

Fujita Mind-BRIDGe Internship Program FY2026

Application Guidelines

Program Overview

The Fujita Mind-BRIDGe Internship Program welcomes motivated students who are passionate about neuroscience and its interdisciplinary applications. Participants will be immersed in an innovative research environment and work closely with faculty members in a variety of specialized laboratories.

Application Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, applicants must satisfy one of the following conditions:

1. Applicants who are currently enrolled in or have graduated from a bachelor's or master's program and intend to pursue further graduate-level study (Master's or PhD) in one of the seven divisions—Genetics, Cell Biology, Neurophysiology, Neurochemistry, Behavioral Pharmacology, Human Imaging, or Computational Science—at the International Center for Brain Science (ICBS), Fujita Health University.
2. Applicants who have already obtained a master's degree and are seeking admission to a PhD program in one of the seven divisions—Genetics, Cell Biology, Neurophysiology, Neurochemistry, Behavioral Pharmacology, Human Imaging, or Computational Science—at the ICBS, Fujita Health University.

Required Documents

Please submit the following materials in English:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Statement of Research Plan and Interest
3. A recommendation letter from a faculty member or advisor
4. A certificate for English ability (If there is any)

Program Duration

The standard program duration is three months. The length may be adjusted based on discussions with the hosting faculty member, research progress, and administrative capacity. Applicants must specify their desired internship duration at the time of application.

- Internships with a monthly allowance are generally limited to a maximum duration of three months. Internships without a monthly allowance may have a flexible duration, which will be determined at the discretion of the hosting faculty member.

Timeline and Deadlines

Depending on the desired start date, applicants may apply for one of the two schedules outlined below.

| | Application Deadline | Result Announcement | Timing of Internship (within 3 months) | Graduate School Admission |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Summer Program | Feb. 1, 2026 | Mar. 1, 2026 | May. 2026~Aug. 2026 | Oct. 2026 |
| Winter program | Jul. 1, 2026 | Aug. 1, 2026 | Oct. 2026~Mar. 2027 | April. 2027 |

Note: Due to MEXT regulations, applicants for the MEXT scholarship must reside outside Japan at the time of application. For spring admission, the MEXT application period is in January, and for autumn admission, it is from mid-February to March

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Please submit all documents to the email: f-mindb-pr@fujita-hu.ac.jp

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an online interview. Selections are based on academic background, research interests, laboratory availability, and overall suitability for the program.

Financial and Logistical Support

The following support will be provided to the selected:

- Reimbursement for round-trip economy-class airfare on an approved route
- Monthly allowance on business days
 - Standard working hours are 5 hours per day, 5 days a week (excluding designated holidays).
 - Salary is paid on the 15th of the following month.
- Visa documentation support, if required

Housing

Students will receive priority placement in the International Dormitory, with rent paid by the student. Utilities are included in the rent. The initial cleaning fee and the first month's rent must be paid upon arrival, and each subsequent month's rent must be paid at the end of the preceding month.

Available Research Divisions

Participants may conduct research in one of the following ICBS divisions:

- Human Genetics and Genetic Research
- Cell Biology
- Developmental Neurobiology
- Neurophysiology
- Neurochemistry
- Behavioral Pharmacology
- Human Imaging
- Computational Science
- CNS Regeneration and Drug Discovery
- Transformative Psychiatry and Synergistic Research
- Molecular and Systems Neuropathophysiology

- Neurobehavioral Therapeutics
- Brain Thera Informatics
- Clinical Psychiatric Genomics
- Neuroimmunology

For more details, visit: <https://www.fujita-hu.ac.jp/icbs/en/department/>

Important Notes

- **Insurance:** Students enrolled in Japanese institutions must obtain their own health and travel insurance. Applicants are required to have valid liability insurance that covers research activities during their stay in Japan. Please confirm with your home institution or insurance provider that your current policy includes appropriate coverage.
- Please ensure you have enough funds to cover your initial expenses until the salary is paid.

Contact

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