

International Research Center for Medical Sciences (IRCMS)

Research Internship Program Application Guidelines for AY2023 (Second Recruitment)

Overview

IRCMS, the center of excellent for world-class research in stem cell, development, aging and cancer, launched the IRCMS Research Internship Program in 2015. We have a strong interest with the highest priority in developing a global collaboration and focus on exchange of young scientists from partner institutions abroad. With opportunities for hands-on research experiences, we offer this program to undergraduate and graduate students who have interest and motivation in advanced medical research as "Research Interns".

Eligibility for Application

1. All nationalities of undergraduate and graduate students in the field of medical sciences or related field at overseas universities.
2. Other recent graduates of undergraduate or graduate courses, who are planning to enroll in postgraduate program. Preference will be given to applicants who are aiming to enroll in the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS), at Kumamoto University.
3. An applicant who selects one of the eligible laboratories below at the IRCMS.

Laboratory	PI
Stem Cell Biology, Hematology http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/hitoshi_takizawa/	Hitoshi Takizawa
Hematology, Oncology http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/goro_sashida/	Goro Sashida
Early Embryogenesis http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/guojun_sheng/	Guojun Sheng
Stem Cell Biology, Hematology http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/toshio_suda/	Toshio Suda
Hematopoietic Stem Cells http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/terumasa_umemoto/	Terumasa Umemoto
Oncology, Mouse Model Research http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/masaya_baba/	Masaya Baba
Neuroscience, in vivo imaging http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/hidenobu_mizuno/	Hidenobu Mizuno
Cardiovascular Medicine http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/yuichiro_arima/	Yuichiro Arima
Proteostasis in Stem Cell http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/kenichi_miharada/	Kenichi Miharada
Chromatin Organization in Immune Cell Development http://ircms.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/research/daisuke_kurotaki/	Daisuke Kurotaki

*Click PI's name to contact

Duration

2 to 8 weeks until early March 2024.

NOTE:

- The period of internship should be discussed with respective PIs ahead of time.
- The period from August 11th to the 16th, and December 29th to January 3rd, 2024 are excluded from the duration due to university's holidays.

Required documents

1. Application form and CV (please click [here](#) to download a form).
2. A letter of recommendation written by academic supervisor(s) of the home institution, or the last university attended.
3. Additional supporting documents if any (e.g., awards, publications).

NOTE:

- All documents should be submitted to the IRCMS Administration Office by email (ircms@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp).
- The documents must be written in either English or Japanese created in A4 size in PDF format. A document written in other than these languages must be accompanied with an English translation.
- Submitted documents will not be returned.
- An application passed the submission deadline is not acceptable.
- An applicant who makes false statements in the documents will be disqualified from taking the selection process or will be disqualified to receive the financial support even after selection.

Application Period

From Monday July 10, 2023 though to Friday August 25, 2023

Application Procedures

1. An applicant must find a prospective host PI from the list above and contact the PI directly to discuss plans for the research project and travel schedule before starting the process.
2. The prospective host PI will review the submitted application documents.
3. The next screening process will be also based upon the documents by the IRCMS Research Internship committee.
4. The IRCMS Admin Office will notify you a final result by email. Successful participants must confirm their firm participation by replying within 7 days after the result notification was sent. If no reply is received within 7 days for whatever reason, IRCMS will withdraw the result and cancel the IRCMS Research Internship Program.

NOTE:

- Those who intend to apply to a Doctoral Course (PhD) of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS) at Kumamoto University would be more competitive and selected with higher priority.

Financial aid

IRCMS provides financial support to participants for travel and accommodation expenses for the duration of the IRCMS Research Internship Program following with the Kumamoto University Travel Expenses Regulations. **The total amount provided is up to 300,000 yen (for a participant from Asia and Oceania) or up to 400,000 yen (for a participant from the rest of the countries other than Asia and Oceania).** Adjustments may be made depending on the length of stay, travel distance, changes caused by a natural disaster, etc. There is no participation fee for the program.

1. Air Ticket: The participant is responsible for arranging one direct roundtrip between the participant's residence and Kumamoto, however, in case of difficulty please contact the IRCMS Admin Office.
2. Accommodation: The IRCMS Admin Office will assist in finding accommodation at a reasonable cost.

3. 1. and 2. above will be paid to the participants via bank transfer sometime after they finish the program.

NOTE:

- The participant must consult the travel schedule with the host PI before travel occurs.
- Travel itinerary and airfare quote must be submitted to the IRCMS Admin Office before making a flight booking.
- To be reimbursed for the expenses, the participant must submit original receipts and boarding stubs or boarding certificate to the IRCMS Admin Office.

Obligations of Research Interns

1. Participants must obtain an appropriate health and travel insurance covering the travel period.
2. Participants must submit a weekly report.
3. At the conclusion of the program, participants must submit a final report on the research project.
4. Participants must return soon after the completion of program.

Office for Submission of Application Documents / Contact for inquiries

Administration Office

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