

Application Guidelines

Western Digital Scholarship

- at Nara Women's University-

For Prospective Students Enrolled in April 2025

Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences,
Nara Women's University
Screening Committee for the Western Digital
Scholarship, Nara Women's University

1. Overview

The Western Digital Scholarship was established with a donation from Western Digital GK to the Nara Women's University NADESHIKO Fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide scholarships to outstanding students who are motivated to study in the field of science and engineering, and to contribute to the promotion of research motivation and the development of talented science and engineering professionals.

In accordance with these principles, we here announce the recruitment details and call for candidates who wish to apply for the scholarship as outlined below.

2. Application period

Wednesday, March 5, 2025~Wednesday, March 12, 2025 *due by 12:00pm

3. Number of candidates

Prospective students in April 2025 (Spring):1 student

4. Application and eligibility

Prospective students in the field of science and engineering who are scheduled to enroll in the doctoral program of our graduate school in April of 2025, and have received confirmation (including the plans) from the prospective primary academic advisor regarding their application.

Examples of eligible individuals*1:

- Students who are not employed in a job with regular income and can obtain a degree within the standard study period (including those with work experience)
- Working professionals with an annual income less than 2.4 million yen*2,*3
- Long-term research students (support is provided until the end of D3)
- Self-funded international students not receiving support such as scholarships from their home country

Examples of individuals not eligible*1:

- Students who are selected as SGC-NEXUS grant recipients
- Individuals on a leave of absence during the period of receiving support
- Those who have been enrolled in the doctoral program for more than three years
- Those who have obtained a scholarship at a sufficient level for living expenses (more than 2.4 million yen per year).*3

- Those who receive a stable income, including salaries, executive compensation, etc., at a sufficient level (more than 2.4 million yen per year) as an equivalent amount for living expenses from universities, companies, etc.*3
 - Government-sponsored international students and foreign students receiving support such as scholarships from their home countries
 - Special research fellows of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- If an individual falls into any of the above "Examples of individuals not eligible" during the period of receiving support, they shall lose eligibility for the support.

- * 1...For further details, please contact the office.
- * 2...Working professionals refer to individuals with regular income and homemakers.
- * 3...The 2.4 million yen is the total amount paid including income tax, social insurance premiums, overtime pay, bonuses, etc.
- * The duplication with tuition exemptions is allowed. Part-time employment (including RA/TA, etc.) within a range that does not interfere with research activities is also permitted. Part-time income does not qualify as stable or fixed income.
- * If accepted, you will no longer be eligible for exemption from repayment of scholarships based on outstanding achievements from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

5. The obligations of Western Digital Scholarship recipients

- 1) Submission of current status report
Submit and receive evaluations on the progress of research activities every semester.
- 2) Response to career path survey
For 10 years after the end of support, please respond to the career tracking survey conducted by Nara Women's University.

*The survey information will be used only for Nara Women's University, the information will not be notified to the Western Digital GK.

6. Scholarship amount

400,000 yen per year will be provided for three years.

7. Application documents

Submit the application form (including resume, research achievements, research plan, etc. See Form 1). Please contact the item 10 for request the application form template.

8. Selection Process

We request applicants to submit the application form (Form 1), and join interviews, if necessary (Interviews include oral presentations and question-and-answer sessions by the applicants). The selection will be based on a comprehensive evaluation of these materials. If the applicants apply for the SGC-NEXUS program, the selection will be held in the same process with SGC-NEXUS program. If an interview is conducted, it is scheduled to take place during the period on **Monday March 31, Wednesday April 2, and Thursday April 3, 2025**. As the period until the interview is short, we kindly ask applicants to prepare interview presentations, etc., in advance. Details will be provided after the acceptance of application documents. The results of the review will be communicated directly to the applicants via email.

9. The submission method and destination for the application documents

【Application Form】(Form 1)

- Please save the application documents in PDF format and electronically submit them to the following submission website.
- Please name the application form file as 'OOOO-202503WDS Application.'
- *OOOO represents the applicant's name.

<Submission website >

<https://webshare.cc.nara-wu.ac.jp/public/uypVA7OIAPAL-GAkyMB52nAq9tBbFX Xf5TTTZGCYz4b>

- If we receive the submission of the application documents, we will send you a confirmation email acknowledging receipt on Friday March 14.
- If you do not receive the confirmation email by 5:00 PM on **Friday March 14**, please contact us by email or phone listed at the item 10 below as Contact Information' mentioned for confirmation.

10. Contact Information

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