

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT – Important Notice!

As a member of the committee running the interviews and reviewing students' applications for the individual International Project (国際プロジェクト), which every doctoral student eventually needs to undertake in order to complete the GSDM, I would like to stress the following points.

- 1) Please take this application very seriously. Find enough time to think about it, thoroughly and in detail.
- 2) Your application must contain an accurate description (please write at least one full page or more, possibly referenced) of your ongoing doctoral research. It does not matter whether we (as faculty) may not be able to understand all technicalities. But it is important that you convey the image of a well-thought-out, detailed and focused research plan.
- 3) Your application must contain a detailed description of the activities you will be performing during the international project, answering the following points: a) what is the goal of your project? b) How does it relate to your PhD work? c) Why did you choose that particular institution? Why can the same work not be conducted at Todai? d) What are the milestones of your international project? (i.e. what are you going to do each month, what are the intermediate steps? Provide details, please) e) What did you agree with the host institution?
- 4) You must make an effort to identify how your research is related to the GSDM main goals. It is not sufficient to say, for instance, that a medical research is socially relevant because diseases are a problem for the society. You should make an effort to identify those debates revolving more specifically around your topic area, which do surely exist, such as, in this case, the social implications of drug patenting, moral issues in experimentations, and so on.
- 5) You need to get a comment from your supervisor about the project, and his approval.
- 6) Logistics: there are four further points you need to pay special attention to, namely:
 - a) There is no financial support from the program.
 - b) The duration of your project has to be clearly stated and **you must provide a rationale**, in other words explaining why you choose to stay at the host institution for a certain time.
 - c) Take extra care in organising your **accommodation**, i.e. where you are going to stay, as this seems to be the hardest logistical task in many cities.
 - d) For those of you who are planning to stay in the United States, remember that **visa procedures are very strict**, they require time, and they must be prepared with due care.

I hope this is clear enough, please contact me at orsi@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp if you have any question.

Thanks for your attention and good work.

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