

The Second Recruitment 2025

— Medical Research Innovators of Tomorrow Program —

Application Procedure for MeRIT Course

Fujita Health University Graduate School has launched the “**MeRIT -Medical Research Innovators of Tomorrow Program-**” to support the training of doctoral students and started the “**MeRIT Course**” in the 2025 academic year. This program was selected by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) in “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation” and will provide various types of support to qualified graduate students. The MeRIT Course aims to produce professional researchers who can immediately play an active role in industry, government, academia and start-ups.

< Student profile required by the MeRIT course >

- Demonstrate the necessary English language skills to contribute as researchers to the development of medical research in the global community.
- Purposeful students who promote new medical research to solve societal problems
- Indicate a desire to work as leaders in universities and research institutions
- Pursue original ideas with a passion for independent research
- Conduct research in a faithful, cooperative, responsible and ethical manner
- Have the motivation to disseminate innovative research results to the world



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1 Support

	Items	Content	Method
(1)	Research Grant (Amount equivalent to the cost of living)	2,400,000 yen/year (200,000 yen/month) ※1,200,000 yen/ half year (FY 2025)	Monthly transfers to an account specified by the individual
(2)	Research Fund	200,000 yen/year	Managed on university systems
(3)	Carrer Support	Short-term study abroad, Internship for national research, Presentation and science writing education in English, Technical Training, Retreat activities etc.	—

(1) Research Grant (Amount equivalent to the cost of living)

Support for research grants to enable selected students to focus on their research full-time.

(2) Research Fund

Support for research funding to enable selected students to conduct interdisciplinary research.

(3) Carrer Support

- ① Enables selected students to broaden their research through short-term study abroad experiences.
- ② Identify interests and aptitudes and clarify a career path through a national research internship.
- ③ Transferable skills such as English language communication and advanced research techniques and to improve career flexibility to achieve success in a wide range of research fields and industries.
- ④ Training and development programs will be customized according to career path to ensure that relevant expertise is acquired.

▪ Period of Support

The period of support is four years of the standard term of study for the doctoral course and three years of the standard term of study for the post-doctoral course. Support ends after the standard term of study. Current students may not include the period of previous enrollment. However, students who had life events such as study abroad, leave of absence, childbirth, childcare, etc. will be considered case by case.

2 Eligibility for Application • Number of Recipients

Course	Doctoral Programs	Number of Recipients
MeRIT Course	Graduate School of Medicine Graduate School of Medical Sciences Graduate School of Health Sciences	some recipients (as scheduled)

Applicants must be enrolled or scheduled to enroll as a general graduate student in a doctoral course and meet the following criteria: (1) or (2). In principle, a general graduate student is one who takes classes and engages in research at the University at least four days a week, and who does not have a full-time employment contract with a hospital or company, etc.

① **Current graduate students as of 2025 (D1~D4)**

② **Autumn applicants of 2025 enrollment**

Applicants and current students with the following statuses are excluded.

- Research Fellowship for Young Scientists in Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship
- Scholarships from foreign governments
- Those who receive scholarships, salaries, executive compensation, or other income and whose estimated annual income in 2025 will exceed 2,400,000 yen.
- Those whose period of enrollment exceeds the standard length of study

However, those with life events such as childbirth and childcare will be considered on an individual basis.

- Persons on leave of absence
- International students receiving the FUJITA Grant
- Other persons deemed equivalent to those in the preceding items

※If you receive a salary as compensation for Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, or joint research, you may apply as long as it does not interfere with your research or with the career development content described in “5. Obligations of Students”.

3 How to Apply

Please prepare the following documents and submit them to the MeRIT Team by email by the given deadline. Please obtain approval from any supervising professor before applying.

	Documents	Who prepare
(1)	Application form (Format1・2・3・4)	All applicants
(2)	Copy of Student ID card or certificate of enrollment	Current graduate students

1) Preparation Guide

- (1) Prepare the application form following the explanatory annotations (in blue and italics) within Application Forms 1, 2, 3 and 4, and submit the form with the annotations deleted.
- (2) Graduate Students previously enrolled in a doctoral course must submit either a copy of their student ID card or an original certificate of enrollment (issued within the last three months).

2) Submission Period

Start date: Wednesday, 18 June, 2025

Deadline : 17:00 (JST) Friday, 27 June, 2025

(Mail must arrive no later than the deadline)

3) Submission Address

Please submit documents by email to to the MeRIT Team.

Email address : merit@fujita-hu.ac.jp

Subject : The 2nd Application for MeRIT 2025 (Name of applicant)

To : Administrative Office for School of Medicine <MeRIT Team>

※Combine all documents into one PDF file, Name the file <MeRIT Course Application (Name)>

※When submitting, put the supervising professor in CC.

4 Examination

1) Examination Schedule

Selection of current graduate students

- Date : Thursday 17 July, 2025
- Place : SGL room, 13th floor, Fujita Health University Building #2 (as scheduled)
- Assembly time (JST) : 12:30
- Start time (JST) : 13:00

Selection of autumn applicants of 2025 enrollment

- Date : Thursday 17 July, 2025
- Place : web
- Assembly time (JST) : 14:30
- Start time (JST) : 15:00

2) Examination Method

- Document screening
- Interview

Presentation for 5minutes

Question and Answers for 10minutes (includes preparation time)

- Criteria for Selection

In accordance with the objective of fostering “Medical Research Innovators of Tomorrow,” students will be selected in the process based on their motivation, originality, imagination, cooperativeness, sense of responsibility, ethics, and internationality. In addition, from the viewpoint of diversity, selection will consider gender balance, and priority will be given to students who wish to do post-doctoral work overseas for the development of global proficiencies.

3) Notification of Results

The selection results will be sent by email.

No announcement will be posted on the University's bulletin board or website.

5 Obligations of Students

- ①The applicant must fully understand the purpose of this program, plan his/her own research, engage in all research activities, and abide by all rules and regulations established by the University.
- ②The applicant is encouraged to participate systematically or customizably in career development and training opportunities to improve skills that can be applied to various future career paths.
- ③The applicant will submit a report of her-his research program at the end of each year.
- ④The applicant must attend the research ethics education (eAPRIN) conducted by the University.
- ⑤The applicant will cooperate in career tracking surveys conducted by the University and NISTEP of MEXT for 10 years from the end of the period. The results of the survey will be provided to JST.
- ⑥The applicant must register in the matching system for the job-based research internship program.

Terms of Cancellation

- Loss of “2. Eligibility for Application”.
- If the performance of “5. Obligations of the Student” is inadequate.
- Upon student requests to cancel the course.
- If there is a false statement in the application form.
- If a student is expelled or expelled for any reason.
- Commitment of an act subject to disciplinary action as stipulated in the Regulations Concerning Disciplinary Action for Students of Fujita Health University.
- When there are other reasons to cancel.

【Submission / Inquiries】

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