination of scholarship recipients, ② research and analysis of the scholarship system, and ③ tasks related to them.

12. Other precautions

(1) Application and selection of this scholarship program will not affect the selection process and the result of a doctoral program which an applicant is applying to.
(2) Documents submitted for this scholarship application will not be returned.

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