

UY-GCOE Program RA support for Privately Financed International Student

UY-GCOE Program supports Privately Financed International Students through giving RA (Research Assistant) job to them.

RA salary per hour : 1,360JPY (subject to change)

RA job is a part time job for Privately Financed International Students. According to the regulation of their visa status (STUDY), students' working hours should not exceed 28 hours/week. Students cannot do RA work while taking a class.

The average of monthly RA salary : 1,360JPY/h * 28h/w * 4w/m=150,000JPY

The period of this UY-GCOE Program RA support is from October 2011 to the end of March 2013.

UY-GCOE Special Doctoral Course requires in principle to three years of study. After April 2013, students may need to manage their living and study expenses at their own expense.

High-achieving students may get scholarships. You can see some information of scholarships (as of November 2010) from the following webpage.

http://www.isc.yamanashi.ac.jp/modules/support/index.php?content_id=1

Also, students who have difficulties for paying the tuition fee may apply for tuition waiver.

For reference

Table: balance of payments (the case that a student has no dependent and doesn't get any other financial support except UY-GCOE RA salary)

	1 st Grade (OCT 2011-SEP2012)		2 nd Grade (OCT2012-SEP2013)		3 rd Grade (OCT2013-SEP2014)
	OCT 2011 MAR2012	APR2012 SEP2012	OCT2012 MAR2013	APR2013 MAR2014	MAR2014 SEP2014
Average Monthly Income (JPY)					
UY-GCOE RA salary	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	0
Average Monthly Expenses* (JPY)					
Housing expenses** including utility cost (gas, water and electricity)	15,000 (in case living in UY dormitory)	15,000 (in case living in UY dormitory)	40,000 (private accommodation)	40,000 (private accommodation)	40,000 (private accommodation)
Food expenses	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Miscellaneous	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Tuition***	91,650(100%)	45,000(100%)	45,000(100%)	45,000(100%)	45,000(100%)
Tax and National Health Insurance****	4,000	7,000	7,000	22,000	7,000
TOTAL	160,650	117,000	142,000	157,000	142,000

- * You have to pay for not only living expenses in Japan but also the expenses indicated below by yourself.
 1. Transportation to Japan
 2. Entrance examination fee (30,000JPY)
- ** Please see the bottom “Housing Information”.
- *** Entrance fee is 280,000JPY and tuition fee is 540,000JPY/yr. There remains a possibility of entrance and tuition fee 50% or 100% waived.
- **** All international students must join the National Health Insurance without exception. By joining the National Health Insurance, the individual medical expense usually becomes 30%. The table doesn't include Income Tax since it is withheld from monthly salary. The amount in the table is Inhabitant Tax and National Health Insurance fee which you have to pay for by yourself. Please read the following “IMPORTANT” to understand the reason why each year's payment amount is different.

*** IMPORTANT ***

The amount of Inhabitant Tax and National Health Insurance fee are decided in the beginning of each fiscal year. In Japan, the fiscal year starts from 1st April and ends on 31st March of next year. The calculation of the payment amount is based on the total income (except scholarship income) of the previous year (i.e. based on the term from 1st January to 31st December) and the number of dependent.

Referring to the table, the students' annual income 2010 (before the enrollment) is zero and the annual income 2011 is only 3 months' salary (OCT – DEC), so the payment amount for fiscal year 2011 (APR 2011 - MAR 2012) and 2012 (APR 2012 - MAR 2013) are not so high. However, the student's annual income 2012 is much increased by RA, so the payment amount for fiscal year 2013 rises, too. If the student's income decreases such as 2013, the payment amount for fiscal year 2014 goes down again.

Also, the payment amount changes by the number of the dependent.

Housing Information

1. UY dormitory (International Student House of University of Yamanashi)

The University of Yamanashi has International Student House. Since there are limited numbers of rooms, availability is limited and you cannot use this dormitory more than 1 year.
2. Private accommodation

It is the custom that payments of deposit and premium (approximately 2 months rent) are required when renting a privately-owned apartment. In addition, unfurnished apartments are common in Japan.