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2006 「The International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP)」

～Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students～

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	196 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 86)		

【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	Advanced Oral Health Sciences Course
②Degree	PhD (4 Years)
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School (dentistry), Oral Health Sciences Course
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Graduate School (dentistry) Maxillofacial/Neck Reconstruction Course, Bio-Matrix Course
⑤Quota	8 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 5) (include Japanese : 0)
⑥Faculties	209 (Full-time(only for this course):136, Full-time(at the department offering this course): 27, Part-time: 46)
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title: Dean, Graduate School,
	Name: OHNO Kikuro

【3. Contents of the Course】

Educational Objectives

To educate researchers who can lead in the field of oral health sciences and to develop research-oriented dental health care professionals and dental educators.

Educational Contents (Program Schedule)

This 4-year PhD program will start in October.

[Year 1 October to December]

1) Orientation programs

The students will participate in the orientation programs organized by the TMDU International Student Center and by the program coordinator. Information concerning the requirements of the coursework and research work leading to the doctoral dissertation will be provided in the latter.

2) The students will attend the introductory classes designed for the enrolling postgraduate students.

[Year 1 January to September]

1) According to their educational needs, the students will attend classes/seminars/practices to acquire at least 30 credits.

2) The students will set their tentative research theme, and will gain necessary knowledge and basic technique for conducting research.

[Year 2 October to Year 3 June]

The students will engage in research under the guidance of the supervisor and two other advisors.

[Year 3 July to September]

The students will prepare the manuscript(s) for publication of the results of the studies.

[Year 4]

If need be, the students will carry out additional research for revising the manuscript. In December, the students will start preparing the documents to be submitted to the thesis committee. In January to June, the students will defend their thesis and sit for the final examination. If the students succeed in defending their thesis early enough, they may have a chance to do further research or receive clinical training in consultation with the supervisor.

The students will participate in dental education seminars held once a year and will make a presentation on dental education in their own country at least once during the four years.

Educational Evaluation

Requirements for the successful completion of the PhD course (PhD in dentistry/science in general).

1. Acquisition of at least 30 credits of coursework.
2. Defense of the doctoral dissertation.
3. Pass the final examination of the PhD course.

Guidance and supervision

The students will study under the guidance of the supervising (associate) professor of the specialty of their main interest. They will also be provided suggestions and recommendations from two other advisors of the related areas. The students' progress will be monitored once or twice a year by this panel of supervisor/advisors.

Language used in the instruction

The instruction will be given mainly in English. According to their needs the students will be able

to take basic Japanese language courses offered by the TMDU International Student Center. The Center also offers courses for effective presentation in English.

Recruitment and selection process

The recruitment will start about one year prior to the admission in October.

Applicants recommended by the head of the institutions with which TMDU Faculty of Dentistry has concluded a collaboration/exchange agreement will be given priority. The selection committee will decide the five applicants recommended to the MEXT based on the following: 1) academic record of the prior courses (bachelor's, master's); 2) possibility of securing the position in an academic/research institution in his/her own country after completing the course; 3) level of communication between the candidate and the prospective supervisor, especially the level of enthusiasm for accepting the candidate on the side of the supervisor; 4) proof of the candidate's English ability (TOEFL score, etc.) and evaluation thereof by the prospective supervisor through communicating with him/her in person or corresponding by e-mail or telephone.

Follow-up of the graduates

Those who completed this course are expected to become leaders in dental research/education/services, as well as in the related industries in their own country. The follow-up programs will be provided while maintaining the network between the graduates and the instructors of TMDU.

Evaluation and quality improvement of the program

The program committee will evaluate the course based on the portfolio kept by the students and checked by the panel of supervisor/advisors. The committee will conduct year-to-year checkups to improve the quality of the course.

Others

The students who are enrolled in this program with private funding may be selected as super-students of the current and future COE (Center of Excellence) Programs conducted by TMDU.