

## **Nagaoka University of Technology Emergency Assistance Scholarship loan 2020**

### **Application Requirements**

#### **Overview**

The spread of COVID-19 has reduced the income of those paying tuition fees and the part-time income of students, and some students face financial difficulties in continuing their daily life and university studies. For these students, we are utilizing the framework of the Nagaoka University of Technology Fund to provide an interest-free scholarship loan as an emergency assistance measure.

#### **Eligible Students**

This scholarship loan is for students who have financial difficulties in daily life due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the following students are not eligible for this scholarship loan:

- Students who are receiving scholarship loan grants of 60,000 yen or more per month
- International students who are receiving government funding
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Research Fellows
- Other students who are not recognized as requiring assistance for daily life

#### **Scholarship loan Details**

Students who qualify for the scholarship loan will receive a loan of 300,000 yen.

The scholarship loan will be provided as 100,000 yen per month over three months.

For the first and second applications, we estimate that there will be approximately 200 recipients (students who will receive the scholarship loan). The scholarship loan money will be issued in mid-May for the first application and the end of May for the second application.

#### **How to Apply**

Students who wish to receive the scholarship loan should fill in the Application Form and Statement of Reasons, and submit these by post or e-mail.

In the application, students must provide documents that show their level of financial hardship. These include documents that show a reduction in household finances or part-time income over the past 6 months (e.g., copies of income statements and/or bank passbooks), and receipts/proof of payment for the students' rent fees.

If sending the application by mail, please make sure that the files are password protected, and use only the e-mail address provided by the university. The password should be sent in a separate e-mail from the files.

For e-mail applications, we will first accept clear photographs (from a smartphone or camera) of the documents that show the level of financial hardship. However, the students must send the original documents later by post.

### **Application Deadlines**

#### **(First Application) 5:00 pm on May 7, 2020 (Thursday)**

The first application is for students with a high degree of urgency (approximately 20 students). If students are unable to prepare the documents that show the level of financial hardship (described above in “**How to Apply**”) before the deadline, they can first submit the Application Form and Statement of Reasons only. However, students should write a clear explanation of their financial difficulties in the Statement of Reasons. For example, students who cannot pay the rent fees for their apartments because they do not have any income from part-time work (if possible, include the amount). The documents that show the level of financial hardship should be sent by post before May 15, 2020 (Friday). Students who are unable to meet the deadline should contact the Office for Application Submissions and Inquiries, as described below.

#### **(Second Application) 5:00 pm on May 15, 2020 (Friday)**

Students who are unable to meet the deadline should contact the Office for Application Submissions and Inquiries, as described below.

### **Selection and Decisions**

Selection will be based on an overall consideration of the Application Form, Statement of Reasons, and documents showing the level of financial hardship.

### **Other Points**

- Depending on the status of the Nagaoka University of Technology Fund, some students may be exempted from repaying this scholarship loan. Exemptions from repaying the scholarship loan will be decided on academic performance and letters of recommendation from each student’s academic supervisor (class lecturer-in-charge).
- If a student is found to have lied (false information) in their application forms after receiving the scholarship loan, the scholarship loan may be cancelled and the student asked to return the money.
- The scholarship loan should be repaid while the student is still enrolled at NUT.
- If a student has received the scholarship loan without submitting the documents showing the level of financial hardship before the deadline (i.e., the documents were submitted after the deadline/after receiving the scholarship loan), the scholarship loan may be cancelled

and the student asked to return the money after a later review of the documents.

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