

NEW YORK HIDEYO NOGUCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The New York Hideyo Noguchi Memorial Society, Inc. (HNMS) was established in 2013 with the mission and goals: 1) to ensure the preservation and upkeep of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi's graveyard and monument. 2) to pass on Dr. Hideyo Noguchi's achievements in medicine and his inspiration to future generations. 3) to inspire and support the children and students of Japanese descent who aspire to study medicine and pursue research in biomedical sciences in the United States. 4) to strengthen cultural ties and connections between the United States and Japan. The HNMS scholarship is designed to support Japanese life scientists who are at the beginning of their careers and are pursuing biomedical research in the US.

HNMS is dedicated to awarding a scholarship each year to a budding Japanese scientist pursuing life science research who upholds the principles that guided Dr. Hideyo Noguchi: "Through devotion to science, he lived and died for humanity." HNMS is seeking outstanding applicants who are consistent with its mission and goals.

Each application should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a mentor. The scholarship award is \$5,000. The recipient will be selected in early May and presented on Thursday, May 21, 2026, on the Memorial Day of Dr. Noguchi's passing. The recipient will be expected to attend the award ceremony and submit an annual progress report.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) The applicant must be a graduate student seeking MD and/or PhD degrees or a non-faculty fellow with an MD and/or PhD degree(s) within 5 years of the terminal advanced degree, such as MD, PhD, or MD/PhD.
- 2) The applicant must have been engaged in life science research.
- 3) The applicant must have prior higher education or life science training in Japan.
- 4) The applicant must be admitted to a graduate school or hired in an academic institution in the US.

DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS Sunday, April 5th, 2026, at 11:59 pm.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FROM THE APPLICANT:

Please submit the application in English.

- 1) Application form with applicant's name, academic position, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address.
- 2) NIH-style biosketch.
- 3) Outline of applicant's current or future research project stating the broad, long-term objectives and specific aims.
- 4) Personal statement. Please include a career development plan/career goals and objectives/plan. In addition, give examples of how your work shows devotion to science and an interest in upholding the HNMS's mission.
- 5) Letter of recommendation from the applicant's mentor in the US.

Applications as a single PDF file should be emailed to the address below. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from mentors to the same email address.

Attn: Dr. Maki Kano-Lueckerath and Dr. Sei Higuchi
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(HNMS)

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REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed initially by the HNMS Scholarship Committee. Selection criteria include:

- 1) Demonstration of academic and professional excellence.
- 2) Devotion to life science research that has the potential to contribute significantly to the health and well-being of humanity.
- 3) Applicant's future career objectives and research goals.
- 4) Demonstrate a strong interest in the HNMS's mission and goals, such as future charitable and/or volunteer activities.
- 5) Engagement in activities to support the Japanese community and humanity in the US and abroad, which is consistent with the mission of the Japanese Medical Society of America (JMSA). Please refer to JMSA.org for further information.