

**THERS Make New Standards Program for the Next Generation Researchers  
FAQ**

\*For the medicine doctoral course students whose support period starts from the second year of the course, please interpret "enrolling in a doctoral course" with "enrolling in the second year of a medicine doctoral course".

Questions	Answers
Q1001 I am planning to enroll in a doctoral course in AY2024. Will there be opportunities to apply in April 2025 or later?	Those who plan to enroll in the course in AY2025 should apply now, regardless of whether they will enroll in their courses in April or October. There is a possibility that additional applications for AY2025 entrants will be made in April 2026 or later, depending on the number of the withdrawals after this, but this has yet to be decided.
Q1002 I plan to enroll in a doctoral course in October 2026. I am not eligible to make an application in the first round for AY2026. Will there be any later applications?	Students who plan to enroll in a doctoral course in October 2026 should apply in the 2nd recruitment round for AY2026, for which applications are expected to be published around January 2026.
Q1003 How is the increase of the research support grants decided?	To be informed after approval.
Q1004 Will the person who prepares the evaluation be my Academic Advisor? Is it possible to request a recommender other than my Academic Advisor? If so, are there any restrictions on who can make my recommendation?	Since it is possible that the Academic Advisor for your doctoral course might not have been selected at the time of application, it is permitted for a researcher who understands the content of your research so far to write the evaluation, and not just your Academic Advisor. If you are unable to ask your Academic Advisor to do this for any other reason, please consult the Doctoral Education Consortium individually. In principle, you should ask a faculty member to prepare the evaluation.
Q1005 Is it possible to apply even when I am receiving payments for other scholarships?	Students who plan to receive other scholarships which the annual stipend is 2.4 million yen or less at the time support is scheduled to start should check with the office handling such scholarship for any restrictions on simultaneous payments. If you are required to devote yourself solely to a scholarship you are planning to receive, you may not be eligible to receive support, even if you are selected. Please refer to Q1018 regarding the treatment of government-sponsored international students and government-dispatched international students (CSC, etc.).
Q1006 I haven't taken the entrance examination for my doctoral course yet. Can I apply?	Those who intend to enroll in a doctoral course at Nagoya University can apply. If you are selected for a scholarship but do not enroll in the doctoral course (or proceed to the 2nd year of the doctoral course in Medicine) at Nagoya University at the time indicated in the application form/documents (including failure in the entrance examination), you will lose your qualification as a RESEARDENT at that time. Please also refer to Q1032 concerning entrance to graduate schools.
Q1007 If a leave of absence is taken during the approved support period, how will it affect the status?	This depends on the reason for the absence. In the case of a leave of absence for personal reasons, the support will generally be terminated at the time of the leave of absence. On the other hand, if the leave of absence is because of life events (such as childbirth, child care, injury, illness, etc.), whether or not the support will be terminated will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Even if it is decided that the support will not be terminated, the support will be suspended during the leave of absence. In this case, the support will resume after the student returns to school. However, if the leave of absence exceeds two years, the support will be terminated.
Q1008 Are students from master's programs other than Nagoya University also eligible?	Yes.
Q1009 I enrolled in a doctoral course after retirement. Is there an age limit for applications?	There is no age limit. However, selection is based on the aims of the project, which include the development of a variety of career paths for a wide range of outstanding doctoral candidates.
Q1010 Are international students also eligible?	There are no nationality requirements for students to become eligible for support. However, international students who are expected to receive support through the Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship or those who are expected to receive support from their home countries are not eligible as a general rule.
Q1011 What happens if you start a business during the support period?	Support will continue. However, a student who is deemed to be receiving stable income, such as a salary or executive remuneration, at a level sufficient to cover living expenses (based on 2.4 million yen per year, in reference to other projects) will not be eligible to receive funding.
Q1012 Is it possible to receive salaries for work as a TA, RA, or for joint research? Are there any time limits?	You can earn an income for things such as TA, RA, or part-time work as long as it does not interfere with your activities as a RESEARDENT.
Q1013 Would a student be eligible to receive funding if he or she had access to a system that allowed him or her as a mature student to receive benefits from a company, etc. sufficient to cover living costs (based on 2.4 million yen per year) but he or she chose not to receive such benefits?	The purpose of this project is to create an environment for students to concentrate on their research by providing enough funding to cover living expenses. For this reason, if there is a system through which a student could receive such funding from a company, etc., he or she would not be eligible to apply under this project.
Q1014 Is it possible to participate in a paid internship during the support period?	Yes.
Q1015 Is it possible to conduct research using external funding during the support period?	This is permitted as long as it does not cause problems with activities as a RESEARDENT.
Q1016 Is it possible to receive academic awards and other monetary awards (including "cash vouchers" as additional benefits) from academic societies during the support period?	Yes.
Q1017 Is it possible for eligible students to receive scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)?	This project aims to create an environment in which students can concentrate on their research. Because the nature of this project is different from JASSO scholarships, as a general rule it is possible to receive payments simultaneously in the case of both loan and benefits-based programs (please consult us separately in cases where a sufficient level of living expenses would be provided from a benefits-based scholarship). However, regarding AY2023 and after AY 2023 JASSO interest-free scholarship loan recipients, if they receive support from the THERS Make New Standards Program for the Next Generation Researchers, they can no longer receive a waiver of the JASSO scholarship loan return during doctoral course period.
Q1018 I am currently enrolled in a master's program as a government-sponsored international student. Can I apply?	Even if you are receiving the scholarship at the time of application, you can apply if you do not plan to receive these during the period of this project. If you are approved to receive support from a government-sponsored scholarship program or support from a foreign government which does not allow you to receive the support simultaneously at the time your support is scheduled to start, you should prioritize receiving support from the government-sponsored exchange program or support from the foreign government (such as CSC), unless there are special circumstances. Please note that the possibility of receiving or being refused simultaneous payments depends on the rules of each scholarship program, so please check with the department in charge of the scholarship in advance.
Q1019 Can I apply under the tuition fee exemption system at Nagoya University during the support period?	Yes.
Q1020 Is it possible to receive research support grants or research expenses in the event that I am unable to enter Japan (such as due to the impact of COVID-19)?	International students who have not yet traveled to Japan will start receiving payments after they arrive in Japan. We do not backdate support prior to students' arrival in Japan.
Q1021 The screening results will be announced at the middle of April. If I become eligible to receive support under the project from April, AY2025, when will I start receiving the research support grant?	The two months of the research support grant (for April and May) will be transferred to the registered bank account at the end of May.
Q1022 The content of the applicant's information registration is supposed to match the content of the application form. What should I do if the research section title changes after registration of applicant information but before the application form is submitted?	Please input the information on the form carefully and check for errors before registering, as applicants should not change the information entered in the applicant's information registration.
Q1023 What types of interdisciplinary research are being sought by the program?	Please see the reference material for examples of interdisciplinary research. (The material will be available later.)
Q1024 Will RESEARDENTs be employed by Nagoya University?	There will be no employment relationship between the University and the successful applicants. Since the research support grant is not a salary, it becomes "miscellaneous income" under tax law, and you will need to file a tax return by yourself every year. Please also handle social insurance and pension procedures by yourself.
Q1025 I was selected on the basis of entry in April 2025, but I then decided to take a leave of absence. I now plan to enroll in April 2026, one year later than initially planned. Is it possible to delay the start of support?	No. In principle, the status of RESEARDENT will be rejected if their enrollment is delayed from the time they were originally scheduled for selection. Please re-apply as a student in the applicable year and undertake screening again.
Q1026 How long is the support period if I am chosen in an additional recruitment round?	Support will be provided up to the completion date of your predecessor's support and up to the standard completion period. We will decide this at the time of authorization.
Q1027 I was not selected as an interviewee for secondary screening. Will the applicant be notified of the results of the primary screening (document-based selection)?	The results of the primary screening (document-based selection) will not be sent.

Q1028	Will there be an opportunity to apply after enrolling in a doctoral course?	<p>As a general rule, we do not plan to select students after they have enrolled in a doctoral course. There is a possibility that additional applications will be accepted in the event of a vacancy due to resignation, etc., but this does not guarantee any additional rounds of applications.</p> <p>There is a recruitment that will support students who become a second year of the four-year PhD program in the Graduate School of Medicine in April (this is for those whose enrollment month is April). However, the students in the four-year PhD program in the Graduate School of Medicine, who applied for the first new recruitment when they were at the 1st year of the master's course and for the second new recruitment when they were the 2nd year (when they enroll to the doctoral course), will be ineligible to the another new recruitment that will support students who become a second year of the four-year PhD program in the Graduate School of Medicine in April. Once the third application for a new recruitment is found, the application eligibility will be forfeited.</p>
Q1029	Can I use figures, graphs, and formulas in my application form? Will the screenings be conducted in color, or black and white?	<p>It is permitted to use diagrams or mathematical formulas if these are necessary to explain the content of the study. It is up to each judge to decide whether to read the applications in color or black and white. Therefore, please make sure that your application can be clearly read in either case.</p>
Q1030	The video I used to apply exceeded the prescribed time. Can I edit it or submit it in double-speed mode?	Editing of video times for adjustment is not allowed. Please note that such an application could be deemed defective.
Q1031	I would like to receive feedback on the content of my screening.	We do not disclose the content of the screening.
Q1032	If I am selected for this application, will I be automatically admitted to a doctoral course?	<p>This application is based on the assumption that you pass the entrance examination for the doctoral course at your graduate school and enter the University.</p> <p>If you wish to enroll in a doctoral course at our University, please be sure to take the entrance examination conducted by each graduate school separately from this application. Selection under this application does not guarantee admission to graduate schools.</p>
Q1033	Are there any language requirements for applying?	No. However, your language level (English for all, Japanese for international students) will be confirmed in the annual evaluation/QE conducted after certification.