

S24-2 Globalization of Graduate Education

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Globalization and multidisciplinary integration are two dominant characters of the present graduate education at our Graduate School (GS) of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PS). As an essential hub of the University of Tokyo (UT), a highly comprehensive organization, our GS plays an essential role to fulfill the new goals set by the UT. Our early undergraduate education has recently made significant transformation in the area of biological sciences by making the course compulsory for all natural science based students. Changes are obvious in English education, too. The Active Learning of English for Science Students has also become compulsory, in which all students are forced to participate in presentation and discussion in English. All science-based faculty members including those of the GSPS are involved with these programs. An international internship program for undergraduate students has been organized by the International Alliance of Research Universities, with which faculty members of the GSPS are also heavily involved. The students came through these new programs are acquainted with global communication and ready to participate in academic activities of a variety of areas. By participating into 3 global COE programs started in 2008, all graduate students of Ph.D. course in the GSPS are strongly encouraged to attend to international conferences and to join foreign laboratories for months. These activities will also be mandatory for graduate students in areas closely connected to pharmacy practice.