

## Application Guidelines for the 6<sup>th</sup> Toyama Prefectural International Student Scholarship

In partnership with Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd., Toyama Prefecture is currently seeking an international student interested in completing graduate studies for a master's degree in Toyama Prefecture and subsequently being employed at Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd., a company based in Toyama Prefecture.

### 1 - Requirements and Conditions

#### (1) Nationality

The applicant must hold Vietnamese nationality and must be a resident of Vietnam at the time of their application.

#### (2) Age

The applicant must be born on or after April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1997.

#### (3) Education

The applicant must meet the one of the following requirements:

a) Have graduated from a Japanese university, or;

b) Have completed, outside of Japan, 16 years of formal education (This includes students scheduled to graduate by the end of June 2024)

c) Have completed, outside of Japan, 3 or more years of study/research, and have received a degree equivalent to a bachelors' degree (In this case, some universities in Toyama may require an eligibility examination for acceptance).

#### (4) Specialization

Fields of Specialization: Engineering

The applicant's selected field must be related to the specialization done in undergraduate studies and must be a field that can be further studied in a Graduate School within the Prefecture. (For eligible graduate schools and programs, see page 6 of this document.)

#### (5) Health

The applicant must be mentally and physically healthy.

#### (6) Japanese Language Proficiency

Not required. However, the applicant must have interest in learning Japanese, and must be able to make everyday conversation (equivalent to Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N2) by the time of graduation.

#### (7) Arrival in Japan

The applicant should be available to come to Japan by the day determined by the

Governor between September and October of 2024.

(8) Prospective Employment

The applicant must be willing to pledge that, upon completion of their graduate program, they will apply to the hiring process of Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. The place of employment will either be within Toyama Prefecture, or elsewhere in Japan.

(9) Internship

During their studies, the applicant will participate in an internship at Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd.

(10) Other

The applicant may not receive any other scholarship or grants.

## 2 - Number of scholarships

There is 1 scholarship available for 1 participant.

## 3 - Details of the scholarship

Within the limits of the budget, the scholarship provides for the following expenses, from the day of arrival in Japan until the day of conclusion of studies.

(1) Living expenses: 170,000 yen per month (rent expenses included). However, if the student leaves Japan for over 30 consecutive days or if the student fails to attend classes for a long period or otherwise takes a leave of absence from their program, payment may be stopped during this interval.

(2) Travel expenses

a) Coming to Japan

The airplane ticket fare from the international airport closest to the student's residence in Vietnam to Japan, economy class, as well as the travel expenses from the airport in Japan to Toyama are included.

b) Returning home

The cost of returning home is generally not included.

(3) Tuition fees : Entrance examination fees, admission fees, course fees and insurance (National Health Care, Accident Insurance)

(4) Scholarship Period

The scholarship includes payment for the period of 6 months as a trainee student and 2 years of study as a graduate student for a maximum of 2 years and 6 months. No extensions will be accepted.

Toyama Prefecture reserves the right to terminate the scholarship in the following situations:

- ① If the application contains any false statements;
- ② If the student fails to comply with the statements in the Written Pledge;
- ③ If the student commits an act that violates the law in Japan.
- ④ If the university has taken disciplinary action against the student, including but not limited to expulsion. (Scholarship payment may be stopped before the disciplinary action is effective.)
- ⑤ If, due to poor academic results or temporary break of study, the student is deemed to be unable to complete their degree in the length of time specified above.
- ⑥ If the student's residency status is changed from "International Student" to a different residency status.
- ⑦ If the student receives a different scholarship (except for specific research funds).
- ⑧ If, for other reasons, Toyama Prefecture or Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. determines that the applicant is unsuitable as a scholarship student.

#### **4 - Application Process**

The applicant must submit a complete set of the following documents, before the deadline and to the address specified by Toyama Prefecture. Submitted documents will not be returned. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The required documents are:

- ① International Student Application Form, with a photo attached. (Form #1)
- ② Specialization, Research Plan and Placement Application Form (Form #2)
- ③ Written Pledge (Form #3)
- ④ Medical Certificate (Form #4)
- ⑤ Final Academic Transcript from your university
- ⑥ Final Diploma from your university or Certificate of Degree Completion
- ⑦ Letter of Recommendation from University's Dean or your Advisor/Professor in Charge.
- ⑧ Graduation Thesis (Only for applicants who have written such a thesis)
- ⑨ Copy of Passport

#### **Caution:**

1. All documents must be submitted either in Japanese or in English or be provided with a translation in either Japanese or English.
2. Submitted photos must have been taken within six months prior to application, and their size must be 4.5 cm by 3.5 cm, showing the upper body, full-faced, and without any covering on the head. The applicant's name and nationality must be written on the back

of each photo. Paper copies are not accepted. (Self-printed pictures are not accepted.)

3. Your Specialization and Research Plan Form must offer a concrete and detailed plan of your expected research.

4. The academic transcript must list the course title for grades received during each year of study in your undergraduate or graduate program, as applicable, and must also detail the final grade or completion status for credits acquired. (You cannot submit a document simply listing your rank/GPA upon graduation.)

5. You may submit a copy of your Diploma or Certificate of Degree Completion instead of the original document. However, the copy must be attested by the appropriate authorities of the university.

6. Submission of a graduation thesis is not necessary for application but will be used to assess academic skill if available.

7. Host universities in the prefecture that plan to welcome foreign students must conduct strict reviews from a technology provision and goods export standpoint based on the provisions in the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Please be aware when applying that in the case of restricted subjects and matters, you may not be allowed to enroll, you may not be able to choose your desired major, or there may be limits to the research you can conduct.

(The applicant will need to sign and submit a written pledge that they will comply with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act during the second selection round.)

### **5 - Application submission**

Submit your application **by mail (post)** to the following address:

Jellyfish Education Vietnam

13<sup>th</sup> Floor, CMC TOWER, 11 Duy Tan, Cau Giay, Hanoi

### **6 - Application deadline**

The deadline to apply to this scholarship is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Fri).

### **7 - Selection and Communication of Results**

(1) The first round of selections will be conducted based on received applications.

(2) The second round of selections will be interviews conducted with participants selected in the first round. The interview will be conducted in English, but Japanese ability will also be tested.

### **8 - Placement and Research Direction**

- (1) The placement of the selected applicant by Toyama Prefecture will be based upon the first and second university choices written on the applicant's Specialization, Research Plan and Placement Application Form, and will be granted if possible. However, it is possible that the placement may differ from the applicant's expressed preferences; there is no appeal process for the placement.
- (2) Research guidance, classes, experiments and studies will, as a general rule, be conducted in Japanese. Furthermore, high level practical English is a required course at the Toyama Prefectural University Graduate School of Engineering.
- (3) Do not contact the university directly with questions/inquiries.

### **9 - Schedule from Application to Graduation (Planned)**

- (1) March – May 2024 Document screenings, interviews
- (2) June 2024 Selection and notification of results, admission procedures
- (3) Jul. – Aug. 2024 Immigration procedures
- (4) Sep. – Oct. 2024 Arrival in Japan (admission as a trainee student)
- (5) Dec 2024.– Feb. 2025 Admission examination for Master's program
- (6) April 2025 Admission to master's program (If the participant does not pass the entrance examination, the participant shall return to their home country in March 2024, and the scholarship will be terminated in the month after the announcement of the examination results.)  
Internship, etc. with Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. during studies
- (7) March 2027 Completion of master's degree
- (8) April 2027 Start of employment at Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. after passing hiring examination.

### **10 - Other**

- (1) During the period of scholarship, as determined by the Governor and Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd., the recipient of the scholarship shall report by paper on the progress of their studies and research, as well as their grades. Also, the recipient shall proactively cooperate in the activities of Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. and Toyama Prefecture.
- (2) Besides the requirements listed in this document, the relevant articles of the Toyama International Student Prefectural Scholarship Program apply as specified by Toyama Prefecture.
- (3) If there are inquires or questions regarding the contents of the present document, the applicant shall contact the Toyama Prefectural Scholarship Coordinator and

follow their instructions.

E-mail address: admin@jellyfish-vn.com

*Graduate schools within Toyama Prefecture for which this Scholarship is applicable:*

University of Toyama	Graduate School of Science and Engineering • Mathematics and Informatics Program • Physics and Applied Physics Program • Life Science and Material Chemistry Program • Earth, Life, Environmental Science Program • Mechatronics Program • Material Science and Engineering Program • Urban/Transportation Design Program • Advanced Clean Energy Program	<a href="https://www.gsse.u-toyama.ac.jp/">https://www.gsse.u-toyama.ac.jp/</a>
	Graduate School of Engineering (Note) Depending on the area of Specialization, there may not be spaces available. • Mechanical Systems Engineering Specialization • Intelligent Robot Engineering Specialization • Digital/Information Engineering Specialization • Environmental/Social Infrastructure Engineering Specialization	<a href="https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/">https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/</a> ※ English pamphlet can be found at <a href="https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/english/eindex.html">https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/english/eindex.html</a> *You will need to submit a TOEIC Official Score Certificate, a Test Taker Score Report to apply for the graduate school master's course entrance exam. TOEIC or TOEFL scores other than the ones above will not be accepted. You must have these scores ready by the time

		the application form is sent out (in May 2024).
Toyama Prefectural University		

*Information on the corporation supporting this Scholarship:*

Name	Kuroda Kagaku Co. Ltd. (黒田化学株式会社)
Location	(Headquarters) 368 Johana, Nanto City, Toyama Prefecture
Number of Employees	325 people
Capital	40 million yen
Sector	Design and Manufacturing of Plastic Parts
Selling Point, Catchphrase	We design and produce many mechanisms using plastic, which we call “Pla-mechanism.” From joining of plastic parts, reducing part weight, replacement of metal pieces for plastic pieces, creating composite materials, and assembling, we use many techniques to realize “Pla-mechanism”.
Expected Qualities of the Applicant	Is an energetic and autonomous person, who demonstrates strong leadership abilities and possesses a global mindset.
Vision for job duties, and expectations after being hired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new employee will be responsible for production preparation projects for various products in the Global Engineering Department of the Oyabe Plant and gain skills as a leader of development.</li> <li>• Management of the technical department of the Vietnam Plant</li> </ul>
Working conditions (as of 2023)	<p>○Starting salary 216,690 yen per month (226,860 yen in FY2024)</p> <p>○Allowances Language learning (applicable for employees with TOEIC scores 600 and above or Test of Chinese Proficiency Level 3 and above) Commuting allowance, family allowance, technical allowance, housing allowances, and more.</p> <p>○Salary increase rate</p>

	<p>3% per year</p> <p>○Bonuses</p> <p>4.3 months per year</p> <p>○Holidays and Vacations</p> <p>115 days (116 in FY2024)</p> <p>○Employee Benefits</p> <p>Retirement benefits system, Continuing education benefits system, Reduction in working hours etc.</p>
Website	<a href="https://www.kuroda-kagaku.co.jp">https://www.kuroda-kagaku.co.jp</a>