

The University of Tokyo – NEC Future AI Scholarship for 2018 School Year
Information and Guidelines for Application

1. Overview

The aim is to support students' research activities and to foster excellent young students by providing the University of Tokyo – NEC Future AI Scholarship to outstanding graduate students who conduct research on practical AI aimed at solving social issues of the future. The scholarship is operated using the donation from NEC Corporation, a company actively working to solving social issues by utilizing ICT.

2. Definition

This scholarship targets graduate students who are conducting research on AI, in particular on brain information, pattern recognition, machine learning, natural language processing, knowledge engineering, control engineering, and circuit theory.

3. Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be young outstanding prospective students who have already submitted their applications to enroll in April 2018 in a doctorate programs in one of the graduate schools listed below as a full-time student. Applicants who are receiving or are scheduled to receive scholarships from the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) or other sources are not eligible to apply. Applicants should ideally be one who would wish to receive a scholarship for the whole duration of the period of payment.

- Graduate School of Engineering
- Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences
- Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
- Graduate School of Frontier Science
- Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies

4. Number of Scholarships Available

Few

5. Scholarship Amount

JPY 200,000 yen per month

- (1) The above value may vary depending on the selection results
- (2) This scholarship shall be awarded as a benefit. (Non-repayment type scholarship)
- (3) Recipients shall have no obligations or restrictions in their job selection or any other issues after the completion of the Ph.D.

6. Period of Payment

April 2018 to March 2021.

7. Application for the Scholarship

Applicants are required to submit the documents listed below to the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department.

(1) Application period: Monday, December 18, 2017 to Monday, February 26, 2018

(2) Office hours: 09:00 to 17:00 (sharp)

(3) Documents to submit:

- ① The specified official application form (with ID photo attached)
- ② A list of research achievement
- ③ A letter of recommendation written by a supervisor(*)

(*) Written by a supervisor of a doctorate program. (Obligatory)

Written by a supervisor of a Master's programs. (Optional)

- ④ Academic transcript for Master's program

The application forms are available from the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department, located on the first floor of the Students Support Center on the Hongo Campus. The forms are also available for download from http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index/h02_j.html.

8. Selection of Recipients

The Chairman of the Students Committee will make a decision on the recipients of the scholarship following a review of the applications by the Scholarship Subcommittee under the Students Committee and the University of Tokyo – NEC Future AI Scholarship Awarding Committee. Selected recipients will be notified of the decision by early April.

9. Payment

The scholarship will be paid to recipients' bank accounts every six months following confirmation that the recipients are enrolled at the University of Tokyo.

10. Temporary Cessation and Resumption of the Scholarship

- (1) Recipients are required to submit a written notice to the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department, if they take a leave of absence or are absent for a long period, including leaving Japan for periods longer than one month. The scholarship payment will be suspended on receipt of the notification.
- (2) If the reason for the temporary cessation of payment has been resolved, the recipients must submit a written notice via their supervisor proving that the leave of absence has finished to the Chairman of the Scholarship Subcommittee under the Students Committee in order have the payment of the scholarship resumed.

11. Termination of Scholarship Payments

Payment of the scholarship will be terminated if any one of the following points apply to the recipient. In this case, the recipient must inform the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department in writing immediately.

- (1) On withdrawal from the University or transfers to another university
- (2) On being suspended from the University
- (3) On demonstrating poor academic performance
- (4) On failing to submit reports described in paragraph 15 below
- (5) When the scholarship is no longer required by the recipient
- (6) When a student accepts and receives a scholarship from another source
- (7) When it is demonstrated for any reasons that the recipient is unsuitable as a recipient or their conduct is found to be unacceptable

12. Repayment

Recipient can be required to repay the amount in part or full of any scholarship payment already made when the recipient has been deemed unsuitable as a recipient.

13. Refusal of the Scholarship

Recipient can decline to receive the scholarship.

14. Notification of changes

Recipient is required to notify the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department immediately in any of the following cases.

- (1) When starting or returning from long periods of absence.
- (2) If there are any changes in address, name, contact information, or other important matters.
- (3) If you leave Japan for more than one month.
- (4) If you will be doing an internship (regardless of whether you are paid or not).

15. Submission of Reports

(1) Recipients who enrolled in April are required to submit research and study reports to the Students Scholarship and Welfare Group, Education and Student Support Department at the end of March every year.

(2) As a recipient of the scholarship which is funded by NEC, you will be required to attend social meetings organized for NEC as much as possible.