

"International Research Center Aiming at the Control of AIDS"
Group for Globally-Advanced Research, Kumamoto University
Guidelines for Research Assistantships (FY 2019)

[1] Eligibility

Applicants must be doctoral students in the AIDS Course and mentored by faculty members participating in the AIDS Group for Globally-advanced Research to apply for the Assistantships. For Prof. Misumi's lab, Ph. D. students studying AIDS in the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences are eligible to apply. However, the following students are not eligible for the Assistantships: fully employed students, JSPS fellows, and students who are supported by the Japan Study Program, a large medical-treatment benefits, or full scholarships, except for Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (KDS). For privately funded international students who apply for the "Japanese Government Scholarship by the Top Global University Project," the support will be provided only when the Government Scholarship application is rejected.

[2] Amount of payment

(1) International students will receive stipends of up to 120,000 JPY per month.

Note: If his/her spouse is supported by the Japan Study Program or receives a large amount of scholarship such as HIGO Program (excluding KDS), this Research Assistantship will provide a maximum of 40,000 JPY per month.

(2) Japanese students will receive a monthly stipend of up to 80,000 JPY.

* Note: The amount of payment will be reduced when:

1. The reviewers/committee finds that Applicant does not adequately participate in WYIS and discussion during WYIS or that his/her research performance does not meet expectations (D2-4).
2. Applicant has another source of income or receives a small amount of scholarship that he/she does not have to repay.

[3] The period of appointment

At the time of official appointment agreement to March 31, 2020 (tentative)

*The employment period can be adjusted, but the total amount of payment will remain the same.

[4] Application materials

- (1) Application form [attached word file]
- (2) Published first-author papers in pdf files
- (3) Income survey [attached word file]

[5] Submission deadline

by noon, February 28, 2019

[6] Submission address

Please submit completed application materials by email to "Center for AIDS Research, Attn: Ms. Sachie Kawazoe (s-takata@kumamoto-u.ac.jp)".

[7] Selection procedure

Application reviews will be based on:

- (1) Application materials, mainly focusing on research achievement and relevance to HIV/AIDS research
- (2) An interview when necessary
- (3) WYIS attendance and participation in discussion (D2-4)

[8] Obligations of assistantship recipients

- (1) Attendance at WYIS, participate in discussion, and monthly reports at the end of each month.
- (2) A research report in English at the completion of his/her appointment

[9] Miscellaneous

- Newly students, please apply for this Assistantships on the premise of enrollment in April 2019.
 - Application materials must be prepared in English and solely by applicants. However, applications will NOT be judged by applicants' English skill.
- *Applicants will receive feedback on their applications and English skill when evaluation is completed. Applicants are not allowed to seek mentor's assistance to prepare application materials.