

# 2021 Academic Year Application Guidelines for Grant/Aid

Grants for Graduate Students from Abroad

KDDI FOUNDATION

By fostering and supporting the fields related to international telecommunications, the KDDI Foundation aims to contribute to the sound and harmonious development of the world by promoting international exchange among diverse groups of people. The KDDI Foundation seeks grant/aid applicants who are currently studying as international students in Japan and are engaged in research on a theme related to information and communications technology.

## 1. Eligibility Criteria

All of the criteria below must apply. The scholarship is open to students who:

- 1 are citizens of countries other than Japan (Students who have multiple citizenship that includes Japanese citizenship, are not eligible. Nationality restrictions apply [refer to page 5 of this document]);
- 2 are in Japan with a Status of Residence of *Student*;
- 3 are thirty-five years old or younger as of April 1, 2021; and
- are enrolled as a regular master's or doctoral student at a KDDI Foundation designated university (hereinafter referred to as "designated university") at the time of application and throughout the grant/aid period. Students enrolled in a master's program at a designated university who will advance to a doctoral program at the same university at the beginning of or during the grant/aid period may also apply. (A Certificate of Enrollment should be submitted after admission.) Students in their third year of a doctoral program will be awarded the scholarship on the condition that they complete their doctoral degree (please indicate if this applies to you under "Recommendation by Academic Advisor" on page 5 of the application form.)

#### 2. Field of Research

The applicant should be engaged in research on information and telecommunication technology or related themes in the field of law, politics, economics, social studies, cultural studies, or science and technology.

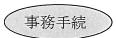
# 3. Recommendation

The applicant should be recommended by one of the designated universities.

# 4. Grant/Aid Amount, Duration, and Number Awarded

- 1 Number of grants awarded: about ten
- 2 Commencement of grant/aid: April 1, 2021
- ③ Grant/aid period: 6 or 12 months
- 4 Grant/aid amount: 100,000 JPY per month

However, for those receiving other scholarships, grants/aids, salaries, and other means of payment towards their academic fees and living costs, the amount the student receives from the KDDI Foundation will be adjusted so that the total monthly grant/aid does not exceed the above amount. (Please fill in section e. "Scholarships" on page 1 of the Application Form.)



# (1) Documents to be Submitted

- ① International Student Grant/Aid Application Form for 2021 academic year (five pages in all, including the Recommendation by Academic Advisor Form on page 5)
- ② International Student Recommendation Letter (issued under the name of the university president or dean)
  - \*② for the International Student Recommendation Letter for 2021 academic year, please use the KDDI format.

# (2) Method of Submitting Documents

Please prepare electric files of the International Student Grant/Aid Application Form, as described below, and submit it via the university scholarship office. (Application documents submitted directly by students will not be considered.)

# One copy should be submitted as an e-mail attachment

Send the ① International Student Grant/Aid Application Form (Excel format) and the ② International Student Recommendation Letter (Word format) by e-mail as attachments.

Send the ① International Student Grant/Aid Application Form (color of PDF file) and the ② International Student Recommendation Letter (color of PDF file) by e-mail as attachments.

- \* signature, seal and photo is required.
- \* The Recommendation by Academic Advisor Form on page 5 is not required.
- \*Make sure you set the password to "2021kddif"
- \*Make sure you have deleted the "Application Guideline" sheet when submitting.

# **★**Important★

Please confirm the following before submitting the ① International Student Grant/Aid Application Form for 2021 academic year (hard copy)

- Entries should be in 11-point font and stay within the designated character count and space provided.
- The form should maintain the originally prescribed number of pages (entries/boxes should not span over two pages).
- \*Applicants who do not follow the above instructions will be at a disadvantage.

## (3) Screening

- Applicants who are receiving the grant/aid for the previous year may apply for a second consecutive time, but they will be given low priority.
- The balance of recipients' nationalities may be taken into consideration.

# (4) Pre-Selection

Applicants who have passed the document screening and have been pre-selected will be notified via the university scholarship office sometime between late January and early February, 2021. We are not able to inform the applicants of the progress or contents of the selection.

\*Questions or inquiries will not be answered.

#### (5) Final Selection

Final decisions will be made at the Board of Directors meeting to be held in March.

# (6) Presentation of the Scholarship

Presentation details will be sent together with scholarship award letters.



# (1) Obligation to Report Activity

At the end of the grant/aid period, recipients must submit an Activity Report. If recipients fail to meet this obligation, they may be asked to return the grant/aid.

# (2) Termination or Rescission of Scholarship

The grant/aid may be terminated or rescinded if any of the below applies.

In addition, the recipient may be asked to return all or a portion of the grant/aid already disbursed.

- ① It has become difficult for the recipient to continue research, due to unavoidable reasons such as illness.
- ② False information was submitted or unauthorized changes were made to document entries.
- 3 The recipient no longer meets the eligibility requirements specified in this guideline.
- 4 Other circumstances have arisen that go against the aims of the Foundation's grant/aid.

## (3) Protection and Disclosure of Personal Information

Personal information will be handled appropriately according to the law and Foundation Rules. However, the grant/aid information of scholarship recipients will be, in principle, open to the public, and will be published on the Foundation's website and in the Foundation's publication.

## **Eligible Nationalities**

Asian Region: India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, East Timor, the Philippines, Bhutan, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Maldives, Mongolia, Laos

Middle Eastern Region: Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian National Authority

Pacific Region: Kiribati, Cook Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Nauru, Niue, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Micronesia

European Region: Iceland, Azerbaijan, Albania, Armenia, Andorra, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Cyprus, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia, Kosovo, Georgia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Czech Republic, Turkmenistan, Hungary, Bulgaria, Belarus, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania

African Region: All countries

Central and South American Region: All countries

Regions and countries above are based on information on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/area/