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**Kumamoto University
Graduate School of Medical Sciences,**

(Doctoral Course)

Students Application Guideline

(General Selection)

(International students entrance examination)

«Application for 1st Term »



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Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University

The Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, has established to nurture researchers, educators and highly specialized professionals who have a wide range of medical and life-science knowledge, analytical skills.

○Admission Policy of the Doctoral Course (Major of Medical Sciences) in Graduate School of Medical Sciences

The Doctoral Course (Major of Medical Sciences) has established to foster researchers, educators and highly specialized professionals who possess a wide range of medical and life-science knowledge, profound analytical skills and international research competency in the field of their expertise. The course is also aimed to foster experienced medical doctors with research-oriented and with problem-solving skills.

With these aims, applicants shall meet the following criteria are sought.

1. Persons who are humane, enthusiastic about contribution to medical science and life science in the future, in various countries including Japan, and who have the ability to do so through their education and research.
2. Persons who communicate with people in and out of Japan through the research and who wish to engage in the development of research that leads the world in the fields of medical and life sciences.
3. Persons, as working members of society, have a strong will and the capacity to tackle research in medical and life sciences.
4. Persons who have achieved a high level basic scholastic ability in various fields of study other than the medical sciences, and who desire to provide education or conduct research in medical and life sciences, or to use their achievements to benefit society.
5. Persons who aim to become highly specialized professionals in the fields of such as AIDS research, developmental biology and regenerative medicine, and metabolism, circulation and related informatics.
6. Persons who research cancer and conduct clinical oncology practice, and therefore aim to become oncologists or to obtain the qualification of certified physician.
7. Persons who have a strong desire to become pioneers in the field of health life science, and to actively work in Japan and other Asian countries with an understanding of global needs while developing global potential.

Features of the Curriculum

The education at graduate schools of medicine in Japan so far has aimed to nurture educators and researchers through medical research. In recent years, however, the research environment has changed, and lifestyle-related diseases have become a larger clinical concern than acute diseases. In addition, post-genome research has also been demanding from basic science to disease-related research.

In order to meet these trends, we set a second objective and principle for the Graduate School of Medical Sciences at Kumamoto University in order to educate “research-oriented medical professionals”. In accordance with the idea, we have developed new educational programs that enable students to acquire interdisciplinary and extensive medical knowledge and cutting-edge clinical skills, while cultivating a research-oriented mindset. At the same time, we have drastically revised our existing curriculum so that students can acquire not only extensive medical knowledge as well as advanced research skills through their tutorials.

We have also re-organized our four-major system into a single major system (Major of Medical Sciences). While the former four-major system categorized into basic, clinical and social medicine, the new system includes the joint supervision of research among multiple fields. The reform of the educational system and its programs are the most ambitious since the establishment of Graduate School of Medical Sciences at Kumamoto University in 1955. We are confident that our new programs are highly innovative in accordance with the national standards.

With these reforms, we will satisfy the need to foster research-oriented clinical doctors, as well as educators and researchers at an international level. With the enthusiastic support of young medical students from across Japan, we are committed to becoming one of the best institutions in terms of medicine, meeting the needs of the new era.

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【Where to make Requests and Inquiries】

Student Affairs Section, School of Medicine
Kumamoto University
1-1-1 Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, 860-8556
Phone: +81-(0)96-373-5025
Fax: +81-(0)96-373-5030
E-mail: iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
Hours for inquiry: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays

Number of Students for Admission: 88 persons

※ Major: Medical Sciences

	Department	Code		Department	Code
Basic Medicine	Anatomy	1	Surgery	Pediatric Surgery and Transplantation	49
	Histology	2		Neurosurgery	50
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	Gastroenterology and Hepatology	33		AIDS Research X	81
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	Diagnostic Medicine	37		Institute of Resource Development And Analysis	Reproductive Engineering
	Physiological Function Assessment	38	Radioisotope Science		86
	Diagnostic Radiology	39	IRCMS	IRCMS – I	87
	Radiation Oncology	40		IRCMS – II	88
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	Cardiovascular Surgery	47			
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※We also offer an Educational Course for Researchers on Translational Research for Eradication of AIDS, an Educational Course for Research Frontiers on AIDS, a Course for Researchers of Developmental Biology and Regenerative Medicine, a Cancer Professional Training Program, a Program for Experts of Metabolism, Circulation and Related Informatics, and a HIGO program, Kumamoto University program for Leading Graduate School. Applicants who wish to attend the HIGO program must take the selection examination for HIGO program held in the same day of the exam. You should submit required documents in addition to the usual items. In this case, you do not have to pay additional examination fee. This examination of HIGO program is only for Japanese applicants. Please contact your prospective supervisor or the Student Affairs Section, School of Medicine, (iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) about the details in advance.

1 Applicant Qualifications

Applicants should be persons who meet any of the following qualifications from (1) to (9).

- (1) Persons who are university graduates or expected to graduate in March, 2018 (completing a medical, dental, pharmacy (a 6-year course of study) or veterinary science course).
- (2) Persons who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notification No. 39 of the Ministry of Education, 1955). (He/she must meet one of the following qualifications.)
 - ① Persons who are graduates of the National Defense Medical College established under the Defense Agency Establishment Law (Law No.164, 1954).
 - ② Persons who have completed a master's course or a course prepared by a professional graduate school or are expected to receive a master's degree. Persons also must have enrolled for two years or more in a doctoral course which is not divide into two parts (first two years and second three years), and acquired 30 credits or more, received necessary research guidance (including persons who meet the requirements of the Academic Degree Rule [Section 1, Article 6, Ordinance No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, 1953] before it was partly revised by the ordinance of the Ministry of Education [Ordinance No. 29, 1974]), and are regarded under the guidelines of this Graduate School or their area of specialty as attaining a level of academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a graduate of a medical science, dental science, veterinary science or pharmaceutical science department (major purpose has to be cultivation of practical clinical skills). (Refer to the Note.)
 - ③ Persons who are university graduates (of other courses except medical science, dental science, veterinary science and pharmaceutical science courses [whose major purpose is to cultivate practical clinical skills]) or have been engaged in research work, for two years or more, at a university or research institute after completing 16 years of school education abroad and are regarded under the guidelines of this Graduate School or their area of specialty, as a result of his/her research performance, as attaining a level of academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate of a medical science, dental science, veterinary science or pharmaceutical science department (major purpose has to be cultivation of practical clinical skills). (Refer to the Note.)
 - ④ Persons who have taken a medical or dental course at a medical or dental department of a university established under the former School Education Act (Imperial Decree No. 388, 1918) and graduated from the said department.
- (3) Persons who have completed, or are due to complete in March, 2018, 18 years of overseas school education (the last course must be in medical, dental, pharmacy, or veterinary science)
- (4) Persons who have completed, or are due to complete in March, 2018, 18 years of school education in a foreign country (the most recent course completed must be in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) by means of completing a correspondence study of the said country in Japan.
- (5) Persons who have completed, or are due to complete in March 2018, the academic curriculum of a foreign university located in Japan and authorized by its home country as an educational institution (of which graduates are regarded as having completed 18 years of school education in their home country (the most recent course completed must be in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine)) and designated as such by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (6) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to bachelor's degree by completing five years or longer curriculum (limited to curriculums in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) at a university or school in a country other than Japan (limited to educational facilities whose general education/research activities have been accredited by a person authorized by the government of the foreign country or its related organizations, or facilities designated by the ministry as equivalent to the above-mentioned educational facilities) (including the completion of a correspondence course implemented by a foreign school while living in Japan, and the completion of a curriculum at an educational facility certified under the educational system of a foreign country and designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, and Technology).

- (7) Persons acknowledged academic ability similar to or higher than that of university graduates (limited to a medical, dental, or six-year pharmaceutical or veterinary curriculum) as a result of admission qualification screening conducted for individual applicants by the graduate school, and are 24 years old or above as of March 31st, 2018 (Refer to Note).
- (8) Persons who have been enrolled at university (majoring in medical, dental, pharmacy(a 6-year course of study) or veterinary science only) for four years or more and regarded as credits acquisition specified by Kumamoto University with excellent performance. (Refer to the Note.)
- (9) Persons who have: completed 16 years of a school education curriculum in a country other than Japan (The most recent course completed shall be in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. This also applies to other provisions in the paragraph), completed 16 years of a curriculum implemented by a foreign country by completing a correspondence course while the stay in Japan, or completed a curriculum at an educational facility in Japan certified under the educational system of a foreign country and designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having overseas education curriculums (only when applicants who are admitted as completion of 16 years of school education curriculum implemented in the foreign country) and acquired the number of credits with outstanding academic performance specified by Kumamoto University (Refer to Note).

Note: Persons who intend to apply under qualification of (2)-② and ③, (7), (8), and (9) must undergo a preliminary qualification screening prior to formal registration. Contact the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, for necessary documents. Please follow the procedures shown on P8 for the application of the preliminary qualification screening. (Except for the candidates who have completed a master's course or a course offered by a professional graduate school)

2 Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

From July 25 (Tur.) to July 31 (Mon.) no later than 17:00 Japan time, 2017

Only documents postmarked by July 29 (two days before the deadline) will be accepted if it arrived after the period.

(2) How to Submit Documents for application

Please write “Application Documents for Doctoral Course, Graduate School of Medical Sciences enclosed” in red on the front of an envelope and send it by registered express mail.

[Mailing to] Admission Section, Student Affairs Office, Kumamoto University, 2-40-1, Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, JAPAN 860-8555

3 Documents to be Submitted

Documents to be Submitted	To be Submitted by	Procedural Remarks
Entrance Application Form	All applicants Note. 1	[prescribed form] Please refer to “【Instructions for Completing Application Form (for Admission)】”P12.
Photo Identity Slip, Admission Card for Entrance Exam, Address Label	”	[prescribed form]
Photo (1)	”	Paste on the Photo Identity Slip a 4 cm h x 3 cm w photo which shows a frontal view of the applicant’s upper half without any hat or head covering and has to be taken within the last three months.
Certificate of Completion	”	Documentation that proves the applicants have graduated (completed) or are graduating (completing). (Unnecessary for applicants who have graduated our Faculty of Medicine and who have completed our Master’s Course of Medical Sciences)

Certificate of Academic Records	"	One that has been issued and sealed by the dean of the applicant's university (the head of the department or research course). (Unnecessary for applicants who have graduated from our Faculty of Medicine and who have completed our Master's Course of Medical Sciences)
Written Statement of Reasons for Application	"	[prescribed form]
Certificate of bachelor's degree	Applicants who satisfy Application Qualifications (6)	Submit a certificate of bachelor's degree issued by the head of the university, school, or its expected acquisition, and a certificate of the result of the evaluation of the university or school, (*)indicating the applicant have received a degree, issued by the evaluation organization or the head of the university.
Letter of Approval for Taking the Entrance Examination	Applicants with a Job (at the time of application)	[prescribed form] Submit the Letter of Approval for Taking the Entrance Examination completed by the applicant's supervisor at work.
Score report of English test (TOEFL, TOEIC, orIELTS)	Applicants who wish their English ability to be evaluated based on the score	If applicants have earned the minimum required score in an approved English proficiency examination provided by an external organization, and submit a score report, they will be exempted from the English language test. Applicants who submit it when they apply are also allowed to take the TOEFL-ITP on the examination day if they wish.
Entrance Examination Fee (Sheet to Affix the Certificate of Payment of Examination Fee)	All applicants	The fee is 30,000 yen. With the attached deposit slip, please pay the fee at the counter at post office or bank. The applicant should affix the Certificate of Payment on the Sheet to Affix the Certificate of Payment of Examination Fee as required. Applicants who suffered from the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake in areas the Disaster Relief Act is activated are eligible for an exemption of the entrance examination fee. Please refer to the website for details of the conditions and procedures. (Please refer to "Exemption of the entrance examination fee for applicants who have been affected by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake" on the website: http://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/nyushi)
Return Envelope for Admission Ticket for Entrance Examination	"	A regular envelop of 23.5 cm x 12 cm (No. 3 Rectangle)with the zip code, address and name written at front as a receiver, and postal stamp for 362 yen affixed.
Copy of Certificate of Residence	International Applicants	International applicants who reside in Japan must submit the copy of Certificate of Residence which indicates the period of stay and the status issued by the chief of the relevant municipal office. (Submit the original certificate (Photocopies of the document are not acceptable)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of Residence for family members are not required. ▪ International applicants who do not reside in Japan at the time of application must submit a copy of their passport photo page.

(※)Evaluation of the general education/research activities of universities and other schools by governments or related organizations for certification

- United Kingdom: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
- The Netherlands: The Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO)
- Finland: Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council (FINHEEC)
- South Korea: Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)
- China: Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC)

If applicants do not fulfill the above-mentioned requirements, their application satisfy on other application requirements. In this case, applicants may undergo screening for application requirements in advance.

Notes:

1. International applicants must describe every school education they have ever enrolled in the field for the personal history on the Entrance (Admission) Application Form.
2. If applicants wish to have their English ability evaluated based on the score of approved English proficiency examination, they must submit a copy of any one or more of the TOEFL-iBT (score should be 33 or higher), TOEFL-PBT, TOEFL-ITP (407 or higher), TOEIC, TOEIC-IP (380 or higher), or IELTS (4 or higher), which should have taken within two years of the entrance examination. On the day of the exam, applicants must submit the original score report to the Entrance Examination Committee of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University between 11:20 am and 12:45 pm for confirmation. The original will be returned later. Applicants are allowed to submit a new score (both original and copy) on the day of the exam as well. When applicants submit more than one score, and they take the English test (TOEFL-ITP) on the day of the exam in addition to submitting a score certificate, the highest score will be referred for evaluation. The scores of the TOEFL-ITP and TOEIC-IP are valid only when they have been attained at Kumamoto University.
Please note that applicants who submit the score that is near to the minimum requirements as above are urged to also take the TOEFL-ITP on the examination day, as the admission criteria is based on a comprehensive evaluation including English.
3. Application documents written in English must be submitted along with a Japanese translation. (This requirement does not apply to Japanese Government Scholarship students.) Government-sponsored international students should submit the Certificate of Japanese Government (*Monbukagakusho*) Scholarship Students issued by the graduating university.
4. Applicants who are expected to complete the Master's Program in the Graduate School of Kumamoto University in March, 2018 and Japanese Government Scholarship students are not required to pay the entrance examination fee.
5. When the applicant's name at present differs from issued certificate as a family name change, please attach a copy of the family register.
6. Only a person who has a foreign nationality can apply to take the "foreign student entrance examination for admission in April, 2018".
7. Applicants should inform our office if they need original transcripts or certificate of (expected) graduation returned to them after submission.

4 Payment of Entrance Examination Fee

- (1) Entrance examination fee 30,000 yen
- (2) Period of payment
From July 24 2017 (Mon.) to July 31 2017 (Mon.)
- (3) Place and payment method
 - ① [For the applicants reside in Japan]
Fill out the "Deposit Slip for Entrance Examination Fee" attached in the booklet of Japanese guidelines and complete the money transfer at the counter at post office or bank. **【Do not use an ATM (Automated Teller Machine).】**
[For the applicants from abroad]
Please contact the Student Affairs Section, School of Medicine (iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) by e-mail before the payment.
*The transfer handling fee should be charged to the applicant.
 - ② Please affix the "Certificate of Payment" you received at the post office or bank after making the payment on the "Sheet to affix the Certificate of Payment of Examination Fee." Please make sure to affix the receipt before submission.
- (4) Things to keep in mind when applying
 - ① Applications will be rejected if you failed to pay the Entrance Examination Fee or if you did not affix the "Certificate of Payment" on the "Sheet to affix the Certificate of Payment of Examination Fee" as requested.
 - ② The entrance examination fee is not refundable except for the following cases.
 - a. Refundable cases:
 - (a) You paid the entrance examination fee, yet you did not process an application (you did not submit the documents required for application or your application was not accepted).
 - (b) You made a duplicate payment of the entrance examination fee by mistake.

b. How to request for refund

Please submit a letter of request for a refund, in any form, immediately and mail it together with the "Certificate of Payment." The letter of request should indicate reasons for requesting refund, your name (stamp your seal on the right of your name), name of the graduate school you have applied for, your current address, zip code, your contact telephone number, where you wish your refund to be deposited, such as a bank name [JP Bank is not applicable], a bank branch name, bank account number for an ordinary deposit, and account holder name (please write how the holder's name should be pronounced in hiragana. (When the applicant's name differs from the holder's name, please describe the relationship to the applicant as well.)

Mailing to: Finance Affairs Division, Administrative
Office Kumamoto University
2-39-1, Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi
Kumamoto, JAPAN 860-8555

5 Selection Method

The selection of successful applicants is based on examining the result of the academic tests, the certificate of academic records, and the written statement of reasons for application in a comprehensive manner.

(1) Date and site of examination

Date	Subjects	Time	Site
<u>August 8 (Tue.), 2017</u>	English (TOEFL-ITP※) (using dictionaries are not permitted)	AM 9:00-11:20	School of Medicine, Kumamoto University
	Interview	PM 1:00 -	

※TOEFL-ITP test is a program for institutions offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

【Notes】

1. The academic ability test composes of an English ability (TOEFL-ITP) test and an interview about your reasons for application and what you intend to study on admission.
2. Bringing in a dictionary in the examination room is not permitted.
3. For applicants who live overseas the oral exam will be an internet interview or will be conducted on campus. Meanwhile, the applicant needs to talk to his/her prospective supervisor in Graduate school of Medical Sciences beforehand.

6 Announcement of Successful Applicants

The exam identification number of successful applicants will be posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Medical Educational and Library Building on **August 25 2017 (Fri.)** at 11:00 and letter of acceptance will be sent by mail to those successful applicants. The exam identification number of successful applicants will be updated at the website of Kumamoto University as well (<http://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>).

The name described on the acceptance letter may differ from the one written on the Application Form, as a simplified form is used when the names of successful applicants are entered into our computer. Also, names may only be written in Katakana. Your understanding is highly appreciated.

No telephone inquires regarding the selection results are accepted.

7 Enrollment Procedure

◎Details about enrollment procedure will be sent by mail together with the letter of acceptance.

(1) Period and procedures of enrollment

Information about the period and procedures of enrollment will be provided by mail together with the letter of acceptance.

(2) Notification on enrolling

If you fail to complete the enrollment process within the specified time frame, you will be deemed to have withdrawn from admission.

(3) Necessary fee for enrollment

Enrollment fee (To be confirmed)

282,000 yen

(4) Documents to be submitted

①Written Oath, ②Guarantee, ③a color photo (4 cm h x 3 cm w)

◎Tuition Note 2

Tuition is 267,900 yen per semester, and thus annual total will be 535,800 yen.

- (Notes) 1. Payment method of the enrollment and the tuition fee will be provided by mail together with the Enrollment Guidelines, as well as leaflet of guideline for tuition exemption privileges.
2. If the tuition fee amount is revised during years of enrollment or while you are at school, the new tuition fee will be applied as of the time it is revised.

Economic assistance in relation to the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

Applicants who have been affected by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake are eligible for exemption of admission and tuition fees. The details are described in the admission procedures guide.

8 Scholarship

[For Japanese students]

Students can be on a scholarship by applying for the scholarship of the Japan Student Services Organization for the First-class Scholarship (choices are from the monthly loan of 80,000 yen or 122,000 yen for fiscal year of 2017) or the Second-class Scholarship (choices are from the monthly loan of 50,000 yen, 80,000 yen, 100,000 yen, 130,000 or 150,000 yen for fiscal 2017) depending on the screening result.

[For international students]

Please refer to the following website. (<http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/international/prospective/fees/>)

Students can also apply for scholarships established by local governments and private organizations.

9 Applying for the International House (For International Students Only)

Applicants who wish to accommodate in the International House on admission must apply as follows, before the announcement of examination results. The permitted living period is generally up to a half year.

Please note that applicants who have rejected are not entitled for the accommodation.

(1) How to find a Moving-In Application Form

Please get the form at the International Student Office or make a request for the form by air mail or Email. Also, it can be downloaded from the website of Kumamoto University as below.

【URL】

<http://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/kokusaikouryuu/kokusaikouryuukaikan/ryoukin>

【requesting by air mail】

When you make a request for the form by air mail, please write “Request for Application Form” on the front of the envelope in red and enclose a return envelope of 23.5 cm x 12 cm (No. 3 Rectangle), on which the applicant’s zip code, address and name are written and an 82 yen postal stamp should also be affixed.

(2) Deadline for submission: **February 2 (Fri.),2018**

(3) Submission or inquiries to:

International Student Office
Kumamoto University
2-40-1 Kurokami, Chou-ku, Kumamoto-shi
Kumamoto, JAPAN 860-8555
Tel: +81-(0)96-342-2160
Fax: +81-(0)96-342-2130
E-mail: gji-ryugaku@jimmu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

1 0 Notes

(1) Revision of the content of the application documents and refunding the entrance examination fee are not accepted after they have been received.

(2) Persons who have made false statements in the documents submitted will be disqualified for the entrance examination. Even after the Graduate School has decided to admit them for enrollment, it may be withdrawn.

- (3) In case the Admission Ticket for Entrance Examination has not arrive on or before August 3 (Thu.),2017 please inquire with the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Please make sure to bring the Admission Ticket when you attend the examination. Keep the ticket and do not lose it even after confirmation of admission, as the ticket will be necessary for enrollment procedures.
- (4) Documents you have submitted will not be returned once they have been accepted.
- (5) Handicapped applicants expect for extra consideration in attending the entrance examination and taking courses at school shall contact the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences on or before July 19 (Wed.),2017, for making arrangements.
- (6) We do not offer accommodation assistance for examination takers.
- (7) You are not permitted to bring a private motor vehicle into the campus and park on campus.
- (8) Only the following are permitted to put on the desk: admission card, writing tools, watch/clock, eraser and pencil sharpener.
- (9) Turn off all electric devices.
- (10) If you are late for the examination due to unavoidable circumstances, you are allowed to take the examination as long as you arrive less than 20 minutes after the examination has commenced.
- (11) The results of any examinee who commits a dishonest act will be rejected Therefore, he/she will not be allowed to take any other examination.

【Preliminary Qualification Screening】

Below are details of the preliminary qualification.

(1) Documents to be submitted

For persons who intend to apply under categories (2)–② to ③ and (7) in the General Selection

- ① Application Form for Preliminary Qualification Screening [prescribed form]
- ② Certificate of Completion from the school you attended
- ③ Certificate of Academic Records from the school you attended
- ④ Record of Achievements [prescribed form]
- ⑤ Certificate of Research Participation [prescribed form]
- ⑥ A return envelope (a regular envelope on which a 350 yen postal stamp is affixed)

For persons who intend to apply under categories (8) or (9) in the General Selection:

- ① Application Form for Preliminary Qualification Screening [prescribed form]
- ② Certificate of Academic Records from the school you attended
- ③ A return envelope (a regular envelope on which a 350 yen postal stamp is affixed)

(2) Submission period of Application Form, etc.

From July 6 2017 (Thu.) to July 12 2017 (Wed.) (no later)

When you send your application by mail, please send it by registered express mail and write “Application Form for Preliminary Qualification Screening of Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Doctoral Course) enclosed” in red on the front of the envelope. Should you bring in your documents in person, visit from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

[Mailing to] Student Affairs Section

Graduate School of Medical Sciences

Kumamoto University

1-1-1, Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi

Kumamoto, JAPAN 860-8556

Phone: +81-(0)96-373-5025, FAX: +81-(0)96-373-5030

Email: iyg-igaku-3imu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

(3) Screening results

Your result will be sent to you by mail on **July 21 2017 (Fri.)**.

【Criteria for Academic Background/Research Period of those Involved in Preliminary Qualification Screening】

Table of research period concerning those who intend to apply under category (7) in the General Selection.

Highest level of education	Research Period after completion of highest level of education (Years of experience)
① Graduates of a junior college requiring two years of study	Four years or more
② Graduates of a junior college requiring three years of study	Three years or more
③ Graduates of a vocational high school	Four years or more
④ Graduates of a specialized course at a specialized training college requiring at least two years of study	It has to be longer than the period computed by deducting the maximum number of years required for completion at a specialized training college providing a specialized course from the maximum number of years required for completion at a university (six years)
⑤ Persons who have graduated from (or completed) a Japanese branch of a foreign university, a school for foreigners, a specialized training college (excluding one that provides only a specialized course), a school in the miscellaneous category or an education institute inside or outside Japan	It should be longer than the period computed by deducting the minimum number of years required for graduation or completion of the last school you attended from the minimum number of years required for finishing university education from primary education (18 years).
⑥ Dropouts from the schools mentioned in ① to ⑤	It should be longer than the period computed by deducting the number of years of study at the school from which you dropped out of from the minimum number of years required for finishing university education from primary education (18 years).

(Notes) The Research Period (Years of Experience) can be a combination of the following periods:

1. Period you attended at university or junior college as a research student
2. Period you attended at advanced educational program provided by a junior college or vocational high school
3. Period you were engaged in an educational or research post at an educational or research department of a university, junior college, public office, research institute or business enterprise
4. Other periods that conform to the above notes 1-3.

【Personal Information】

All personally identifiable information collected by this Graduate School through the selection of graduate students will be used in the selection process as well as the following processes:

- (1) Successful applicants' names will be used in processes related to enrollment.
- (2) Names registered in the enrollment procedure will be used in processes related to education such as registration after enrollment.
- (3) Names and addresses registered at the enrollment procedure and those of tuition fee defrayers will be used in processes related to administration of paid fees such as collection of tuition fees.
- (4) Personal data collected through the selection of graduate students, such as the applicants' academic records, will be used in processes related to financial assistance such as selecting the beneficiaries of entrance fee/tuition exemption and scholarships.
- (5) Statistically processed personal data not to be identified will be used in a survey/research on the selection of graduate students.

※ All personally identifiable information collected by this Graduate School will not be used by or provided to any third party without the applicants' consent unless otherwise specified by Article 9 of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Administrative Organizations.

Enrollment Guide

1. Limitation of Years Required for Completion and the Method of Taking Courses

1. Day and Evening Flex Course

Application of the special measures for education prescribed by the Standards for Establishment of Graduate School Article 14, a day and evening flex course is available for workers for attending class and receiving research guidance. This provides class and research guidance not only during the day but also at night.

On your convenience, you can take the classes scheduled in the 4th, 5th, and 6th periods on Monday through Friday or by making use of your days off from your work, national holidays, your summer and New Year's holiday, and your long leave.

You can receive research guidance with a theme that allows you to utilize your research achievements at work.

You can also enjoy instruction and assistance in choosing appropriate research guidance and writing a thesis by using our computer network.

2. Long-Term Student

Subject to this Graduate School's principles, if you wish to take and complete course in a well-planned manner over a specific period (up to eight years) exceeding the normal maximum number of years required for completion (four years) because of commitments to your job and make such a request, your request may be accepted upon screening. Students who have taken this measure are referred to as "long-term students", and total amount of tuition fee will be the same as those who have completed the curriculums within the normal number of years required for completion. For more details regarding this measure, please contact the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences shown in the table of contents.

3. Degrees

- (1) You can be awarded either a doctoral degree in medical science or a doctoral degree in life science in accordance with which classes you have attended and thesis you have written.
- (2) The degree is granted only to persons who have attended the Graduate School for four years or more, acquired 30 credits or more, and passed thesis screening and test. Persons who have accomplished excellent research achievements, however, will be regarded as eligible if they attend at the Graduate School for three years or more.

4. Course Registration

Please refer to the courses and number of credits shown on the next page.

Compulsory subjects	12 credits or more
Elective compulsory subjects I	2 credits or more
Elective compulsory subjects II	8 credits or more
Elective subjects	8 credits or more

Total	30 credits or more
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2. Scholarship for Doctoral Courses

Kumamoto University have launched a scholarship for students in doctoral courses in 2009. That is to employ students in doctoral courses as research assistants and render, in compensation for their labor, financial assistance equivalent to almost half the value of their annual tuition fee. For more information, please visit the URL shown below:

<http://www.medphas.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/medgrad/support/index.html>

Lecture Courses/Subjects and Credits

Lecture Course/Subject	Credits	Lecture Course/Subject	Credits
Compulsory Subjects		Elective Subjects	
1. Subjects		(choose at least eight credits from below)	
A1 Medical Informatics & Medical Ethics	2	B1 Pathophysiology and structural biochemistry of biomolecules	2
2. Research Conducting Program		B2 Cell Biology	2
Practice I	10	B3 Hematopoietic and Immune Systems	2
		B4 Infection and Immune Control	2
Elective Compulsory Subjects		B5 Human Brain Functional Science	2
(choose one from below)		B6 Neuroscience	2
Course work		B7 Developmental and Regenerative Medicine	2
1) Medical Experiment Course	2	B8 Environmental and Sociomedical Sciences	2
2) Practicum on multidisciplinary cancer therapeutics, palliative care	2	C1 Current Theory of Medical Diagnosis	2
(available to medical license holders, etc.)		C2 Advanced Therapeutics	2
Elective Compulsory Subjects II		C3 Metabolic & Circulatory Regulations	2
(choose one from below)		C4 Reproductive & Developmental Medicine	2
Research conducting program		C5 Advances in Oncologic Medicine I	2
1. Practice II	8	C6 The Forefront of Clinical Oncology II	2
Clinical conducting subject		C7 Restorative Medicine	2
2. Practice III	8	C8 Cancer Therapeutics	2
		C9 Palliative Care	2
		C10 The Theory of Clinical Research	2
		C11 Practice of Biostatistics in Clinical Study	2
		D1 Medicine and Life Science Seminar	2
		D2 Learning from Experienced Doctors	2
		D3 Medicine and Life Science Training	2
		D5 International Biomedical Research Seminars	2

【Instructions for Completing Application Form (for Admission)】

1. Selection Category, etc.

「Selection Category」 Circle the category No. that applies.
「Examinee's number」 Please do not fill out "Examinee's number."

2. Name

「How your name should be pronounced in Katakana」, 「Name」
Enter your first and second names separately.

3. Date of Birth, etc.

「Date of Birth」 Enter your date of birth in a total of eight digits, consisting of the four-digit Western calendar year, the two-digit month and the two-digit date.

Ex. Born on 10 May in 1993 -- 19930510

「Age」 Enter your actual age at the time of application.

「Gender」 Circle the number that applies to your gender.

4. Place of Family Registry, etc.

「Nationality」 Enter your nationality only if your nationality is not Japanese.
「Family Register Prefecture Code」 Enter two-digit code that applies referring to Appendix Table 1.
Ex. Kumamoto Prefecture -- 43

5. Former Student Number

「Former Student Number」 For persons who are expected to graduate from the Faculty of Medicine at Kumamoto University, or to complete a master's course or the first semester of a doctoral course at the Kumamoto University Graduate School, enter your current student number if you apply to the Graduate School of Medical Sciences right after completion. This includes research students as well.

For persons to whom the above does not apply, there is no need to write anything.

6. Application Qualifications

「University, etc.」 Circle the type of university – national, public, private – that applies.
If your qualification falls under the category of university, enter the name of university, department, major you have graduated or are graduating from.
If your qualification falls under the category of graduate school, enter the name of graduate school, research section, course and major you have graduated or are graduating from.
If your qualification falls under the category of other than university, describe your last school in as much detail as possible.

「Graduate or Prospective Graduate」 Circle the number that applies.

「Year/Month of Graduation (Prospective Graduation)」
Enter the year and month of your graduation (prospective graduation) date in a total of six-digits, consisting of the four-digit Western calendar year and the two-digit month.
Ex. Graduated (due to graduate) in March, 2013 -- 201803

7 – 1. Department of Choice

「Department of Choice」 Enter the department you wish to study.
「Code of Department of Choice」 Enter the department code that applies referring to「I. Number of Students Admitted」 on P1.

7 – 2. Course of Choice

If you have decided the course you wish to enter, enter the name of that course.

8. Medical License

For medical license holders, enter the date of medical register and registration number.

9. English examination

Circle one of the numbers

1 0. Interview

International applicants only, circle one of the languages.

1 1. Address

「Current Address」 Enter your zip code, address and telephone number.
「Emergency Contact Details」 Enter where to contact in the event of an emergency (telephone number of your office, cellular phone number, etc.)

1 2. Others

「Selection for Working People」 Provided that you are admitted, circle (1) if the future circumstances surrounding you match the following definitions, circle (2) if not.
• persons who have a job in order to earn a constant income in the form of salary, wage, compensation and others(Including persons who have retired from a business enterprise and persons who are housewives)
「International Student Category」 If you are an international student, circle the number that applies.
If not, no need to write anything.

Family Register Prefecture Code (Appendix Table 1)

Code	Prefecture	Code	Prefecture	Code	Prefecture	Code	Prefecture	Code	Prefecture
01	Hokkaido	13	Tokyo	25	Shiga	37	Kagawa	50	Other Foreign Countries
02	Aomori	14	Kanagawa	26	Kyoto	38	Ehime		
03	Iwate	15	Niigata	27	Osaka	39	Kochi		
04	Miyagi	16	Toyama	28	Hyogo	40	Fukuoka		
05	Akita	17	Ishikawa	29	Nara	41	Saga		
06	Yamagata	18	Fukui	30	Wakayama	42	Nagasaki		
07	Fukushima	19	Yamanashi	31	Tottori	43	Kumamoto		
08	Ibaraki	20	Nagano	32	Shimane	44	Oita		
09	Tochigi	21	Gifu	33	Okayama	45	Miyazaki		
10	Gunma	22	Shizuoka	34	Hiroshima	46	Kagoshima		
11	Saitama	23	Aichi	35	Yamaguchi	47	Okinawa		
12	Chiba	24	Mie	36	Tokushima				