

2020

Human Life Advancement Foundation Scholarship Program Application Guidelines

Kyoto University

1. Purpose

Human Life Advancement Foundation (HLAF) strives to be an innovative institution responsive to the needs of the society for innovations, knowledge and technology by supporting fruitful interaction between firms, academia and public sector. They are delighted to announce that HLAF is offering scholarships to those pursuing PhD studies.

2. Scholarship amount and term

Duration	Maximum Scholarship Value (per year)
The minimum period required for graduation (up to three years)	USD 15,000

Note: The scholarship value will be determined by HLAF.

The continued payment of the scholarship for the second year shall be decided by HLAF based on a comprehensive assessment of the recipient's reports, academic performance, and conduct, etc.

3. Number of recipients

Approximately one, throughout the graduate school.

4. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Only applicants who meet all of the following criteria shall be considered:

- (1) Doctoral (degree-seeking) international student at a graduate school of Kyoto University, or expecting to enroll as a doctoral (degree-seeking) international student at a graduate school of Kyoto University in April 2020 or October 2020.
- (2) Under 30 years of age
- (3) Any field of study related to science, engineering, innovation and technology
- (4) Strong academic record, excellent academic references, strong publication record and high quality of the research proposal.
 - Obtained a minimum GPA* of 3.5 at Bachelor Degree and a minimum GPA of 3.8 or very good result at Master's Degree level (for research mode) in a similar field of intended PhD study.
- (5) High proficiency in English (English proficiency at a level roughly equivalent to a TOEFL PBT

score minimum of 550, TOEFL iBT score minimum of 79, IELTS score minimum of band 6, or MUET score minimum of band 4) or excellent result in other relevant English test that is accepted by Kyoto university

- (6) Recommended by a supervising university professor or by an individual of equivalent status.

*How to calculate Grade Point Average

Grade	A+	A	B	C	D	F
Score	96-100	85-95	75-84	65-74	60-64	0-59
GP	4.3	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0

Calculating your GPA: (The number of grade point 4.3 credits \times 4.3 + the number of grade point 4.0 credits \times 4.0 + the number of grade point 3.0 credits \times 3.0 + the number of grade point 2.0 credits \times 2.0 + the number of grade point 1.0 credits \times 1.0 + the number of grade point 0 credits \times 0) divided by the total number of credits.

6. Requirements

Submission of study reports and activity reports by the designated deadlines.

7. Application documents

* All documents must be submitted in English.

(1) HLAFF Scholarship Application Form

(2) Research Summary (in any format, maximum 3 papers in format A4)

(3) Research Proposal (in any format, maximum 3 papers in format A4)

(4) Letter of recommendation from supervising professor or equivalent. (in any format. If possible, the letter of recommendation should be provided by the applicant's prospective graduate school supervisor. If the applicant is not able to submit a letter of recommendation from a Kyoto University faculty member because their supervisor has not yet been determined or for other similar reasons, the letter of recommendation should be provided by a supervisor or faculty member of equivalent status at the university or graduate school in which the applicant is currently, or was recently, enrolled.)

(5) Certificate of Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)

(6) Academic Transcript (Bachelor Degree Course and Master's Degree Course)

The transcript must bear the official stamp of the university from which the applicant graduated or expects to graduate from, and must be issued in English.

(7) Photo-copy of Passport (the page which your photo and passport number are included.)

(8) Letter of Admission from a graduate school at Kyoto University (if the applicant is expecting to enroll Kyoto University).

(9) Declaration of Understanding and Agreement for an International Student Scholarship Application.

8. Application dates and procedures

Please submit the full of application documents to the Student Affairs Division of Graduate School.

Application period: **2020** (closes at 17:00 p.m.).

9. Selection and notification of results

The primary screening will be based on the application documents. Those who pass the primary screening will then be required to take an interview by HLAF.

Deadline for applications to early- May (tentative): Stage 1 Graduate school screening

Screening by Graduate school selection committee



Early June (tentative): Stage 2 Kyoto university screening

Screening of application documents by the Kyoto University selection committee



Mid-June to mid- September (tentative): Stage 3 HLAF screening (interview)

HLAF will conduct interview session with scholarship applicants



TBD: Notification of the results by HLAF

10. Inquiries

Visit the following page for more details:

(HLAF Web page) <http://www.hlaf.org.my/scholarships.html>

Please address any inquiries to:

International Education and Student Mobility Division,

Education Promotion and Student Support Department, Kyoto University

E-mail: intlstudent@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

- * We do not accept inquiries other than those regarding the HLAF Scholarship at Kyoto University. Inquiries are accepted in Japanese or English only.