

**Notice of Financial Assistance for Admission
in April 2026**

Application by Recommendation of THSTI

**Doctoral Program in Microbiology and Immunology
at Osaka University in Japan**

1. Financial support

Students in this program are exempt from examination, entrance and tuition fees, and will receive a scholarship of 250,000 yen per month (3 million yen per year, taxable) for four years in accordance with the IFRcC Scholarship Handling Regulations. Scholarship is provided by the Research Foundation for Microbial Diseases of Osaka University (BIKEN Foundation).

- i. Research fellows in the Postdoctoral Research Fellowships for Research in Japan program offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) are not eligible for this scholarship.
- ii. Recipients must withdraw from this scholarship program if they receive financial support from any of the following:
 - I) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
 - II) Government of Japan (MEXT)
 - III) Any foundation outside Japan
 - IV) Any Osaka University foundation other than this program.
- iii. Recipients of this scholarship are not allowed to hold a part-time/full-time job. However, the following positions are permitted as long as the work hours do not exceed 5 hours per week: teaching assistant (TA) or research assistant (RA), medical practice at the University Hospital by students with valid licenses as medical doctors/dentists/nurses, and part-time lecturer at universities, junior colleges, or vocational high schools.

2. Suspension and Return of Scholarship

If a student in this program commits an act in breach of the IFRcC Scholarship Handling Regulations, fails to declare the specified details, or makes a false declaration, the student may be required to return the scholarship and any other funds they have received. In addition, the scholarship will be suspended if any of the following events occur.

- i. If the student becomes a Japanese citizen.
- ii. If the student loses their student status at the Graduate School of Medicine at Osaka University.
- iii. If the student's academic advisor judges that the continuation of research or study is unlikely.
- iv. If the student is no longer under supervision due to a change of academic advisor or other reasons.
- v. If the Director of the committee of this program deems the student to be unsuitable for the program after a meeting of the committee.