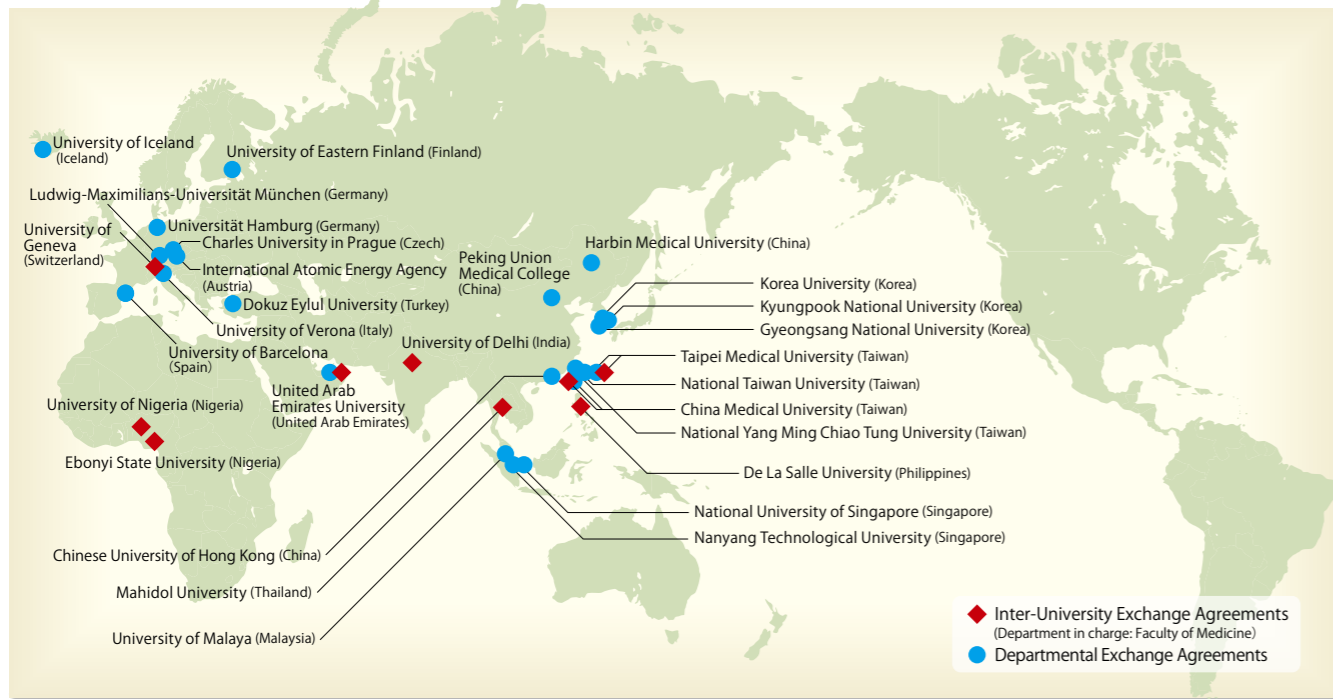


International Exchanges

The Graduate School of Medicine is promoting international collaborations through exchanges of researchers and joint research projects. Currently, we have concluded international exchange agreements with 29 universities outside Japan (as of April 2023).

As an international exchanges project, we have established an international exchange fund to provide assistance and aid to be able to invite and accept non-Japanese researchers, dispatch and train young researchers, and provide scholarships and aid to international students.



Center for Medical Education and International Relations International Relations Division

International Relations Division Supports International Students

As of April 2023, 62 international students from 10 countries study at the Graduate School of Medicine. Staff members of the International Relations Division are responsible for creating a comfortable environment for international students, and provide academic and personal support.



International Relations Division

Our mission is to increase the presence of the Graduate School of Medicine on the international scene. We promote partnerships with institutes and faculties overseas, share the latest technologies and knowledge, and provide students with quality education that meets the needs of diverse and global society.



A Visit from The University of Melbourne (Australia)

We also strive to nurture responsible global citizens and leaders for the future. We host seminars and events designed to help students acquire practical knowledge in medicine and research, as well as manners and communication skills useful in the global society.



Events to interact with international students

Visit the website for further information. [URL https://edu.med.hokudai.ac.jp/international-relations/](https://edu.med.hokudai.ac.jp/international-relations/)

Number of International Students in the Graduate School of Medicine (As of April 1, 2023)

Distribution by Country/Region

Area	Country/Region	Number
Asia 59 students	Bangladesh	1
	China	53
	Malaysia	1
	Philippines	1
	Singapore	1
	Taiwan	1
	Vietnam	1
Central and South America 1	Argentina	1
Middle East 2	Syria	1
	Turkey	1
TOTAL		62
International Students (Other visa status)		3

International Student Numbers by Graduate Program

() : number of female students included

Master's Program	Doctoral Program
14 (12)	48 (24)

Methods of Financial Support

() : number of female students included

Japanese government	4 (2)
Self-Supported	57 (33)
Foreign government	1 (1)
TOTAL	62 (36)
International Students (Other visa status)	3 (1)
GRAND TOTAL (All International Students)	65 (37)

Message from an International Master's Student

Research life in Hokudai

2nd-year Master's Student
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I am currently in the second year of the master's program in Biomedical Oncology. The reason why I joined this program is that I became strongly interested in cancer research. Now I focus on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). HCC is the most common type of primary liver cancer in adults, and has a poor prognosis. A large number of patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage and are unable to receive surgery. Unfortunately, most of the targeted therapies have a marginal effect. Therefore, the discovery of new effective drugs is very important for HCC patients. Effective animal models are important for studying HCC drugs. My research is to create a Drosophila model of HCC mimicking genetic alterations in HCC patients. Taking advantage of the easy reproduction and low cost of Drosophila, large-scale genetic and drug screenings are feasible. My aim is to identify novel therapeutics for HCC to rescue patients suffering from HCC.