

AY2024 Niigata University Scholarship for Graduate School Doctoral Program 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)

The scholarship money must be returned in any of the following cases.

- When a recipient leaves, or is expelled from, a graduate school in AY 2024.
- When a disciplinary action is imposed on a recipient within AY 2024.
- 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

20 people

4. Eligibility

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

- ① To be an applicant who takes the screening of doctoral program in any of the graduate schools in AY2023, and who completes all examinations by the end of February in 2024.
- ② To be able to promise to enter the doctoral program in April 2024.
- ③ To have not been subjected to a disciplinary punishment 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 2022 (*). 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 in the area of public relations of Niigata University, and to participate in various reporting meetings.

* In the case there is a change in the estimated income in 2023 compared to the total income in

2022, the estimated income in 2023 will be used to determine the students' eligibility for the scholarship. In this case, the estimated income should not exceed 3.4 million yen in 2023.

5. Submission address and period

(1) Submission period:

From Friday, December 1, 2023 to Thursday, December 28, 2023

(2) How to submit:

Applicants can choose two ways below to submit this application documents.

1. Using simplified registered mail (簡易書留郵便, kan' i-kakitome yubin)

[NOTE] Application documents must be postmarked by December 28, 2023

2. Submitting your application documents at the counter directly

[NOTE] Application documents must be submitted by 17:15, December 28, 2023

[Mailing/submission address] Scholarship Support Section, Student Support Division, Student Affairs Department, Niigata University

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6. Application documents (Forms for ①-③ and ⑥ can be downloaded at NU's website)

①	Application Form (Form 1) * This form requires <u>double-sided printing</u> .
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	Proof of earnings of 2022
⑤	Proof of other income (if applicable) * Please see "List of Certificates Required for Application" and check the documents that need to be submitted.
⑥	Application Document Checklist

7. Determination of "Recruited candidates" and "Candidates to be offered"

(1) Based on the application documents etc, we will comprehensively evaluate and decide on the "Recruited candidates" and "Candidates to be offered".

(2) The following are the definitions of "Recruited candidates" and "Candidates to be offered".

- Recruited candidates: Those who pass the screening of doctoral program and will receive the scholarship.
- Candidates to be offered: Those who may be able to receive scholarship in the event that a vacancy occurs due to the rejection of the "Recruited candidates".

- (3) The selection results will be notified to all applicants through Student web system in late January 2024.

8. Determination of those who receive scholarship

- (1) Of the recruited candidates, those who pass the screening of doctoral program in AY2024 will be considered to be those who receive scholarship. However, the scholarship cannot be received if they are employed by JSPS Research Fellowships, or become Japanese government-sponsored international students or foreign government-sponsored international students.
- (2) In the event that the number of those who receive scholarship is less than 20, due to the selection result of doctoral program of recruited candidates, the scholarship offer is passed on to the next candidate to be offered on the waiting list.
- (3) The final selection results will be notified to all applicants through Student web system on Monday, March 11, 2024.

9. Scholarship payment

- (1) The scholarship will be transferred to the recipients' designated bank account in late April 2024 after NU has confirmed that the recipients have been enrolled in their program. If recipients are applying for the sponsorship/scholarship program of the government of Japan or that of their home country, the scholarship will be transferred to their bank account around at June in 2024 after the selection result is confirmed.
- (2) In the event that a vacancy occurs due to admission decline etc., the scholarship offer is passed on to the next candidate to be offered on the waiting list.

10. 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 work related to them.

11. 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.

Inquiry / Submission address

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