

The Program for Leading Graduate Schools **“Cross-Border Legal Institution Design” for 2012 Admission** **Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University**

The Program for Leading Graduate Schools is a national scheme of the Japan Society of the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and forms part of a government initiative to support university reform for the enhancement of university research and education. The JSPS website announcement for the program is reproduced below.

“Cross-Border Legal Institution Design” of the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law is offered under category (3) below.

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Purpose

The Leading Programs in Doctoral Education works to advance the establishment of university graduate schools of the highest caliber by supporting the dramatic reform of their education programs in such a way that they will institute degree programs recognized as top quality around the world. To foster excellent students who are both highly creative and internationally attuned and who will play leading roles in the academic, industrial and governmental sectors across the globe, the program brings top-ranking faculty and students together from both in and outside Japan and enlists participation from other sectors in its planning and execution, while creating continuity between master's and doctoral programs and implementing curricula that overarches fields of specialization.

Within JSPS, a program steering committee is established which carries out grant application screening and project evaluation.

Features

The program works to foster leaders who can play active roles in the academia, industry and government and become a driving force for progress within the world.

Support is provided to develop degree programs that integrate master's and doctoral programs and assure of level of quality that is recognized worldwide—programs underpinned by internationally excellent education and research resources and designed with participation of experts from not only academia but also the industrial and governmental sectors.

In line with the program's purpose, grant-based funding is provided to excellent doctoral students selected to participate in the new degree programs.

Framework

Recruitment framework

Open recruitment is carried out in three categories defined by types of researcher to be fostered and issues to be addressed. The following are the number of proposals to be selected and the upper limit of grants to be awarded in FY 2011 under the three categories.

(1) All around category

Aimed at fostering top leaders who can play active roles in the governmental, nonprofit, industrial and academic sectors and can be a driving force within global society, degree programs are developed that integrate such fields as the humanities, social sciences, life sciences, physical sciences and engineering. (Two projects, up to ¥400 million each)

(2) Composite category

Aimed at fostering leaders who can synthesize industrial, academic and governmental projects and drive innovation in addressing issues facing society, degree programs are developed that crosscut composite research domains. (Ten projects, up to ¥300 million each)

(3) “Only-one” category

Aimed at fostering leaders who can pioneer a new field of research, degree programs are developed that are singularly unique worldwide and that raise the university's international excellence to the highest global standard. (Five projects, up to ¥200 million each)

Project period: As a rule, 7 years

Budget

FY2011: ¥3.9 billion