Kyoto and McGill Universities are providing students with a unique opportunity to pursue a Ph.D. degree that is jointly awarded by the two institutions. The prestigious McGill-Kyoto joint PhD program allows talented students to experience research-intensive training in an international environment, focusing particularly on the use of large-scale biology and medicine in combination with quantitative methodologies to advance the understanding of human health and disease.

Students will share their time between the two universities while working on a common research theme under the direction of joint supervisors. The program is supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), under its Top Global University Project, and by the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ).

Preliminary applications for the 2020 student intake are now open at McGill. Details on how to apply and other information about the program can be found at: https://www.kyoto-mcgill.org/

McGill Faculty members are encouraged to have potential qualifying students register at the program website and to apply for the 2020 Summer Term through the McGill Department of Human Genetics, the host Department at McGill for all students admitted to the program.

A student project can be used to expand an existing interaction or to establish a new collaboration with investigators at the University of Kyoto, one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the world. The Program Admissions Committee for the Joint PhD Degree, which has members from the two Universities, can help to identify a corresponding Kyoto investigator to meet the requirement for joint thesis supervision (see the website above for contact details). Kyoto University is located at the cultural heart of Japan, and its engagement in education and research on the international stage provides a unique environment for foreign students. The language of instruction at the Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine Kyoto University, which houses the joint PhD program in Kyoto, is English.

Students admitted to the joint Ph.D. program will be eligible for tuition fee waivers at both Universities. A limited number of stipends are available for students entering the Department of Human Genetics. If the student does not obtain one of these, the basic stipend must be provided by the McGill supervisor or from another source. The program will provide McGill-based students with additional financial support for living expenses, housing and travel for periods of stay in Kyoto.