

Application Guidelines for Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII) Scholarship 2026

1. Outline and Purpose

The Kyoto University Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (hereinafter referred to as “CCII”) was established in April 2020, with its mission focused on fostering researchers who contribute to future generations in the fields of human cancer immunology and immunotherapy.

To attain this goal, we have established a CCII Scholarship System for prospective postgraduate students for admission, aiming to provide an environment where outstanding candidates entering the field are able to concentrate on their research by offering admission and tuition fee support.

2. Eligibility

Students who wish to be recipients of the CCII Scholarship from April 2026, and who satisfy all the following categories (1) to (3):

- (1) Those who will be enrolled from April 2026 in the fields of the regular curricula (Master’s Course or Doctoral Course) which the CCII recruits for;
- (2) Exceptional candidates both in academic work and in personality and who are able to obtain recommendations from a prospective supervisor; and
- (3) Candidates with Japanese nationality.

3. Number of Students to be Awarded

A small number

4. Amount of Scholarship Award

250,000 yen/month (3,000,000 yen/year)

5. Period of Scholarship

- (1) Students of Medical Science Master’s Course: 5 years maximum*
* 2 years of Master’s (M. Med. Sci.) Course and 3 years of Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course
- (2) Students of Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course: 3 years maximum
- (3) Students of Doctoral (Ph.D.) Course: 4 years maximum
- (4) Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative Program in Genomic Medicine (Joint Ph.D.): 4 years maximum

6. Deadline for Applications

No later than Friday, January 9, 2026

7. Application Process

- Applicants shall complete “Application for Kyoto University Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII) Scholarship” in English and submit it in person or by registered mail to the CCII office at the address given at the end of these Guidelines.
- Applicants shall request potential supervisors to submit “Recommendation for Kyoto University CCII Scholarship” (English) to the CCII office either in person or by registered mail.
- The application documents submitted are non-returnable.

8. Selection and Result Notification

- CCII will conduct screening to select and notify scholarship recipients from among those who passed the entrance examinations.
Notification period will be April 2026 (subject to change).
- No inquiries will be accepted for the adoption judgment.

9. Payment Method of Scholarship

Scholarship fees will be paid into recipients’ individual bank accounts every 6 months, in April and October (subject to change).

10. Submission of Annual Report

- Scholarship recipients must create and submit annual reports on their research achievements and activities during the period they receive the scholarship. Those annual reports will be posted on the CCII website and through other related organizations.
- As for research achievements, recipients must make efforts to publicize their work by means of academic conferences or academic journals. When publishing, recipients must state in their papers and articles that these research achievements were attained because of support from the CCII Scholarship program, and that they are recipients of support from the CCII Scholarship program. On this occasion, recipients must send printed copies of their published papers or articles separately to the CCII Office.

11. Participation in Annual Meeting

During the scholarship period, recipients must attend research report meetings (planned to be held once a year).

For the purpose of public relations, photographs taken at the report meetings will be posted on CCII’s website.

12. Private Policy

In principle, confidential information about the applicants that CCII obtained from the application documents will be used only for selection purposes, such as for scholarship recipient selection or for their notification.

13. Qualification and Other Requirements

(1) Qualification

Recipients shall be regular students enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University (hereinafter referred to as the "Graduate School").

If scholarship recipients are to take leave of absence or withdraw from the Graduate School during their scholarship period, they must inform the CCII Office to that effect immediately.

(2) Leave of Absence or Withdrawal

1) If a recipient takes leave of absence or withdraws from the Graduate School, the scholarship fees shall not be paid for the period of such absence or withdrawal, regardless of whether the tuition fee was already paid. However, this shall not apply if the reason for such absence or withdrawal is overseas study. When the absence or withdrawal period exceeds three months by even one day, the monthly fee for the fourth month or later shall not be paid. The payment period shall not be extended for award fees unpaid due to absence or withdrawal, even if the recipient returns to the Graduate School.

2) If a scholarship recipient takes leave of absence or withdraws from the Graduate School after receiving the scholarship payment, the CCII Office may request immediate return of the payment amount for the corresponding period once such absence or withdrawal is determined, with the transaction fee for such a return incurred by the student. However, this shall not apply if the reason for such absence or withdrawal is overseas study.

3) If a scholarship recipient takes leave of absence or withdraws from the Graduate School and does not return before the initial scholarship payment eligibility period expires, the payment ends at a specified point calculated from the time when such leave of absence or withdrawal starts.

Students of the Medical Science Master's Course, either 2 years for the Master's (M. Med. Sci.) Course, or 3 years for the Doctoral (D. Med. Sci.) Course, are considered to be within the scholarship payment eligibility period.

(3) Scholarship recipients shall forfeit award eligibility in the following cases:

1) The student is successfully selected as a fellow of the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1 or DC2) for Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

2) The student is successfully selected as a fellow of the Support for Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies (DoGS) SPRING program or DoGS next-generation AI program during the scholarship payment period

3) A faculty member of the Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology no longer serves as the supervisor for that student

4) The individual is no longer registered as a student of Kyoto University due to withdrawal or other reasons

5) The student is the subject of disciplinary actions according to the Rules of Kyoto University, Article 32, Paragraph 1 (including cases where it is applied *mutatis mutandis* as in Article 53 and Article 53, 15)

6) Any other cases in which the CCII judges conduct as inappropriate for a scholarship recipient

* If students find themselves in any of the situations 1) to 4) detailed above, they must immediately notify the CCII office.

- (4) If CCII scholarship recipients are found to have falsified their submitted documents or have failed to observe matters described in these Guidelines, or have engaged in other inappropriate behavior, they shall be required to return in full to the CCII, all awarded monies obtained.
- (5) Other scholarship awards can be combined with this scholarship (provided that other such scholarships allow).
- (6) We ask recipients to participate in the PR activities of this scholarship system. Specifically, we will post information such as name, face photo, supervisor at CCII, and the research field on the CCII website. We may also request students to participate in interviews.
- (7) Scholarship applicants shall be deemed to have accepted the terms stated in (1) to (6) above.

14. Inquiries and Address

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(Please include the word [CCII scholarship] in the title of the message)
TEL: 075-753-9518

- * The guidelines consist of two versions, one written in Japanese and the other in English. If any differences in wording or interpretation should occur between the two versions, the Japanese one will take precedence.