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**Kumamoto University
Graduate School of Medical Sciences**

(Doctoral Course)

Application Guideline

(General Selection)

(International students entrance examination)

«Application for the 3rd Term »

Application Period	February 14, 2024 to February 16, 2024
Examination date	March 4, 2024
Announcement of Successful Applicants	March 12, 2024



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

The Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, was established to produce researchers, educators and highly specialized professionals who possess a high-level 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) was established to produce 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 their chosen area of expertise. The course is also meant to foster advanced medical doctors who are research-oriented and who possess problem-solving skills.

Based on these aims, people who meet the following criteria are sought.

1. Persons who are humane, who are enthusiastic about contributing to medical science and life science in the future, in various countries, including Japan, and who have the ability to do so through education and research.
2. Persons who communicate with people in and out of Japan through research and who want to work towards the development of research that leads the world in the fields of medical and life sciences.
3. Persons who, 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 of 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 fields such as AIDS research, developmental biology and regenerative medicine, and metabolism, circulation, ed informatics, and Extension of Healthy Life Expectancy”.
6. Persons who research cancer, as well as those who conduct clinical oncology practice, and 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 glocal needs while developing glocal 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 in comparison with acute diseases. In addition, post-genome research has also been shifting from basic science to disease-related research.

In order to meet these changes, 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 this idea, we have developed new educational programs which 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 revised our existing curriculum significantly so that students can, through tutorials, acquire not only extensive medical knowledge but also advanced research skills.

We have also reconstructed our four-major system into a single major system (Major of Medical Sciences). While the former four-major system was divided into basic, clinical and social medicine, the new system includes the joint supervision of research among multiple fields. These reforms to the educational system and its programs are the most ambitious ones since the Graduate School of Medical Sciences at Kumamoto University was established 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 of medicine, well-suited to the needs of the new era.

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【Contact for Inquiries】

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Number of Students for Admission: 35 persons

Major: Medical Sciences

Field	Subject	Code	Field	Subject	Code	
Basic Medicine	Anatomy	101	Surgery	Pediatric Surgery and Transplantation	405	
	Histology	102		Neurosurgery	406	
	Sensory and Cognitive Physiology	105		Orthopaedic	407	
	Molecular Physiology	106		Obstetrics and Gynecology	408	
	Molecular and Medical Pharmacology	107		Urology	409	
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	Molecular Genetics	109		Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	411	
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	Pathology and Experimental Medicine	111		Dermatology and Plastic Surgery	413	
	Cell Pathology	115		Anesthesiology	414	
	Microbiology	116		International Medical Cooperation	415	
	Immunology	117		Cellular Interactions	501	
	Molecular Brain Science	119		Molecular Cell Biology	502	
	Molecular Biology of Aging and Longevity	121		Institute of Molecular Embryology and Genetics	Kidney Development	503
	Lifelong Health Education	123			Brain Morphogenesis	504
	Medical Oncology and Translational Research	122			Cell Modulation	505
	Neuroscience for Metabolic Control	125			Cell Maintenance	506
	Comprehensive Medical Education	126			Cell Differentiation	507
	Environmental and Socio Medical Sciences	Public Health			201	Pattern Formation
Forensic Medicine		202	Stem Cell Biology		509	
Bioethics		203	Medical Cell Biology		510	
Clinical Ethics		204	Chromosome Biology		511	
Clinical Psychology		205	Muscle Development and Regeneration		512	
Regulatory Science		206	Morphogenesis		513	
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	Neurology	307		Virology and Pathology	607	
	Pediatrics	308		AIDS Therapeutics	608	
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	Diagnostic Radiology	310		Institute of Resource Development And Analysis	Reproductive Engineering	701
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	Neuropsychiatry	312	Disease Epigenetics		703	
	Disaster and Critical Care Medicine	313	Radioisotope and Tumor Pathobiology		704	
	Surgery	General Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology	314	International Research Center for Medical Sciences	Stem Cell Stress	801
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		Physiological Function Assessment	318		Multi-dimensional Imaging	805
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※We also offer “Educational Program for Advanced Research in Infectious Diseases and AIDS”, “Course for Researchers of Developmental Biology and Regenerative Medicine”, “Program for Experts of Metabolism, Circulation and Related Informatics”, “Educational Program for the extension of healthy life expectancy” , and Cancer Professional Training Program. Please contact your prospective supervisor or the Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, (iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) for details in advance.

Applicant Qualifications

Applicants should be persons who meet any of the following qualifications from (1) to (9).
The applicants from abroad must be able to arrive in Japan by April 3, 2024.

- (1) Persons who are university graduates or expected to graduate in March 2024 (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 2024, 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 2024, 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 2024, 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, 2024 (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).

Note1: 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)

Note 2: Only a person who has a foreign nationality can apply to take the “foreign student entrance examination for admission in April 2024”.

2. Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

From February 14, to February 16, 2024 No later than 17:00 Japan time

(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] Admissions Division, 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	Remarks
Entrance Application Form	All applicants *Note 1	[prescribed form] Refer to 【Instructions to complete Application Form (for Admission)】
Photo Identity Slip, Admission Card for Entrance Exam, Address Label	All applicants	[prescribed form]
Photo	All applicants	On “Photo Identity Slip”, paste a photo (3 x 4 cm, no hat, taken in the past three months).
Certificate of Completion	All applicants *Note 3, 7	Documentation that proves the applicants have graduated (completed) or are graduating (completing). (Not required for the applicants who have graduated from Faculty of Medicine and who have completed our Master’s Course of Medical Sciences of Kumamoto University)
Academic Records	All applicants *Note 3	One that has been issued and sealed by the dean of the former university (the head of the department or research course). (Not required for the applicants who have graduated from Faculty of Medicine and who have completed our Master’s Course of Medical Sciences of Kumamoto University)
Written Statement of Reasons for Application	All applicants	[prescribed form]
Certificate of bachelor’s degree	Applicants who fulfill Application Qualifications (6) *Note 3,7	Applicants who will apply under Application Qualifications (6) must submit a certificate (prospective) of bachelor’s degree issued by a head of a university or a school, and its certificate of evaluation and accreditation (*) issued by an evaluation and accreditation organization or an evidence of such evaluation and accreditation issued by 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 of English test (TOEFL, TOEIC (L&R) , or IELTS)	Applicants who wish their English ability to be evaluated based on the score *Note 2	If you have the minimum required score of English language test, submit the evidence of it, and you will be exempted from English language test of the entrance examination. However, it does not limit you to take the English test on the entrance examination day on your request.
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 over the counter at a 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.
Return Envelope for Admission Ticket for Entrance Examination	Applicants who currently reside in Japan.	A regular envelop of 23.5 cm x 12 cm (No. 3 Rectangle) on which the applicant's zip code, address and name are written and a postal stamp for 344 yen is affixed.
Copy of Certificate of Residence	International Applicants	International applicants who reside in Japan must submit Certificate of Residence which indicates the period of stay and the status issued by the chief of the relevant municipal office or photocopies of residence card (both sides). <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 and accreditation of a general education/research activities of universities and other schools conducted by a government or related organizations.**

- **United Kingdom: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)**
- **The Netherlands: The Accreditation Organization 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 the evaluation and accreditation organization is not applicable to the reference mentioned above, you should apply with other eligibility condition. In that case, you might be requested to undergo a 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(L&R), TOEIC-IP (380 or higher), or IELTS (4 or higher), which should have taken within two years of the entrance examination. 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-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. In case the original transcript is issued in a language other than Japanese or English, it must be submitted along with a Japanese translation. (This requirement does not apply to Japanese Government Scholarship students.)
4. Applicants who are expected to complete the Master's Program in the Graduate School of Kumamoto University in March 2024 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. 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 February 5, 2024 to February 16, 2024
- (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 make a transaction manually at a human teller at post office or bank. 【Do not use 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) Remarks:
 - ① Applications will be refused if you have not yet paid 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 required.
 - ② The entrance examination fee is not refundable except in the following cases.
 - (a) Although you paid the entrance examination fee, you did not process an application (you did not submit the documents required for application or your application was not accepted).
 - (b) You paid the entrance examination fee twice by mistake.
 - ③ The transfer handling fee should be charged to the applicant.

<How to request a 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, 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 venue of examination

Examination Date	Subjects	Time	Contents	Venue
<u>March 4, 2024</u>	English (writing) (Using a dictionary is allowed)	10:00-12:00	To choose two questions to answer over three questions prepared by GSMS	School of Medicine, Kumamoto University
	Interview	13:30 -	Topics: regarding your motivation of application and research plan	

【Notes】

1. The entrance examination is composed of English test and an interview about your motivation and reasons for application and what you intend to study in Kumamoto university.
2. Although bringing in the normal dictionaries which are not included the medical terms to the English ability test is permitted, the dictionary must be a book-type dictionary only. Any electronic devices functioning as a dictionary are not permitted.
3. For applicants who live overseas the oral exam will be an internet interview or will be conducted on the campus. Meanwhile, the applicant needs to talk to his/her prospective supervisor in Graduate school of Medical Sciences beforehand. The applicants from abroad must be able to arrive in Japan by April 3, 2024.

6. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The letter of acceptance will be sent by mail to those successful applicants on March 12, 2024. The exam identification number of successful applicants will appear on the website of the Kumamoto University as well(<https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>). However, please understand the update at website might be delay due to networking status on the day.

Your name printed on the acceptance letter may differ from the one written on the Application Form, as a simplified form is used when the successful applicant names are input to our database. Also, those names may be printed in Katakana only for the same reason. Your understanding is highly appreciated.

No telephone inquiries regarding the selection results are accepted.

7. Enrollment Procedure

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

(1) Period and procedures of enrollment

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

(2) Notable points when 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 costs for enrollment

Enrollment fee (to be decided): 282,000 yen

(4) Documents to be submitted for enrollment procedure

- ① Pledge ② Letter of Guarantor ③ Color ID photo (4 cm x 3 cm)

◎Tuition

Tuition is 267,900 yen per semester and 535,800 yen per year.

- (Notes) 1. Payment method of the enrollment fee and the tuition will be provided by mail together with the Enrollment Guidelines, as well as how to apply for tuition exemption privileges.
2. When the tuition amount is changed at the time of enrollment or while you are at school, the new tuition will be applied as of the time it is changed.

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) 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) depending on the screening result.

[For international students]

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

9. Entrance fee exemption / postponement and tuition fee exemption

For those who meet the qualifications for entrance fee exemption/postponement and tuition fee exemption, if approved based on the screening of their applications, the full or half of the entrance fee will be exempted, or the full of the entrance fee will be postponed, and the full or half of the tuition fee will be exempted.

Applicants who meet both the academic and household criteria will be selected within the University's budget, in order from those with the highest level of household financial need.

As academic criteria for the entrance/tuition fee exemption, the applicant's entrance examination result has to be in the top half at the graduate school or educational department to which the applicant belongs, or the applicant's academic performance record has to be in the top half at the department to which the applicant belongs. As academic criteria for the entrance fee postponement, the applicant has to have passed the entrance examination of the graduate school or educational department to which the applicant belongs.

For the reason above, the entrance/tuition fee exemption will not be granted to those who do not meet the academic criteria, even if they are in a situation of high household financial need.

If a student from a household that is unable to pay the entrance/tuition fees due to the death of a person responsible for financial support or due to the damage to the student or a person responsible for financial support caused by natural disasters within one year prior to enrollment is approved based on the screening of his/her application, the full or half of the entrance/tuition fees will be exempted. (In the case of a half exemption, the payment of the entrance fee can be postponed for a certain period.)

10. Important 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 enrollment, admission may be withdrawn.
- (3) In case you do not receive the Admission Card for Entrance Examination by February 29, 2024, please contact to the Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Please make sure to bring the Admission Card when you attend the entrance examination. Keep the Card even after your confirmation of admission, as it will be necessary for enrollment procedures.
- (4) Documents you submit will not be returned once they are 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 by February 1, 2024.
- (6) We do not offer accommodation assistance for examinees.
- (7) You are not allowed to drive your car to the campus nor park on the campus.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The examination results of any applicant who has committed a dishonest act during examination will be considered invalid. Once the act is discovered, he/she is not allowed to continue to take the examination any longer.

【Preliminary Qualification Screening】

Details of the preliminary qualification are as shown below.

(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 344 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 344 yen postal stamp is affixed)

(2) Submission period of Application Form, etc.

From January 26, 2024 to January 30, 2024 (Late submissions will not be accepted.)

When you send your application by mail, please send it by registered 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. When you bring in your documents in person, come in between AM 9:00 and PM5:00.

[Where to Send] Student Affairs Office
 Graduate School of Medical Sciences
 Kumamoto University
 1-1-1, Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi
 Kumamoto, JAPAN 860-8556
 Phone: +81-96-373-5029, FAX: +81-96-373-5030
 Email: iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

(3) Screening results

Your results will be sent out to you by e-mail on February 7, 2024.

【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 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 should be longer than the period computed by deducting the maximum number of years required for completion at a specialized training college that provides 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) means a combination of the following periods:

1. Period for which you attended a university or junior college as a research student
2. Period for which you attended an advanced education program provided by a junior college or vocational high school
3. Period for which 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 1-3 in the above-mentioned

【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 in 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 for any purpose other than those listed above unless otherwise specified by law.

Enrollment Guide

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

1. Day and Evening Flex Course

By 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 to working people for attending class and receiving research guidance while having a job. This provides class and research guidance not only during the day but also at night.

Depending on your convenience, you can attend class by taking 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 leave, 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

Based on 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 utilized this measure are referred to as "long-term students", and their total amount of tuition fee to be paid will be the same as that of 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 earn either a doctoral degree in medical science or a doctoral degree in life science in accordance with what classes you have attended and what 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 a 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 launched a scholarship for students in doctoral courses in AY2009. 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/medgrad/keijiban/tokutokujyoho.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 Research Ethics and Biomedical Ethics	2	B1 Pathophysiology and structural biochemistry of biomolecules	1
2. Research Conducting Program		B2 Cell Biology	2
Practice I	10	B3 Hematopoietic and Immune Systems	2
		B4 Infection and Immune Control	2
		B5 Human Brain Functional Science	2
		B6 Neuroscience	2
		B7 Developmental and Regenerative Medicine	2
		B8 Environmental and Sociomedical Sciences	2
		B9 Medical Informatics, Emergency and Disaster Medicine	1
Elective Compulsory Subjects (choose one from below)		C1 Current Theory of Medical Diagnosis	2
Course work		C2 Advanced Therapeutics	2
1) Medical Experiment Course	2	C3 Metabolic & Circulatory Regulations	2
2) Practicum on multidisciplinary cancer therapeutics, palliative care (available to medical license holders, etc.)	2	C4 Reproductive & Developmental Medicine	2
		C5 Advances in Oncologic Medicine I	2
		C6 The Forefront of Clinical Oncology II	2
		C7 Restorative Medicine	2
		C8 Cancer Therapeutics	2
		C9 Palliative Care	2
		C10 The Theory of Clinical Research	2
		C11 Training of Biostatistics in Clinical Study	2
		C12 Overview of 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
		English(GSMS)	2
Elective Compulsory Subjects II (choose one from below)			
Research conducting program			
1. Practice II	8		
Clinical conducting subject			
2. Practice III	8		

【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 1995 -- 19950510
「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, 2024 -- 202403
- 7 – 1. Field of Choice
「Field of Choice」 Enter the department you wish to study.
「Code of Field 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
「Working People category」 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)
「Foreign 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				