

Guidelines of Application of Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences

Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba



NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED

Limited

Applicant Eligibility

International applicants living abroad (including applicants formerly lived abroad and Japanese applicants living abroad)

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

The qualification for the admission includes at least one of the followings:

- (1) Obtain a Master's degree *¹
- (2) Individuals who have completed 18 years of school education outside Japan.
- (3) Individuals who have been qualified through our admission screening and was judged to have accomplished equivalent to Master's degree. The applicant must be 24 years or older before enrollment to the above program.*²

*¹ The degree qualification will be examined individually.

*² For category (3), applicants must submit necessary documents for the admission screening.

To apply for Dual Doctoral Degree Program, the applicant must be enrolled in: The University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), University of Science at Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) or National Taiwan University.

PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

It is necessary for applicant to demonstrate an adequate command of the English language to benefit from studies at this University. All applicants, if their first language is not English or if their studies at university have not been conducted solely in English, must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and submitting the score report. TOEFL, TOEIC and IELTS score reports must be dated within two years of enrollment in this University. Photocopies are accepted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 1 Application Form** Fill out the attached application form designated by University of Tsukuba. Please select which program you wish to apply.
- 2 Reference Form** Applications will be considered with academic references. Reference form should be accompanied with at least one letter of recommendation.
- 3 Picture** Attach a picture of yourself taken within three months, facing forward without hat on the Application Form Size: 4 cm x 3cm (h x w).
- 4 Application Fee** 30,000 yen (will not be charged to the applicants with Japanese Government Monbukagakusho Scholarship or if applied for Dual Doctoral Degree Program). Payment by credit card is available at: <https://e-shiharai.net/english/?schoolcode=OPU5100850000000> due by application deadline.
- 5 Certificate of Graduation** Submit a graduate certificate from the graduate school which fulfills our qualification requirements, normally from the University/College (or the department) where a master's degree was awarded.
- 6 Transcript** All applicants are required to provide evidence of their academic qualifications for the application. Submit a transcript of the graduate school, which fulfills our qualification requirements, normally from the university (or the department) where a master's degree was awarded. If you are a transfer student, submit transcripts from both schools, before and after the transfer from your current University.

- 7 **English Language Proficiency** If English is not your first language, submit your TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS score report.
Photocopies are accepted.
- 8 **Photocopy of your passport** ※ If you do not have a passport yet, you are required to submit Family Register or Certificate of Citizenship issued by your home country.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please verify all the documents carefully and submit the documents to:

Academic Service Office for the Medical Sciences Area
University of Tsukuba
1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8575, Japan

Please use the attached recommendation letter form. The letter may be sent from the referee as an email attachment or with the application forms in a sealed envelope.

Information about Exam will be issued by e-mail when the application documents are accepted.

Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor about the specialized research field in advance. (Applicants for the Cooperative Graduate School System must contact the sub-supervisor at the University of Tsukuba as well.)

If your supervisor is from Cooperative Graduate School System or a specific supervisor (※), you are required to have a sub-supervisor. If this is your case, please write on your application form the name of the sub-supervisor that is listed on "List of teacher research fields" with parenthesis. If parenthesis is blank on the list or if you cannot identify your sub-supervisor, please contact Academic Service Office for the Medical Sciences, University of Tsukuba [e-mail: iga-in@un.tsukuba.ac.jp]

<Please refer to attached list of Faculty for information on research fields.>

Application Period: Please refer to our web page for the application deadline.

SELECTION METHOD

Selection will be based on (a) Academic records (b) Oral examination (c) English proficiency during the interview. Prospective applicant will be contacted by e-mail after the preliminary screening based on the submitted documents. Date and location of an interview will be arranged. Oral examination will be conducted online as a general rule.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Succeed applicants will receive an instruction on the admission procedure by e-mail. An official letter from the University of Tsukuba will be sent by e-mail.

TUTION AND FEES

Admission Fee: 282,000 yen (will not be reimbursed once received).

Tuition Fee: First Half of Academic Year (April - September): 267,900 yen
Second Half of Academic Year (October - March): 267,900 yen
*Tuition Fees Amount: 535,800 yen annually

**Applicants are advised to make a sufficient financial plan for their tuition fee and living expenses in Japan.*

Both tuition and admission fee are waived for (a) Dual Doctoral Degree Program candidate and (b) applicants with Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship.

NOTES

- 1) Application that is incomplete will not be processed.
Validation seals of the institution are required on the copies of Certificate of Graduation and Academic Transcript.
- 2) Application documents will not be returned to the applicants.
- 3) The inquiries about the result of Achievement Test are not accepted.
- 4) Please contact the International Office of further questions on admission or application procedure. E-mail: iga-in@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.

Application form for Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences

Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL SECTIONS

1. APPLICATION FOR: F all (October), 2024 Spring (April), 2025

- Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences (Four-years; including Japanese applicant living abroad)
- Dual Doctoral Degree Program (for applicant enrolled in foreign graduate school affiliated with University of Tsukuba to obtain doctoral degree from both institutes)

2. PERSONAL DATA

Family Name _____ Middle Name _____
 First Name _____ Title (Mr./Ms./Dr., etc.) _____
 Nationality _____ Date of Birth (d/m/y) _____
 Address _____
 _____ Postal code _____
 Telephone _____ Mobile _____
 E-mail _____

3. PROPOSED STUDIES

List the 2nd and 3rd choices in case the 1st choice is not selected. If your supervisor is from Cooperative Graduate School System or a specific supervisor (※), you are required to have a sub-supervisor.

	Research Field	Supervisor and Sub-Supervisor
1 st choice :	_____	_____
		(Sub) _____
2 nd choice :	_____	_____
		(Sub) _____
3 rd choice :	_____	_____
		(Sub) _____

4. DEGREE OR DIPLOMAS AWARDED OR TO BE AWARDED

University / College	Degree (AA, BA, MSc, etc.)	Major	Course Dates	Conferred or expected date (month/year)
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____

5. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name and Address of employer (including country)	Type of Contract (fixed, temporary or permanent)	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____
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6. LANGUAGE

First Language _____ Other Languages _____

English Language Test Taken (e.g. TOEFL, IBT)	Date of Test (month/year)	Overall Score	Written Score
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Official copy of English language proficiency test must be sent to the Registrar office when the results are available.

7. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

If you have research experience in academic institutions during the past 5 years, you are required to obtain letters of recommendation from faculty who is familiar with your study. If you have any work experience, the second recommender should be from your employer. If you have no record of employment, the second recommender should be from another academic.

FIRST RECOMMENDER

Name _____ Position _____
Address _____
Tel _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____

SECOND RECOMMENDER

Name _____ Position _____
Address _____
Tel _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____

YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR REFERENCES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM

8. FINANCIAL PLAN

Who is paying your tuition?

- I will pay my own fees.
 I have been awarded sponsorship. I will send an original document to Registrar and complete the details below.
 I have applied for sponsorship. Decision expected (month/year) _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF SPONSOR

AMOUNT OF AWARD

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Who is paying your living costs?

- I will pay my own fees.
 I have been awarded sponsorship. I will send an original document to Registrar and complete the details below.
 I have applied for sponsorship. Decision expected (month/year) _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF SPONSOR

AMOUNT OF AWARD

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I certify that the statements on this form are correct and complete. I certify that I will not be concurrently registered for another Degree of the University of Tsukuba. I understand that, if admitted to the University, the University will not be able to provide any financial assistance. To be signed and date by applicant.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Experiences in Public Health

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

This is to certify that the above person has engaged in the activities as follows:

Name of the Institution:	
Current status:	
Duration:	From : _____ to _____ . (_____ years and _____ months).
Outline of Activities:	
Name and Position of Academic Advisor:	Academic Advisor: _____ Position: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title *: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

** The title of the certifier should be equivalent to that of the representative of the organization.*

Field of Study & Study Program

(1) Describe your current field of study:

(2) Describe your study and research you plan to pursue (use additional pages, if necessary) :

COMMENTS

We would appreciate your comments on the applicant's qualifications for graduate study in the space below. If you prefer writing with a separate recommendation letter, or need additional space, please use official letterhead stationery and mark a cross this part.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

Please select one of the following:

- I strongly recommend this applicant for the program of study
- I recommend the applicant for the program of study
- I do not recommend the applicant for the program of study
- I am unable to comment

Signature _____

Date _____

Thank you for completing this form. Please sign above and enclose this form in an envelope, seal it and return it to the applicant or send directly to the address below. You may also e-mail the signed form to iga-in@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.

Academic Service Office for the Medical Sciences Area
University of Tsukuba
1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8575, Japan

(外国人出願者用)
(for foreign applicants)

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Curriculum Vitae

氏名	フリガナ ローマ字	Family name First Name Middle Name	男(M) ・ 女(F) Sex	生年月日 Date of Birth	年 月 日	年齢 Age	国籍 Nationality	在留資格 Resident Status
学校教育 Education	学校名・所在地 Name and Address of School		正規の修学年数 Officially Required Number of Years of Schooling	入学及び卒業年月 Year and Month of Entrance and Completion	修業年数 Period of Schooling	専攻科目 Major Subject if any	学位・資格 Diploma or Degree Awarded	
初等教育 Elementary Education 小学校 Elementary School	学校名 Name 所在地 Location		年 yrs	入学 from 卒業 to	年 yrs	/	/	
中等教育 Secondary Education 中学及び高校 Secondary School	中学 Lower	学校名 Name 所在地 Location	年 yrs	入学 from 卒業 to	年 yrs	/	/	
	高校 Upper	学校名 Name 所在地 Location	年 yrs	入学 from 卒業 to	年 yrs	/	/	
高等教育 Higher Education 大学 Undergraduate Level	学校名 Name 所在地 Location		年 yrs	入学 from 卒業 to	年 yrs	/	/	
高等教育 Higher Education 大学院 Graduate Level	学校名 Name 所在地 Location		年 yrs	入学 from 卒業 to	年 yrs	/	/	
以上を通算した全学校教育就学年数 Total Number of Years of Schooling as given Above			年 yrs	TOTAL	年 yrs	/		
休学等、在籍中に修学を中断した期間(理由) Periods of interruption of studies, if any from _____ 年 yr., _____ 月 mon. ~ to _____ 年 yr., _____ 月 mon. (_____)								

研究歴 Research Activities (研究生の 経歴を含 む。)	研究機関名 Name of Research Institution	所在地 Address	身分 Status	研究期間 Duration of Research	年数 yrs	
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添 附 申 込

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Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences
Degree Programs in Comprehensive Human Sciences
〈Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences〉

Please contact the supervisor of your preferred field in advance, or ask the contact person to the office as below for guidance about your choice.

Administration office for Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences

Phone: 029-853-3008

E-mail: majors.med@md.tsukuba.ac.jp

〈Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences〉

Molecular Medical Sciences		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Molecular Biological Oncology	IRIE Kenji, HISATAKE Koji, NISHIMURA Ken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the budding yeast <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> as a model organism, we are working to elucidate the molecular mechanisms and physiological functions of the following processes. (1) Post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression by RNA-binding proteins. (2) Molecular mechanism of mRNA localization and local translation regulating cell polarity, asymmetric cell division, and cell-fate. (3) Regulation of the endoplasmic reticulum stress response by protein kinases. (4) Prosopore membrane formation by vesicle docking. • Our research focuses on the molecular mechanisms of transcriptional regulation, chromatin remodeling, mRNA localization, and translational control in development and differentiation using biochemical, cell biological, and genetic approaches. Roles of gene regulation in cell reprogramming and differentiation as well as development of an efficient system to induce reprogramming and differentiation.
Physiological Chemistry	OHBAYASHI Norihiro	<p>Membrane trafficking systems, which are activated by a wide variety of agonists, such as hormones, neurotransmitters and growth factors, are important for homeostasis and pathogenesis. To understand these issues, we are focussing on the projects as follows: (1) Physiological functions of membrane trafficking pathways and their relations with pathogenesis; (2) Roles of membrane trafficking pathways in neuronal functions and tumorigenesis/metastasis. (3) Development of novel anti-cancer drugs based on membrane trafficking systems.</p>
Molecular Neurobiology	MASU Masayuki	<p>Our main research focus is to study the molecular mechanisms that regulate neural network formation and higher brain functions using integrative approaches, which include molecular biology, biochemistry, pharmacology, developmental biology, and neuroanatomy. Major research topics are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and function of the corticospinal tract • Regulatory mechanism of spinal motor nerve formation • Regulation of dopamine signal transmission

Anatomy and Embryology	TAKAHASHI Satoru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elucidation of molecular mechanism of pancreatic beta-cell development and its application. ▪ Functional analysis of large Maf transcription factor family, MafB and c-Maf in macrophage development and functions. ▪ Elucidating biological roles of carbohydrates using glycosyltransferase conditional KO mice. ▪ Study of diseases and drug discovery by development of novel imaging system. ▪ Elucidation of etiology and gene function in disease model mice.
Anatomy and Neuroscience	TAKEI Yosuke	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Animal model studies on synaptic dysfunction in schizophrenia and autism. ② Cell-biological studies on synaptic dysfunction in schizophrenia and autism. ③ Studies on synaptic dysfunction caused by inflammation. ④ Studies on neuropsychiatric diseases caused by disrupted intracellular transport.
Molecular and Developmental Biology	KOBAYASHI Makoto	<p>Studies of following issues using zebrafish molecular genetics :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of hematopoietic cells and globin switching ▪ Anti-aging and dietary antioxidants ▪ Animal models for human diseases and drug safety test ▪ Epigenetic regulation of learning and memory ▪ Functions of supersulfides in animal development

Human Medical Biology		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Laboratory Animal Science	MIZUNO Seiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Development of mouse models for human diseases •Development of genome modification technology for producing mutant mice •Development of mouse resource including cre-driver/reporter mice
Experimental Pathology	KATO Mitsuyasu	Experimental study to elucidate the roles of transforming growth factor- β -related molecules in tissue maintenance and carcinogenesis such as stemness induction and reset of cell division lifespan aiming for the establishment of novel molecular targeting therapy. Multidisciplinary studies will be conducted including, molecular cell biology, live imaging, experimental pathology of genetically modified mice, three-dimensional quantitative tissue analysis, mathematical modeling, and analysis of protein structure.
Diagnostic Pathology	MATSUBARA Daisuke	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study about molecular mechanisms of multistep carcinogenesis including precancerous or background lesions 2. Drug discovery for prevention, early diagnosis and therapy of carcinoma based on the genome abnormalities detected in early carcinoma 3. Application of fetal protein to cancer diagnosis and therapy.
Immunology	SHIBUYA Kazuko	The goal of the research is to clarify the mechanisms of the immune system which plays a major role for immune defense against pathogens and cancer, using molecular and cellular biology and genetic engineering. Students will also challenge to understand and control failed immune system such as autoimmune diseases, allergy, and inflammatory diseases. In addition, thorough collaboration with pharmaceutical companies and ventures, students will learn how to translate the basic research to drug discovery and development.
Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology	OHNEDA Osamu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The molecular mechanisms of stem cell and stromal cell interaction is investigated related to hypoxic environment. Based on the knowledge, basic research for regenerative medicine will be developed toward clinical therapy in the future. 2) The molecular mechanisms of cancer initiating cells and tumor vascularization is investigated under hypoxic conditions. 3) In the research for clinical application of stem cells, our lab is particularly involved in the research and development of new cell therapies using extracellular vesicles released by stem cells.

Infection Biology (Molecular Virology)	KAWAGUCHI Atsushi	We aim to understand molecular mechanisms of virus–host interplays which determine the pathogenicity and species specificity of emerging infectious diseases including avian influenza virus. We are also interested in the innate immune response against virus infection.
Infection Biology (Bacteriology)	MORIKAWA Kazuya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infection, adaptation, and evolutionary strategies based on population heterogeneity. ▪ Development of anti–virulence therapeutic strategies
Infection Biology (Molecular Parasitology)	HO Kiong	<p>We are interested in understanding the mechanism of gene expression in protozoan parasites that is responsible for major public health concerns, such as Malaria and sleeping sickness disease, with a goal in identifying parasite–specific processes that can be exploited as targets for novel therapeutic interventions. Messenger RNA capping is an attractive target for anti–protozoan drug development because the enzyme responsible for cap formation is completely different between the parasite and the human host. We also aim to understand how damages in the RNAs are recognized and repaired in the cells. One of the few facts that have been established is that RNA ligase – an enzyme that joins the two ends of RNA together – is a key component of this repair process. Understanding of the function and mechanism behind cellular responses to RNA damage may also provide useful therapeutic targets, as breakage in the RNA accumulate in cancer cells and during stress condition.</p>
Neurophysiology	KOGANEZAWA Tadachika	<p>We are electrophysiologically approaching to mechanisms of cardiovascular and respiratory regulation by the central nervous system using in vivo and in situ preparation of rodents. At present, we are especially studying that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cardiovascular regulation by the central nervous system ▪ Mechanisms of the neurogenic hypertension ▪ Respiratory regulation by the central nervous system

Medical Physics	KUMADA Hiroaki	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving quality and reliability in X-ray and particle radiotherapy. 2. New treatment technique using an accelerator. 3. New technique for quality control in medical applications of radiation. 4. New calculation method to estimate proton-induced dose distribution in the body of the patient. 5. Development of technologies for measurement and dosimetry in particle therapy.
Biomedical Engineering	MIYOSHI Hirotochi	The aims of our researches are development of bioartificial organs, e.g., ex vivo expansion systems of hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells, bioartificial livers, and bioartificial vascular grafts, from the viewpoint of tissue engineering. Establishment of basic technologies required for these developments is also our interest.
Matrix and Stem Cell Biology	YANAGISAWA Hiromi, KIMURA Kenichi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identification and functional analysis of novel extracellular matrix proteins of the vessel wall. - Molecular mechanism of mechanotransduction in the vessel wall. - Identification of vascular wall stem cells. - Molecular mechanism of growth and rupture of aortic aneurysms - Identification of the niche matrix for epidermal stem cells and functional analysis.
In Silico Drug Design	HIROKAWA Takatsugu	We propose the supporting and developing of in silico drug discovery using molecular modeling and simulation based on fundamental technologies such as homology modeling, docking simulation, molecular dynamics (MD) simulation, chemical biology and cheminformatics.

Genome and Environmental Medicine		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Medical Genetics	KAWASAKI Aya	Human genetics and genomics research including genome-wide linkage and association analyses and epigenetic analyses. Allergic diseases such as bronchial asthma, atopic dermatitis, seasonal rhinitis, food allergy and autoimmune diseases are the main targets of our research. Identification of the disease-causing mutation of genetic diseases by next generation sequencers can be performed.
Environmental Medicine	MATSUZAKI Ichiyo	We study interactions between environments and human health, especially focusing on work environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical research on the mechanisms of health problems caused by workplace stress factors and the risk management system • International collaboration with Norwegian researchers for stress coping capacity building • Research on the effects of rework program in return-to-work from depression
Genome Biology	MURATANI Masafumi	Integrative genome and epigenome analysis of clinical samples to understand mechanisms of cancer development and for discovery of new drug targets and biomarkers. Cell-free DNA and RNA profiling to monitor environmental stress responses in internal tissues.
Bioinformatics	OZAKI Haruka	Development of computational methods for interpreting massive biological data and application of bioinformatics to biomedical problems: (1) AI-based interpretation and prediction of genome functions (2) Development of methods for analyzing single-cell and spatial omics data and their application to disease research (3) Basic and applied research on Research Automation (Laboratory Automation) (4) Data science research on clinical information
Integrated Study on Health Information	OHNIWA Ryosuke	We focus on issues existing in the boundary region between Medical Science and the other academic fields, especially studying on the relationship between activities/fruits of research and society. (1) Studies to unravel the activities of researchers and their communities (2) Studies to understand the relationship between researchers and public society (3) Studies to implement science communication (4) Studies to reconsidering the scientific methodology

International Community Care and Lifespan Development: Empowerment Sciences	ANME Tokie	(1) Community empowerment (2) Plasticity of lifespan development and implications (3) System sciences for health social services
Legal Medicine	TAKAHASHI Yoichiro	① Development of forensic diagnostic methods based on molecular biological techniques ② Elucidation of the mechanisms of metabolism and poisoning of various toxicants ③ Introduction of machine learning into forensic practice ④ Research on medical jurisprudence and history of forensic medicine

Medical Science of Sleep		
Laboratory	Faculty	Research
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Yanagisawa/Funato Laboratory	YANAGISAWA Masashi	Elucidation of fundamental mechanisms for sleep/wake regulation ① Large-scale, forward genetic screening of genes responsible for sleep/wake regulation in mice ② Discovery and medicinal chemistry of novel drugs for sleep disorders ③ Visualizing and manipulating the activity of neurons involved in sleep/wake regulation
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Kutsumura/ Saitoh Laboratory	KUTSUMURA Noriki (★) SAITOH Tsuyoshi	• Orexin receptor selective agonist/antagonist • Opioid receptor selective agonist/antagonist Through development such ligands shown above, we aim to create narcolepsy therapeutics, analgesics, and antidepressants, etc. Not only synthesis of compounds but also pharmacological evaluation (in vitro and in vivo) are performed. New drug creation by clarification of plasticity in the central nervous system and change of emotional brain function induced by stress, chronic pain and drugs of abuse. We use organic chemistry to create innovative molecules contributing to biomedical sciences, such as: 1) Drugs targeting GPCRs such as orexin, adenosine, and opioid receptors 2) Novel chemical probes to visualize biological functions 3) Opto-pharmacological probes for the flexible control of drug function 4) New chemical reactions using electron and photon as external energy.
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Sakaguchi Laboratory	SAKAGUCHI Masanori	1) Elucidation of the role of sleep in memory processing 2) Developing a new therapy for PTSD using sound stimulation during sleep 3) Role of hippocampal cellular plasticity during sleep
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Lazarus/Oishi Laboratory	LAZARUS Michael OISHI Yo	1) Understanding the link between sleepiness and motivation by exploring mesolimbic glia-neuron interactions 2) Sleep circuits as potential therapeutic targets for insomnia 3) Adenosine A2A receptor function in schizophrenia 4) Solving the mystery of immune regulation by sleep with single-cell RNA sequencing 1) Sleep regulation by dopamine-related neural circuits 2) Production and analysis of short-sleeper mice 3) Relationship between anti-histamine and sleepiness

International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Greene/Vogt Laboratory	VOGT Kaspar	Analysis of neural circuits dynamics in awake and sleeping animals using in-vivo electrophysiology and functional imaging. We are focusing on the cortical neural networks producing deep, so called slow-wave sleep and the mechanisms of its homeostatic regulation. Ultimately we want to understand the vital, restorative effect of deep sleep on brain function.
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) T Sakurai/Hirano Laboratory	SAKURAI Takeshi, HIRANO Arisa, SOYA Shingo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Elucidation of the function and neural circuits that regulate sleep/wakefulness states. 2) Elucidation of the function and neural circuits that regulate emotion and emotional memory 3) Exploration of biologically active substances that regulate emotion and sleep/wakefulness states 4) Functional and behavioral analysis of the circadian clock system. 5) Analysis of the systems that regulate body temperature and metabolism
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Honjoh Laboratory	HONJOH Sakiko	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The dynamics of thalamocortical system across sleep/wake cycles 2) Elucidation of neural circuits underlying NREM sleep specific EEG patterns 3) Analysis of vigilance state-dependent transcriptional changes 4) Elucidation of the function of vigilance-state specific genes in neural activity
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine(WPI-IIIIS) K Sakurai Laboratory	SAKURAI Katsuyasu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Functional analysis of the sexual behavior related neural circuits 2) Functional analysis of the pain related neural circuits 3) Functional analysis of the sleep related neural circuits 4) Functional analysis of the emotion related neural circuits 5) Functional analysis of the sensory system related neural circuits
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Toda Laboratory	TODA Hirofumi	<p>Understanding of molecular mechanisms for sleep</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Genetic behavioral screen using Drosophila (2) Understanding of the molecular pathways and neuronal network that a novel sleep-inducing factor function in
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine(WPI-IIIIS) Shi Laboratory	SHI Shoi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Theoretical biology of sleep (2) Comparative biology of sleep (3) Population level homeostasis in social insect, ants
International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIIS) Abe Laboratory	ABE Takashi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Functional roles of human sleep (2) Neurobehavioral consequences of sleep deprivation (3) Development of non-invasive methods to improve human sleep (4) Development of new methods to evaluate human sleep and wakefulness

The star (★) indicates the supervisor needs to instruct students with another supervisor without (★).

Clinical Pathogenesis		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology	NAKAJIMA Takahito	In diagnostic imaging, such as CT, MRI, ultrasound and nuclear medicine, we are engaged in the search for new insights, image analysis using artificial intelligence (AI) and radiomics, and radiogenomics, which combines genomic information with imaging. As research on a wide range of diseases from tumors to inflammation is encouraged, even those who specialize in fields other than diagnostic radiology can conduct research in diagnostic imaging using their individual expertise. In addition, clinical research using interventional radiology (IVR) will be promoted, and guidance and an environment will be provided for radiologists who wish to pursue research using IVR, as well as basic research on large animal photoimmunotherapy using IVR techniques.
Radiation Oncology	SAKURAI Hideyuki	We investigate on radiobiological, physical and engineering aspects of radiotherapy with either heavy particles or conventional radiations (photons and electrons). Emphasis is placed on basic researches on proton therapy which is being practiced at the Proton Medical Research Center, University of Tsukuba.
Radiation Health Risk Science	ISOBE Tomonori	Responses in each time phase of radiation disasters are crucial such as an emergency radiation medicine in the aftermath, and continuous physical/mental healthcare, radiation evaluation and risk preparation in the recovery period. In this course, research topics are widely opened to which are related to radiation measurement, protection, health risk management and risk communication aiming for developing new techniques or to establish evidence.
Psychiatry	ARAI Tetsuaki, SATO Shinji (✕) [ARAI Tetsuaki]	On the basis of the knowledge regarding mental functions, we are engaged in the clinical practice for the patients with dementia, schizophrenia, affective disorders, eating disorder and other psychiatric illnesses. In order to elucidate the etiology of these neuropsychiatric illnesses, we continue a series of basic and clinical studies from biological and psychological viewpoints, using neuropathology, neurochemistry and neuroimaging, epidemiology and social psychiatry.
Disaster and Community Psychiatry	TACHIKAWA Hirokazu	The main focus of our research activities is how to maintain mental health for disaster victims and rescue personnel after a large-scale disaster takes place. Community mental health issues such as suicide prevention, outreach, psychiatric emergency system, or Liaison psychiatry are also studied.

Anesthesiology	()	Research field covers clinical physiology and pharmacology of vital organ systems including respiration, circulation, energy metabolism, and central nervous system under surgical or traumatic stress. The effect of anesthesia on responses to these stresses is also studied. We also study cardio-pulmonary-cerebral resuscitation and maintenance of life during cardiac arrest.
Emergency and Critical Care Medicine	INOUE Yoshiaki	1) Clinical and basic research on emergency medicine, multiorgan failure, and toxicology to develop novel treatment strategies. 2) Research on emergency medical system, triage, and disaster medicine.
Pharmaceutical Sciences	HONMA Masato	Clinical pharmacokinetics for evaluating drug efficacy and adverse reactions. 1) Pharmacokinetic analysis for drug disposition 2) Assessing the drug metabolizing enzymes and drug transporters 3) Assessing adverse events including drug interaction in pharmacotherapy
Primary Care and Medical Education	MAENO Tetsuhiro, YOKOYA Shoji	①Clinical research in primary care ②Development of community-based medical system ③Health promotion in the community ④Clinical medical education
Palliative and Supportive Care	KIZAWA Yoshiyuki	①Clinical research in palliative and supportive care especially for symptom management and communication including advance care planning ②Development of effective delivery systems for palliative care ③Quality assurance and improvement of specialist palliative care ④Education in palliative care
Clinical Trial and Clinical Epidemiology	WAGATSUMA Yukiko	Clinical epidemiology has been evolved in modern medicine. That helps to understand the conceptual gaps between structured experience of basic science and the more complex, open-ended problems arising for the care of patients. Based on the principals of clinical trial and the use of clinical epidemiology, we tried to provide the evidence towards improving the care of the patients.
Biostatistics	GOSHO Masahiko	Research field covers biostatistics for medical studies. To solve statistical issues arising in the process of the design, conduct, analysis, and evaluation of medical studies, we develop novel statistical methods and evaluate the performance of the methods.

Clinical and Translational Research Methodology	HASHIMOTO Koichi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Regulatory science ② Clinical trials for functional foods ③ Improvement of efficiency of practical medicine using AI and IOT ④ Construction of seamless platform for translational research
Clinical Research and Regional Innovation	MASUDA Noriyuki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Investigation and research on cases aimed at promoting home care and remote medical care. ② Promotion of pre-clinical research aimed at developing medical devices, etc. ③ Promotion of clinical research aimed at developing medical devices, etc.

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Clinical Surgery		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Gastrointestinal and Hepato-biliary-pancreatic Surgery	ODA Tatsuya	1) Elucidating the molecular mechanisms of the genesis & invasion/metastasis of intractable pancreatic cancer. (3D organoid research, cancer microenvironments, cancer associated fibroblast/ immune cells) 2) Development of new diagnostic marker for pancreatic cancer (bran new glycanmarkaer in serum, exosome, cell free DNA) 3) Development of new treatment strategy for pancreatic cancer (Novel cancer treatmengt by using lectins (carbohydrate recgniizing protein) as a drug carrier, targeting cancer cell suface glycans. 4) Research on 1)-3) against various GI & HBP Surgery. 5) Precision medicine for sugegical patients.
Cardiovascular Surgery	HIRAMATSU Yuji, SUZUKI Yasuyuki	Student is expected to become an internationally compatible research physician in cardiovascular surgery by understanding pathophysiology of cardiovascular system and acquiring sufficient laboratory skills.
Orthopedic Surgery	()	Clinical and basic research on following themes is presented: treatment of spinal disorders, regeneration of peripheral nerve, treatment of osteoarthritis, regeneration of joint cartilage, artificial knee and hip joints and reconstruction of ligaments.
General Thoracic Surgery	SATO Yukio, ICHIMURA Hideo	This course is programmed to investigate on 1) minimal invasive thoracoscopic surgery for lung cancer, 2) angiogenesis and invasion of lung cancer, 3) leukocytes-endothelial interaction in acute lung injury, 4) novel sealant material for surgery and 5) screening of lung cancer with exhaled breath and 6) surgical simulation, and estimation of postoperative lung regeneration and function using 3D-CT.
Pediatric Surgery	MASUMOTO Koji	In this course, the bioengineered tissue studies using biomaterials are planned for students regarding treatments of severe hypoplastic lungs in congenital diaphragmatic hernia. In addition, if the students would like to study concerning malignant solid tumors in children, we will provide the study program focusing on genetic aberrations related to carcinogenesis and progression of them.
Urology and Andrology	NISHIYAMA Hiroyuki	In this course, the etiology of various urological diseases are studied by means of molecular-biological, morphological, pathophysiological and epidemiological methods. The students are requested to consider the clinical problems concerning prevention, diagnoses, treatments of urological diseases and quality of life, and to plan and perform research projects in problem oriented manner

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	SEKIDO Mitsuru	Research of tissue change after free flap transfer, wound healing, and process of functional recovery. Research of adequate tissue, quantity and nature for reconstructive surgery
Breast and Endocrine Surgery	HARA Hisato	Resurch about the hardnes of Breast and Endocrine tumor by elastography.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	SATO Toyomi, HAMADA Hiromi	The program is designed to learn the physiology (anatomy, menstrual cycle, maternal and fetal physiology, delivery) and the pathology (maternal and fetal diseases and gynecologic diseases) of female genital organs and to conduct researches/experiments for these conditions and diseases.
Neurosurgery	ISHIKAWA Eiichi, MATSUMARU Yuji	<p>1) Neurooncology</p> <p>1)-1 Neurooncology(Advanced Therapeutics): Boron neutron capture therapy(BNCT), Proton therapy, Tumor vaccination, Gene thrapy, Photodynamic diagnosis and treatment (PDD, PDT)</p> <p>1)-2 Neurooncology(Diagnostics): Molecular maker and gene analysis of brain tumor(glioma, pediatric brain tumor, craniopharyngioma), Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring (MEP, SEP, EEG), Imaging study(Intraoperative MRI, Tractography, PET)</p> <p>2) Cerebrovascular disease: Neuroprotection using nanoparticle and stem cell therapy for ischemic stroke. Prevention of carotid artery restenosis. Evaluation of oxidaive stress in brain.</p> <p>3) Analysis of cerebral function, perfusion and metabolism using neuroimaging (functional -MRI, MR spectroscopy, diffusion tensor imaging, PET)</p> <p>4) Neurorehabilitation using Robot Suit HAL, Brain machine interface</p> <p>5) Functional neurosurgery for epilepsy, involuntary movement, central pain and Headache</p> <p>6) Gene therapy and regeneration therapy using DDS (Angiogenesis, bone regeneration)</p> <p>7) Pediatric Neurosurgery: Epigenetic biomarkers from woman with neural tube defect affected pregnancies</p> <p>8) Development of advanced medical equipment and device (laser endoscope, new device of endoscopic surgery)</p>
Visual Science and Ophthalmology	OSHIKA Tetsuro	The course delves into the structure and function of the visual apparatus, the physiological processes behind vision formation, factors affecting vision, and the mechanism and pathology of visual impairments. It also encompasses clinical and experimental research on various visual disturbances.

Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery	TABUCHI Keiji	The pathogeneses of the various diseases in otology and neuro-otology are investigated with the pathophysiological, electrophysiological and molecular biological methods.
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	BUKAWA Hiroki, YANAGAWA Toru (※) [BUKAWA Hiroki]	The aim of our research is to study the relationship between the morphology and function of the oral and maxillofacial region by experimental and clinical approaches, and to investigate the morphological and functional disorders related to the cause and location in disease of oral and maxillofacial region.
Rehabilitation Medicine	HADA Yasushi	This program is designed to learn various fields related to rehabilitation medicine (disability medicine, clinical neurophysiology, prosthetics and orthotics), and conduct clinical research related to rehabilitation medicine through Medical engineering cooperation, robot rehabilitation, disabled sports medicine.

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Research Area	Faculty	Research
Gastroenterology	TSUCHIYA Kiichiro	We will try to elucidate the pathophysiology and develop novel therapy for intractable digestive diseases including inflammatory bowel disease and malignant tumors by molecular biological and regenerative medicine methods. In addition, we will practice clinical science that integrates basic and clinical research by utilizing clinical information and samples.
Cardiovascular Medicine	()	Research for etiology, pathophysiology, prevention and molecular biology of cardiovascular diseases. Clinical and experimental studies for pathophysiology of cardiovascular diseases, pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments and further prevention of the diseases.
Pulmonology	HIZAWA Nobuyuki	Clinical and basic research for regulation of airway inflammation and remodeling. Molecular biology and genetic epidemiology of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and interstitial pneumonia. Clinical studies on lung cancer.
Neurology	SAIKI Shinji	Molecular pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease, Neurobiology of degenerative disorders, Gene therapy for muscular dystrophies, Neuroimmunology, Neurophysiology, Clinical Neurology, Organoarsenic intoxication.
Nephrology	YAMAGATA Kunihiro	The mechanisms of the progression and therapeutic approaches for the renal diseases will be lectured from viewpoints of pathology, immunology, biochemistry, physiology, molecular biology, bioinformatics and clinical epidemiology. Based on the current information, experiments to clarify unknown problems are planned and performed with our well-trained lecturers.
Hematology	SAKATA Mamiko, OBARA Naoshi	We focus on mechanisms of normal hematopoiesis and blood cancers, and aim at developing new therapeutics. The students acquire necessary techniques required for carrying out their own research under an appropriate plan. Those techniques cover wide range of fields such as cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, animal studies, genome science, bioinformatics, and clinical studies.
Clinical Immunology	MATSUMOTO Isao	The purpose of our research is to reveal the molecular mechanism of autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, and systemic lupus erythematosus by immunological and molecular biological approaches. The final goal is to establish the disease-specific treatments targeted on the molecules which play important roles in pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases.

Metabolism and Endocrinology	SHIMANO Hitoshi, MATSUZAKA Takashi	Investigation of the molecular mechanisms of pathophysiology of energy metabolism and endocrinological homeostasis focusing on diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, atherosclerosis, NASH, neuropsychiatric diseases and endocrine diseases will lead us to novel strategies and therapies of various diseases. You can learn molecular and biological technology of gene regulation and multi-omics, and experience mystery of life and joy of research through both cell and animal experiments with a wide variety of organs including liver, pancreatic beta cells, adipocytes, skeletal muscle and brain.
Clinical Laboratory Medicine	KAWAKAMI Yasushi	Pathophysiological study on human diseases (lifestyle-related disease, malignant tumor, genetic disease or infectious disease) using the techniques of genetic analysis containing SNP and DNA microarray for the purpose of screening and diagnosis.
Dermatology	NOMURA Toshifumi	We aim to unveil hitherto-unknown pathomechanisms of genetic skin diseases to offer novel therapeutic strategies for the patients.
Pediatrics and Child Health	TAKADA Hidetoshi	The purpose of our research is to 1. Investigate the physiologic and pathologic processes of growth and development in terms of molecular mechanism in embryogenesis, differentiation, apoptosis and regeneration. 2. Create methods on the basis of the above results to improve human health and control diseases. 3. Cultivate researchers who can apply ideas of bioethics to improve quality of lives of infants and children.
Infectious Diseases	SUZUKI Hiromichi, HITOMI Shigemi	1. Epidemiological investigation of serious infectious diseases and HIV infection. 2. Molecular investigation of pathogenic and drug-resistant factors of microorganisms. 3. Evaluation of precautions against transmissible infectious diseases. 4. Clinical studies among patients with infectious diseases
Medical Oncology	SEKINE Ikuo	This course provides pathological, biological and clinical approaches to the etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment of malignant diseases. Based on the current knowledge, the theme of research is discussed and determined.
Biomedical Informatics and Management	OHARA Makoto	① Research for standardization and interoperability of medical information ② Research for medical safety, patient safety, and quality of medical care. ③ Epidemiological and clinical research using DWH of EHR. ④ Research for the mechanism of medical care itself

Molecular Sportology	TAKEKOSHI Kazuhiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Personalized treatment for exercise through using genetic information ② Research for anti-doping ③ Exercise and hormone, especially catecholamine ④ Exercise and stress marker, especially salivary Chromogranin A (collaborated with Prof. Omori)
Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunology	KANEKO Shin	Our research covers basic and applied sciences related to T-cell-based cancer immunotherapy including researches to explore new cancer targets, to analyse anti-tumor mechanisms of immune cells, to improve T-cell functions through gene manipulation and iPSC-based rejuvenation, and to develop manufacturing process for practical application of immune cell therapy.

Social Medicine		
Research Area	Faculty	Research
Health Services Research	TAMIYA Nanako, SUGIYAMA Takehiro	<p>Empirical research (health services research) for quality improvement of health services including health promotion, medical care, and long-term care</p> <p>Quality indicator and standardization of medicine</p> <p>health promotion, medical care, and long-term care in the community (community-based integrated care systems)</p> <p>Prevention, early detection, and complication prevention of diabetes and other NCDs, and translation into guidelines and health policy</p> <p>Emergency intensive care (especially for the elderly, trauma, resuscitation, etc.)</p> <p>Health services research in clinical departments such as rehabilitation, pediatrics, geriatrics, palliative medicine, etc.</p>
Health Care Policy and Health Economics	KONDO Masahide	<p>Studies on health care policy and health system</p> <p>Studies on health economics</p> <p>Studies on disease control measures</p>

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Cell Engineering (RIKEN)	NAKAMURA Yukio, HAYASHI Yohei [(Sub)TAKAHASHI Satoru]	Cell engineering technologies are developing very rapidly, e.g., the technology to generate iPS cells, direct conversion of differentiated cells to another lineage, genome editing by CRISPR/Cas9 and so on. We perform the following researches. #. Standardization of generation of iPS cells and maintenance of iPS cells #. Researches for effective utilization of iPS cells derived from patients (which is called disease-specific iPS cells or patient-specific iPS cells) #. Generation of novel cell lines such as those immortalized at the stages of hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells, erythroid progenitor cells and so on #. Development of new ways for utilization of conventional human cancer cell lines using genome editing technology and so on.
International Medicine (NCGM)	KANO Shigeyuki [(Sub)KAWAGUCHI Atsushi]	To conduct the researches on International Medicine of global importance particularly on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases which require international cooperation for their containment. Such socio-economic researches on human behavior or habitat, population movement, ecological or environmental factors are also indispensable for the control of the disease. Many issues for the achievement of the “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” such as poverty, hunger, malnutrition, education, water safety, gender discrimination, vaccine or drug production in the context of Global Health are to be clarified and resolved to accelerate the “Universal Health Coverage (UHC)”.
Virology (NIID)	TAKAHASHI Yoshimasa [(Sub)KAWAGUCHI Atsushi]	·We aim to clarify immune evading approaches that are utilized by rapidly mutating viruses, and to clarify how the immune responses counteract the viral escapes. ·We rationally design therapeutic antibodies and vaccines by combining the immune profiling, structural biology, and computer science.
Genomics-based Drug Discovery (Eisai)	MIYAMOTO Norimasa [(Sub)MORIKAWA Kazuya]	Functional genomics and pharmacological methods are used to elucidate the mechanisms of how disease targets molecules related to the disease. These methods are also used to understand drug-induced side effect mechanisms. Pharmacokinetics and drug metabolism mechanisms are being studied for novel drug candidates. Innovative <i>in vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> non-clinical study models are established after elucidation of the relationship of the drug target molecule and the disease or the drug candidates and their side effects in order to verify human prediction accuracy and the validity of introduction to clinical study. Various human stem cell-derived cells are used for research in clinical prediction.

Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology Research Institute (AIST)	<p>KUNO Atsushi</p> <p>SUMARU Kimio</p> <p>TATENO Hiroaki</p> <p>【(Sub)ODA Tatsuya】</p>	<p>(Kuno) Molecular and Cellular Glycoproteomics Research Group</p> <p>(Sumaru) Applied Molecular Function Research Group Novel in vitro physiological models are developed by applying on-plate cell processing technology and new cell culture system composed of microstructured functional polymers as scaffolds to various cells including disease-specific iPS cells.</p> <p>(Tateno) Multicellular System Regulation Research Group Using a new multi-omics analysis technology that simultaneously measures glycans and RNA at the single cell resolution, we analyze the microbiome, cancer cells, stem cells, etc. We aim to clarify cellular heterogeneity and develop novel drugs and diagnostic agents.</p>
Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Science (PMDA)	<p>SATO Junko</p> <p>【(Sub)HASHIMOTO Koichi】</p>	Based on regulatory science, we investigate benefit/risk balance of medical products for regulatory approval, and also appropriate risk management in timely manner.
Translational Science on Drug Discovery (API)	<p>NARAOKA Hitoshi</p> <p>[(Sub)MORIKAWA Kazuya]</p>	We implement translational science that leads to discovery of innovative medicines meeting unmet medical needs. We investigate more direct and effective connection between basic research and patient care in the clinical stage through research of pathophysiology & toxicology, and development/qualification of novel methodologies such as microphysiological systems and so on.

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(NIID)=National Institute of Infectious Diseases

(Eisai)=Eisai Co. Tsukuba Research Laboratories

(AIST) =National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

(PMDA) =Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency

(API)=Astellas Pharma Inc