



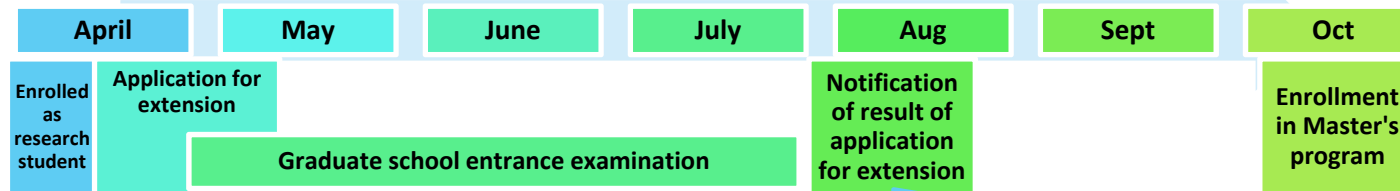
Extending the Scholarship Period (Application for Extension) 1/3

- ◆ **Students wishing to advance to further study may continue to receive a scholarship after advancement, if an application to extend the scholarship period is submitted and accepted.**
- **Students who advance to further study without submitting an application for extension will be unable to receive a government scholarship.**
(They will lose their status as government-sponsored international students, but can advance to further study as privately funded international students.)
- The timing of applications for extension is typically as follows. The Student Affairs Section of the relevant school accepts applications for extension and passes them to the International Student Exchange Division in the International Affairs Department, which collates them and submits an application to MEXT.
 - (1) If enrolled in April and aiming to advance to further study in October the same year: **Around the end of April**
 - (2) If enrolled in April/October and aiming to advance to further study in April or October the following year while still enrolled: **Around the end of November**

● **Pattern 1: Non-degree students (research students) advancing to a regular graduate school degree course.**

Example 1

• After enrolling in **April** as a research student, the student takes the graduate school entrance examination and **plans to advance to a master's program in October the same year.**



- MEXT typically solicits applications for extension around the end of April.
- Students planning to advance to further study in October that year submit an application at this time.

- Applicants are typically notified of the result of their application for extension in early August or thereabouts.

- Students who have failed the graduate school entrance examination must report this fact to the Student Affairs Section. (Application for extension withdrawn.)
- Such students may remain research students even after October and aim to advance to further study during their scholarship period.

Example 2

• After enrolling in **October** as a research student, the student takes the graduate school entrance examination and **plans to advance to a master's program in April/October the following year.**



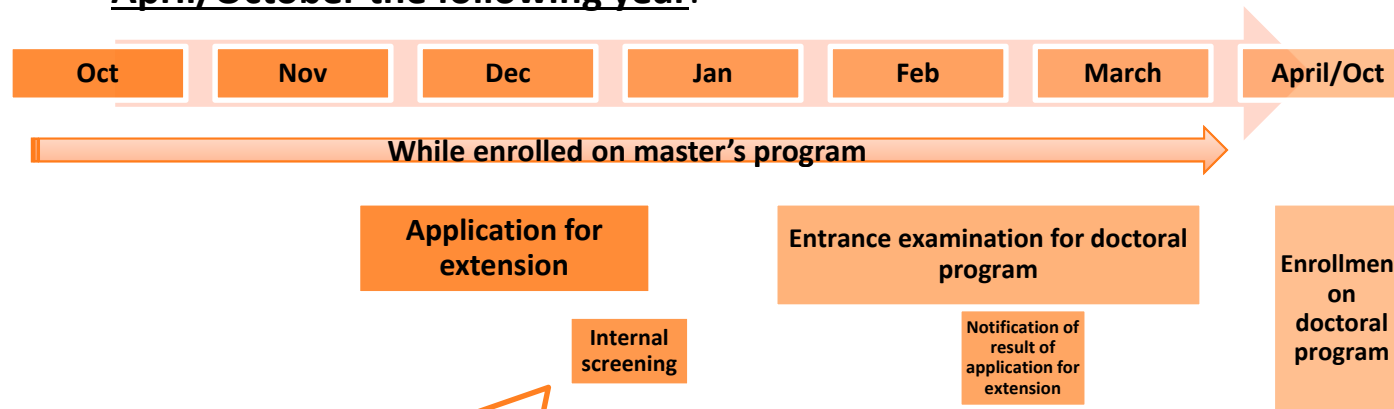
- MEXT typically inquires about applications for extension around the end of November.
- Students planning to advance to further study in April/October the following year submit an application at this time.

- Applicants are typically notified of the result of their application for extension in early March or thereabouts.

- The situation is the same as described in Example 1 for students who have failed the graduate school entrance examination.

- **Pattern 2: Degree students (already enrolled) advancing to a higher degree program (bachelor's → master's, master's → doctorate).**

(Example) A student enrolled on a master's program plans to advance to a doctoral program in April/October the following year.



- As there is a **quota for the number of enrolled degree students who can be recommended**, the Government-sponsored International Student Selection Committee **carries out screening to select the students to be recommended by Kyushu University** and then makes its recommendations to MEXT.

- Students who have **failed the entrance examination** must report this fact to the Student Affairs Section without delay. (Application for extension withdrawn.)
- Such students **may remain research students even after October** and aim to **advance to further study during their scholarship period.**