3rd TOMODACHI Aflac Program
<Guidelines for Applicants>

■ Purpose
The purpose of this program is to offer scholarship to medical personnel who seeks to study abroad at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia (Atlanta in the Georgia State, the United States) and participate in the training programs below* at the same Center.
*Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Programs
  ◆ Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program
  ◆ Childhood Cancer Program
    - Brain and Spinal Cord Tumor Program
    - Cancer Survivorship Program
  ◆ Hematology Program
    - Bleeding and Clotting Disorders
    - Sickle Cell Disease Program

■ Outline of application
Eligibility: Doctors who engage in research on childhood cancer in terms of base, diagnosis, treatment, etc.
Number of participants: 1 person (the participant is to go alone to the U.S. for the training, in principal)
Term: From August 2015 to January 2016 (6 months, in principal)
Amount of scholarship: 2 million yen (fees for accommodation and a rental car will separately be provided)
Research object: Clinical research

■ Selection process
The participant will be selected by the Selection Committee for the “TOMODACHI Aflac Program.”

■ Members of the Selection Committee (titles omitted)
  - Keizo Horibe (Clinical Research Center, National Hospital Organization Nagoya Medical Center; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)  *Chair
  - Tsugumichi Koshinaga (Department of Pediatric Surgery, Nihon University School of Medicine; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)
  - Miho Maeda (Department of Pediatrics, Nippon Medical School; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)
- Atsushi Kikuta (Department of Pediatric Oncology, Fukushima Medical University; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)
- Hiroki Hori (Department of Pediatrics, Mie University Hospital; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)
- Tatsuro Tajiri (Department of Pediatric Surgery, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine; and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology)
- Hidefumi Matsui (President of the authorized nonprofit organization, the Gold Ribbon Network)

■ Study report
At the end of studying abroad, the participant is required to submit a report to the secretariat as a result of his/her study. The report will be written in either Japanese or English. The document size is A4 and the volume is about 10 pages. The participant is also required to report on his/her study in a journal published by the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. If the participant presents the study at an academic meeting or in a report, the participant must note that the study is “supported by the TOMODACHI Aflac Program.”

■ Expense report
At the end of studying abroad, the participant is required to concisely report on what purposes he/she has spent the scholarship in an A4 page, and to submit it to the secretariat.

■ Qualifications
An applicant must satisfy the following conditions.
- A doctor with a certain level of research achievement;
- A person below age 40 (in the relevant years);
- A person with a recommendation letter from a person responsible for the department, office or other organization the applicant belongs to;
- A person with a clear objective for his/her study at the Center;
- A person who can study abroad from August 2015 to January 2016;
- A person who is able to speak English enough to have daily conversation (an interview in English may be conducted)
- A person who does not concurrently receive any other scholarship;
- A person who will prioritize participating in this program over any other program he/she may have concurrently applied for, if successfully selected out as the participant; and
- A person who can participate in intercommunication with the “TOMODACHI” generation as well as related events after studying abroad.

■ Application process
An applicant must fill out the form prescribed for this program and submit it to the secretariat with necessary documents attached to it.
Documents to be submitted

1. Application form (an applicant must fill out the prescribed application forms both in English and Japanese and submit one copy of each form)

2. Recommendation letter

3. List of achievements

4. Outlined theme of the study at the Center

Deadline for application

January 31, 2015

Document submission/inquiries to:

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