

The MEXT PhD program at the Niigata University has provided me only a greater understanding the mechanisms that create and maintain the nervous system, but also the deeper technical skills needed to be a researcher.

My research path as a PhD student in Neuroscience has not been without challenges, but it has provided an excellent opportunity to grow academically, professionally and personally. I have been afforded multiple chances for involvement in research, conferences and fellowship programs.

The professors and mentors are simply amazing!  
Bizen-sensei, who was my curator, "held my hand" through all the experiments and data processing, every need I had was quickly addressed.

I was fascinated by Journal Club and Report meeting with Professor Takebayashi, as a Head of the Laboratory, Professor perfectly organized the workflow, for all the time I had no hesitations and could turn to him with a question at any time.

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