

Global Center of Excellence for Mechanical Systems Innovation (GMSI)
2011 Call for Research Assistant Applications (RA)

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[Eligibility]

1. Students who are in the doctoral (Ph. D.) course in any one of the following majors: Mechanical engineering, aeronautics and astronautics, systems innovation, precision engineering, materials engineering, applied chemistry, chemical system engineering.
2. Students who are expected to enter the doctoral course in one of the above majors in October of this year. However, the appointment will occur after commencement of the course.

*Please note that those who are already appointed as an RA in a different GCOE program are not eligible to apply.

[Period of Appointment]

October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

[Terms of Appointment]

1. All the new RAs will receive the same amount of monthly stipend.
2. If an RA wishes to extend their appointment, the value of their monthly payment shall be determined based on a re-evaluation that takes into consideration their research accomplishments and the contribution to the GMSI.
3. For the RAs who applied in April 2011, received a monthly stipend of 90,000 yen. For those who extended their appointment was re-evaluated, and received from 70,000 yen to 160,000 yen. The maximum of the monthly stipend was 170,000 yen to 180,000 yen. (The maximum of the monthly stipend may change.)
4. Those who have salaries or other scholarships or the Government-sponsored foreign students (MEXT scholarship winners) may also be appointed as RA. Their monthly stipend will be decided according to the salaries and scholarships.
5. The GMSI program is scheduled to continue until March 2013, but changes to the appointment terms and/or mid-term cancellation of the appointment are possible.

[Other Conditions]

Students who have been appointed as an RA shall submit a monthly "Research Assistant

Study Implementation Report” to the GMSI office. RAs are also obliged to participate in GMSI sponsored educational and research programs, including study meetings, seminars, and symposia. In the case that an RA is requested to assist with a GMSI sponsored program or event, the RA's best efforts to attend and participate are expected.

[Requests to the Faculty Advisor]

RA appointment is approved on the condition that the advising faculty member fully understand the educational and research programs provided by the GMSI, as well as the purpose of the GMSI and allow the student(s) to actively participate in GMSI educational and research programs.

[Screening Method and Notification]

Selection will be based on strict screening by the committee consisting of GMSI project members. We will notify the selection result to each applicant.

[Application Period]

no later than Thursday, September 16, 2011.

[Application Process / Where to Submit Documents]

1. Prepare and submit the following documents:

- ① Consent form
- ② 2011 Application Form
- ③ RA name list

◆For ①and②, it must be prepared by the student and the advising faculty member.

Please bring it to the GMSI office:

GMSI office, Room 203 (2nd floor), Engineering Bldg. 2, Hongo Campus

(*Please keep photocopies of the documents.)

◆For ③, the student must prepare it and send it the GMSI office by mail.

Mail address: gmsi-ra-registration@mechasys.jp

[Regarding Work Permits for International Students]

As of July 1, 2010, “Permission to Engage in an Activity Other Than That Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted” (i.e. a work permit) is no longer required to become a GMSI RA as long as your visa category is “College Student”. Upon appointment as a GMSI RA, confirmation of this visa status will be required.

<Attention!>

Be sure to obtain your “College Student” visa and arrive in Japan before October 1, 2011.

Your date of arrival will be determined from the immigration stamp in your passport or the “Landing” date printed on your Certificate of Alien Registration (your ID card). RA compensation is paid on a full-month basis, so if you arrive in Japan (or obtain the appropriate visa status) on October 2 or later, your RA appointment will not begin until November 1.

<Please provide the following (originals only), and bring it to the GMSI office when you submit the other documents(①&②)>

- Passport
- Alien Registration Card*, or receipt of Alien Registration (this is the temporary Alien Registration certification you receive from the city office when registering.)

[GMSI office]

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