Number of Students Accepted: 3

Qualifications for Application: Candidates applying for this course must have a nationality other than Japanese and must have completed or will have completed by August 2013 at least 12 years of primary education and 2 years of college education in life sciences or the equivalent abroad.

Conditions for Applications: A person who has taken the TOEFL/TOEIC examination (in principle, an applicant whose mother language is English is not required to take the TOEFL/TOEIC examination).

Selection Method: Generally screening is considered by the documents submitted to determine the final successful applicants.

Required Expenses:
- Submission of application: Examination Fee: 30,000 Japanese Yen
- At the time of enrollment: Admission Fee: 282,000 Japanese Yen (Admission fee is waived)
- After the enrollment: Tuition: 330,800 Japanese Yen (First-year tuition fee is waived)

Scholarship and Tuition Exemption: University of Tsukuba establishes "Tsukuba Scholarship", the student scholarship system, which will start international curriculum under the Global 30 Program as a livelihood support for students from overseas. Tsukuba Scholarship will cover the following expenses for the students enrolling in the program:
- Admission fee
- Tuition fee for first year (2013.9 – 2014.3)
- Type I scholarship: 100,000 Japanese Yen will be paid to undergraduate students every month.
- Type II scholarship: 60,000 Japanese Yen will be paid to undergraduate students every month.

- Allocation of Type I, II scholarships will be decided according to the results of entrance examinations, etc.

Application Schedule:
- Announcement of selection result: March 31st, 2013
- Admission: September 1st, 2013

Living environment: University provides students with dormitory for research and study. Students enrolling in this program can stay in the dormitory. With the launch of new English programs, the university will improve the facilities for living.

http://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/index-e.htm

Location of the University of Tsukuba

The University of Tsukuba is located in the center of Tsukuba City, 60 kilometers northeast of Tokyo. It takes 10 to 15 minutes from the campus to Tsukuba station by bus and from the station it takes 45 minutes to Akita in Tokyo by Tsukuba Express Train (TX). Over 100 national and private research institutions are located in Tsukuba City. The Tsukuba city is dedicated to unifying the efforts of academia, industry and government to play an innovative role in the international community. Although advanced in the field of science and technology, the university campus is also blessed with peaceful rice paddies and rich forests. Once you step outside the city, you can thoroughly enjoy Japan's beautiful and scenic countryside. The city also offers a great variety of cultural and recreational attractions throughout a year.
An invitation to the
School of Medicine and Medical Sciences

Message from the Provost

The School of Medicine and Medical Sciences at University of Tsukuba offers undergraduate degree programs of a six-year course in medicine, a four-year course in nursing science, and a four-year course in medical science. Students graduate with bachelor’s degrees in Medicine, Nursing, Medical Sciences, respectively and they are also qualified to take national licensing examination for physicians, nurses, and medical technologists. University of Tsukuba achieves excellent results in these examinations. Our advantages in the educational policies require students to assess and appropriately resolve the various challenges they will encounter in the constantly evolving fields of medicine and medical sciences.

The school starts “Undergraduate-Education Program for Medical Scientists” for international students in 2011. Students are enrolled in the third year of School of Medical Sciences. After completing 2-year course, students graduate with bachelor’s degree in International Medical Sciences. Graduates are expected to enroll in international research courses in Graduate School of Medical Sciences or other graduate schools, to become leading researchers in medical sciences.

Education offered in Medical Sciences in University of Tsukuba

3rd year:
- Common Subject (Japanese, English, Physical Education, etc.)
- Practice (Microbiology, Genetic Engineering and Cyogenetics, Histopathology, etc.)
- Thesis Research I

4th year:
- Lecture (Basic Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Community Medicine, etc.)
- Infectious Diseases
- Thesis Research II

Life in Tsukuba

The University of Tsukuba has one of the biggest campuses in Japan. Its green campus extends 5km from north to south and 1km from east to west and is divided into five areas. Each area is linked by a loop road and a bicycle path runs through all five areas, connecting to the center of Tsukuba City. Most students commute by an-campus bus or by bicycle using the bicycle paths. Like those students, you will also find many learning and recreational opportunities on this green, safe and peaceful campus in Tsukuba.

Residences

The University of Tsukuba residence halls were established to offer its students excellent study environment along with the opportunity to experience autonomous civic life. There are four residence areas on campus: Ichinoya, Hirakuni, Oikoshi, and Kasuga. These four residence areas altogether accommodate over 4,000 students.

Every room is furnished with a bed, a table, a washbasin, a dormitory telephone etc. There are communal lounges, laundry rooms, and kitchenettes in each residence hall. The public bath and shower room are located in the commons of each residence area. The room rent is very reasonable in a range of 14,000 to 17,000 yen per month (electricity bills not included). There are also many private apartment houses available near the campus and the monthly rent for a room with a kitchen and a bedroom ranges between 35,000 to 60,000 yen.

Medical Treatment Fees

All international students are required to enroll in the National Health Insurance program which will cost around 33,000 yen per person for a year. The benefits cover 75% of the amount of expenses incurred for necessary medical care. There is also Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research Activities. It covers physical injuries due to unexpected accidents during education and research activities and the premium fee is paid by the university. Neither plan, however, covers travel to, and from Japan.

Other Information

By law, an international student may find part-time employment which does not exceed 28 hours per week only if the Immigration Office has granted prior approval. The weather in the Tsukuba area during summer is moist and hot. In winter, the weather is dry and rather cold. When packing their clothing, future students should prepare themselves for all types of weather.

Dean’s Welcome

We are pleased to welcome students from abroad to School of Medical Sciences, University of Tsukuba. The mission of our school is to provide the finest undergraduate education to students seeking to become clinical laboratory scientists and pursuing advanced master’s degrees and PhD in medical sciences. We have, as one of the main fields, the international Undergraduate-Education Program for Medical Scientists, which provides two-year education obtaining a bachelor’s degree after the transfer to the third year. In addition to a broad range of courses covering basic experimental medicine as well as social and environmental medicine, the students will learn knowledge and problem-solving skills through a specific course of graduation thesis research. You can select your theme based on your own interests among biochemistry, molecular and cell biology, human genetics, physiology, animal models, anatomy and embryology, pathology, oncology, infection biology, immunology, epidemiology, environmental medicine, public health and others. All courses required for graduation are offered in English; however, you can learn Japanese and enjoy studies and discussion with Japanese students. We are looking forward to studying with you.

Tadao Arinami
Dean of the School of Medical Sciences