

Academic Year Reiwa 6(2024) FLOuRISH JIRITSU (Self-Reliance) Fellowship Application Guidelines
(As of December 2022, for the first-year students of a master's course, for the first-year students of an integrated doctoral course admitted in April, 2022 and sixth-year students of the Faculty of Veterinary Medical Science)

1. Outline of the System

The JIRITSU (Self-Reliance) Fellowship Program (hereinafter referred to as "FL-JIRITSU") is a fellowship program for doctoral students enrolled in the graduate school of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, providing them with a period of time to initiatively work on their own research projects with free ideas and the necessary funds. It is aimed at supporting the promotion of self-reliance of young human resources who can contribute to society by acquiring advanced research capabilities and gaining experience in business development and social implementation, etc. This Program is implemented in accordance with the JIRITSU Fellowship Program Implementation Guidelines, and students eligible for the FL-JIRITSU are required to clarify their research mission in a joint research or such and pursue their research. In addition, since an environment for concentrated research will be provided, students will be required to work more initiatively on their research projects and promote their independence as world-class young researchers.

2. Purpose of Public Offering

Although this fellowship is for doctoral students, we are now recruiting applications in advance for the 2024 academic year from students who are currently in the Master's program, or its equivalence. By guaranteeing financial support for doctoral students, we will provide an environment in which students can concentrate on their research without worrying about living expenses.

3. Support start date

April 2024

4. Fellowship

2.5 million yen per year per student x 3 years (in principle) = 7.5 million yen will be provided.

【Breakdown of the annual 2.5 million yen】

- Dedicated research support expenses: 2.4 million yen
- Research expenses: 100,000 yen

The Dedication Support expenses is treated as miscellaneous income and is subject to income tax and resident tax (you need to file your own tax return). As a general rule, they will be paid in installments every two months.

5. Applicant Qualifications

Applicants must have a strong desire to enter the University's doctoral program and devote themselves to research, have excellent research abilities, be recommended by the supervisor (see 6), and meet the following requirements.

Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate course at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology as of December 1, 2022, and meet one of the following conditions.

- (1) First-year students enrolled in a master's course admitted who are to complete in March 2024.
- (2) Sixth-year students enrolled in the Faculty of Veterinary Medical Science and who are to enter the doctoral program in April 2023.
- (3) First-year students enrolled in the integrated doctoral course admitted on April 1 2022 and who are to advance to the 3rd year in April 2024.

Notwithstanding the above, those who fall into any of the following categories at the time of entering the doctoral program are not eligible to apply.

(If even one of the following items applies to you, you will not be able to apply)

- (1) Government-financed international student
- (2) Foreign government-sponsored students
- (3) A person who is recognized as having stable salaries, executive compensation, etc. from universities, companies, etc. at a level sufficient to cover living expenses (equivalent to 2.4 million yen per year)
- (4) A student who is receiving other scholarships, etc. that cannot be duplicated

6. Costs incurred by supervisors

For the Dedicated research support expenses and Research expenses (2.5 million yen/person per year x 3 years = 7.5 million yen), a supervisor will incur **an annual amount of 600,000 yen/person x 3 years = 1.8 million** yen from any of the following funds for a student while enrolled in the doctoral program.

However, since the supplemental funds (200,000 yen per year) by the FLOuRISH are deducted, the amount may change in the future depending on the budget situation of the FLOuRISH.

- (1) University operating expenses
- (2) Donations (unrestricted use)
- (3) Joint research expenses (limited to those that the joint institution allows to be spent as a fellowship)
- (4) Other funds that the allocating institution allows to be spent as fellowship.

* If (3) joint research expenses or (4) other funds that the allocating institution allows to be spent as a fellowship is applied, an amount of the Dedicated research support expenses to which 10% of the consumption tax is added will be deducted.

* Expenses incurred can be changed after adoption. Please fill in your planned expenses on the application form.

7. Number of students eligible for fellowships

2 persons

8. Recruitment Schedule

Application period: February 6, 2023 (until Monday)

9. Selection schedule

Mid to late February 2023: Interviews, selection by the FLOuRISH Selection Committee.

By March 3 (Friday), 2023: Determination of students eligible for grants

April 2024: Start of support

If a student meets the requirements for eligibility (2) in above 5. Application Qualification, he/she is not eligible for support from April 2023 to March 2024 after entering the Cooperative Division of Veterinary Sciences Course.

10. Selection criteria

Selection will be based on an interview and the following items.

- 1) "Prospects for acquiring advanced research capabilities", 2) "Business development and social implementation, etc. utilizing advanced research capabilities," "Prospects for social contribution from a broad perspective," and 3) "Academic and research achievements."

11. How to apply (application deadline: 17:00 on February 6(Monday), 2023)

Please submit as an email attachment from your supervisor to the following address:

Educational Support Office, Educational Affairs Division,

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Mail : jisedai-fl@m2.tuat.ac.jp TEL : 042-367-5943

Please download the application documents from the following URL or QR code.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JZ3B4yTEreUURAnw5ccu3tVuAT-usXlb>



*FL-JIRITSU Application Guidelines

*Form 2: "FL-JIRITSU Observation Document (in Japanese only)"

*Form 3: "FL-JIRITSU Research Plan"

*TUAT FLOuRISH JIRITSU (Self-Reliance) Fellowship Program Implementation Guideline

12. Notes

- Admission to the doctoral program is not guaranteed upon acceptance of this fellowship. It is necessary to go through the usual procedures (application, selection, etc.) to enter the doctoral program.
- After being selected as an eligible student, your eligibility will be revoked if you fall under any of the following items.

- If you are no longer enrolled in the doctoral program at the University.
- If you are selected as a JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, or if you are selected for a scholarship that cannot be duplicated with this fellowship. However, this does not preclude the fellowship recipient from applying for other scholarships after adopted to this fellowship. Please note It is possible to receive the fellowship in duplicate with the "JIRITSU (self-supporting)" research scholarship program of the University.
- If the student receives a stable income from the university or company at a level sufficient to cover living expenses (equivalent to 2.4 million yen per year), such as salary or executive compensation, at the time of entering the doctoral program.
- No further payments will be made even if the student stays in school beyond the standard term of study due to so-called "retention of years" or other reasons.
- When applying, please refer to the "TUAT FLOuRISH JIRITSU (Self-Reliance) Fellowship Program Implementation Guideline."

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