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# Urological Association of Asia & Kameda Medical Center

## Kameda International Fellowship in Urologic Surgery

### 1. Number and Duration of Fellowship

A maximum of two (2) International Fellowship positions are available.

The fellowship has two tracks:

**- 12-month Fellowship (Standard Track):** A comprehensive training program covering multiple subspecialty areas. Fellows begin as surgical assistants and progress to performing designated steps of selected procedures under direct supervision, in accordance with the Clinical Training (Rinsho Shuren) framework.

**- 6-month Fellowship (Short Track):** A focused, objective-oriented training program centered on selected subspecialty areas. Fellows participate primarily as surgical assistants, with limited hands-on experience on designated procedures under direct supervision. Based on performance evaluation, program needs, and approval of the selection committee, the fellowship may be extended up to a total of 24 months.

All clinical activities are conducted under the supervision of attending surgeons and within the scope permitted by Japanese law and institutional policy.

### 2. Area of Training

The fellowship primarily focuses on advanced urologic surgery, including:

Core Training Areas

- Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery (robotic-assisted and advanced laparoscopic urologic procedures)
- Endourology
  - \* Percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL)
  - \* Flexible ureteroscopy with laser lithotripsy
  - \* Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP)

Optional Exposure (Observational / Limited Hands-on Experience)

- Retroperitoneal sarcoma surgery
- Microsurgery for male infertility
- Kidney transplantation and donor nephrectomy



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### 3. Location

Kameda Medical Center  
929 Higashi-cho, Kamogawa, Chiba 296-8602, Japan

### 4. Medical Director / Program Director

Hirokazu Abe, MD, PhD  
Department of Urology, Kameda Medical Center

### 5. Stipend

A monthly stipend of JPY 100,000 will be provided only if external funding or scholarships cannot be secured.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek external financial support.

### 6. Housing and Living Support

Hospital-provided apartments are available for international fellows.

Housing rent is fully covered by the hospital. Fellows are required to pay a monthly utility fee of JPY 15,000, which covers part of the water, electricity, and gas costs.

### 7. Application Timeline

#### 12-month Fellowship (Standard Track)

Applications are accepted twice a year on the following schedule:

[Cycle 1] Application deadline: June 30

- Document review (notification): July
- Online interview (shortlisted candidates): August–September
- Final selection (committee decision): October
- Fellowship start: April (following year)



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**[Cycle 2]** Application deadline: December 31

- Document review (notification): January
- Online interview (shortlisted candidates): February–March
- Final selection (committee decision): April
- Fellowship start: October (same year)

This schedule ensures a fair and comprehensive selection process and allows sufficient preparation time before the fellowship begins.

### **6-month Fellowship (Short Track)**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants are advised to apply at least nine (9) months prior to their intended start date to allow sufficient time for selection, visa processing, and administrative procedures.

## **8. Regulatory and Administrative Requirements**

A minimum of six (6) months between final acceptance and the start of the fellowship is required to complete regulatory and administrative procedures, including visa application. Compliance with Japanese medical and immigration regulations is mandatory. Kameda Medical Center provides support for visa applications and for obtaining the Clinical Training (Rinsho Shuren) License from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.

## **9. Eligibility Criteria**

- Individual membership in the Urological Association of Asia (UAA)
- Completion of a urology residency program (board certification preferred)
- Valid medical license in the applicant's home country
- Demonstrated interest in advanced urologic surgery and academic collaboration
- Proficiency in English (TOEFL iBT 89 / IELTS 6.0 or equivalent)
- Eligibility for the Japanese Clinical Training License for Foreign Medical Practitioners (Rinsho Shuren) as designated by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan; the hospital will assist with the application process



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### 10. Required Application Documents

All documents must be submitted in PDF format. For documents not originally issued in English, an English translation prepared by the applicant is acceptable at the application stage. Certified translations may be required after selection for visa and Clinical Training (Rinsho Shuren) License procedures.

- Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English, with a recent photograph (taken within the last six months), including:

- Contact information
- Current position and affiliation
- Work experience
- Education (including residency program and relevant certifications)
- Academic activities (lectures, presentations, publications)
- Honors and awards
- Professional affiliations
- Skills

- Personal statement (1–2 pages, in English), covering:

- Motivation for applying
- Career goals
- Relevant clinical experience
- Reasons for choosing this program
- How the experience will be applied upon return to your home country
- Other relevant information (e.g., research interests, special circumstances)

- Copy of valid medical license

- Copies of the following certificates:

- Medical degree certificate (MD)
- Urology residency completion certificate
- Board certification in urology (if obtained)

- Copy of passport (photo page and signature page; a single page is acceptable if both are on the same page)

Note: At the time of selection, the passport must remain valid for at least six months beyond the planned end of the fellowship.

- Surgical case log (last three years), including:



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- Procedure name (commonly performed urologic procedures)
  - Number of cases as primary surgeon
  - Number of cases as assistant
- Copy of UAA membership certificate
- One letter of recommendation, preferably from your residency program director or head of urology department. If not available, a letter from the director of your current hospital is acceptable.

### 11. Selection Process

The selection process consists of the following steps:

- 1. Document Review:** Submitted application materials are reviewed by Kameda Medical Center.
- 2. Online Interview:** Shortlisted candidates are invited to an online interview.
- 3. Final Selection:** Final acceptance decisions are made by the International Medical Staff Acceptance Committee of Kameda Medical Center.
- 4. Post-acceptance Procedures:** Following acceptance, Kameda Medical Center supports the candidate with visa application and Clinical Training (Rinsho Shuren) License procedures.

### 12. Contact Information

Department of Urology

Kameda Medical Center

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#### Notes

- ✓ This fellowship is jointly collaborated by the Urological Association of Asia (UAA) and operated by Kameda Medical Center.
- ✓ The scope of clinical participation is determined in accordance with Japanese law and institutional policy.
- ✓ All applications are submitted directly to Kameda Medical Center, which is responsible for the selection and acceptance of fellows.