# Academic Year 2021 Women Leaders Program to Promote Well-being in Asia Nagoya University The MEXT Program for Leading Graduate Schools

# **Application Guidelines for International Applicants**

# Aims of the Program

This program has been designed to address problems that need to be solved in the S.E Asian region, which consists of multicultural societies in various stages of development. These problems include poverty, diverse health problems, and gender gaps. With a focus on food, health, environments, social systems, and education, the program aims to foster women leaders who can work in a global context to achieve 'Well-being' in Asia.

'Well-being', as the main theme of the program, refers to a state characterized by good physical, mental, social, and economic conditions, as well as the guarantee of individual rights and personal fulfillment.

# Eligibility

Japanese students (including students with regular jobs) and international students who are enrolled in a master's program in any of the following four graduate schools as of April 2021:

- Graduate School of International Development
- Graduate School of Education and Human Development
- Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences
- Graduate School of Medicine (including Health Sciences)

With regard to the master's program in Graduate School of Medicine, Japanese and international students who are enrolled as of April 2020 and as of October 2020 are also eligible.

This is a five-year program and only students who plan to enter a doctoral program at one of the above four graduate schools will be accepted.

International students who receive scholarships from the Japanese government, a foreign government, and/or private foundations, and students with regular jobs are also eligible to apply.

#### The Number of Students to be admitted to the Program

Approximately 10 students in total from the four graduate schools will be admitted. Priority is given to female students but male students with an appreciation of gender equality are welcome to apply. About 20% of the total admissions will be allocated to international students.

#### **Application Procedure**

Application period is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 16th April, 2021. Complete application packages should be submitted to the following email address (Well-being Office) by PDF. Applicant will get selection information by return.

Well-being Office: wb-agr@well-being.leading.nagoya-u.ac.jp

#### Application Package (use format as below)

- 1. Curriculum vitae [Excel, PDF] (Use a designated CV format and write TOEFL and/or TOEIC scores if any. If youplan to take the TOEFL test for the program, the TOEFL iBT test is recommended.)
- 2. Motivation letter [Word, PDF] (1 sheet of A4).
- 3. Application permit [Word, PDF] (need signature by supervisor)

#### Selection Procedure

Interviews are scheduled on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. Applicants are asked to make Power Point slides whose theme is "What is needed to achieve 'Well-being' in Asia" based on the motivation letter that was submitted (Maximum 4 slides). It must be submitted by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 12:00 to the Well-being Office by email (same address as informed above). At the interview, applicants are asked to make a presentation 3 minutes in length using the slides and afterwards discussion with examiners for a further 12 minutes.

# **Announcement of Successful Applicants**

The application numbers for successful applicants will be announced on the Well-being program website on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Orientation for registration is planned to be held around the last week of May. Further information will be sent to successful applicants soon after.

# **Enrollment and Tuition**

There is no additional cost for participation in the program. However, admission to the program does not mean that university enrollment and tuition fees will be waived. Students are able to apply for tuition fee exemption from the university. For tuition exemption, please follow the regular procedure.

#### Activities and supports

- 1. Activities of the Well-being students are as follows.
  - a) Global Leader special lecture (inc. e-learning) (mandatory)
  - b) Foundation Subjects and Literacy lectures managed by Doctoral Education Consortium (mandatory).
  - c) Overseas Training Program (elective for M1 and D1)
  - d) Special Lecture on Multicultural Societies (Cross-Ćultural Talk) (1 credit by 2days participation. Every year around October or November. (mandatory)
  - e) English (mandatory)
- 2. Depending on the activities, students may get partial financial support. All students will receive mentoring support.

#### **Additional Notes**

- 1. No change in any application document is permitted after submission.
- 2. If it is discovered after submission that any document has been falsified, admission will be nullified.
- 3. Applicants' personal information, including names, addresses, birth dates, etc., will be confidentially used only for the purposes of screening and announcement of application results, admission procedure, and academic affairs. All personal information submitted will be properly managed and shall not be used for any other purpose.

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# **Contact Information**

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