

Inviting Applications for the FY 2016 Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (KDS) [Quota for Privately-funded International Students]

We have decided to establish, as part of the Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (KDS), which has been in operation since FY 2010, a “Quota for Privately-funded International Students” for international students who are studying at their own expense at Graduate School at Kumamoto University, and who have participated in projects which have been intensively supported for the purpose of establishing internationally outstanding centers of excellence or in projects that apply correspondingly. This quota will be applied to relevant privately-funded international students who have been enrolled since May 1, 2016.

1. Eligible students for the “Quota for Privately-funded International Students”

Privately-funded International Students who are enrolled in Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Courses as of May 1, 2016, and who participate in core research (including Core Research Projects of the Graduate Schools of Kumamoto University) (including students who participate in the Global COE program in the past)

However, this excludes cases involving another scholarship program where the holders are prohibited from receiving another scholarship.

To check the availability of multiple scholarships with (KDS) and another (other) program(s), see the “Arrangement List for Combined Grants of KDS with Other Financial Support Programs” attached to this document.

* Note

1) Core research funded by a large-scale competitive grant includes research adopted for a large-scale fund by such organizations as Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology (CREST), “Sakigake” Project, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Funding Program for Next Generation World Leading Researchers(NEXT Program), MEXT and MHLW. If you are a privately-funded international students who belongs to multiple COEs (ex. CREST and Core Research Project A/B), please enter all the COEs in the “letter of recommendation” (form 3).

2) An applicant for this program (KDS) cannot apply for Research Assistants (RAs) through the Kumamoto University PhD Work-Scholarship (KWS). However, if your application is not approved for this program (KDS), you can apply for KWS, **submission deadline is no later than Friday, July 29, 2016.**

2. Amount of scholarship: amount equivalent to annual tuition (535,800 yen)

※ Students who will complete their doctoral courses in September:

The amount is equivalent to half the amount of annual tuition fee. (267,900 yen)

3. Documents to be submitted (only for applicants from the Graduate School of Medical Sciences); Only printed documents will be accepted.

Please refrain from sending documents such as application forms via e-mail.

- ① Application for Kumamoto University Doctoral Course Scholarship (form 1)
- ② Confirmation List of Documents (Score Card) (form 2)
- ③ A Letter of Recommendation (for privately-funded international students who participate in a large-scale core research) (form 3) *** A Letter of Recommendation must be provided by your supervisor.**
- ④ Documents that prove your participation in an academic society and/or thesis presentation which applicants are obliged to submit as stipulated in form 2.

* All relevant forms can be downloaded from

http://www.medphas.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/medgrad/keijiban/H28_KDS_kobo_shihi_en.html

4. Submission deadline and where to submit (only for applicants from the Graduate School of Medical Sciences)

Submission deadline: **May 27 (Fri.)**, 2016 (Be sure to submit the application by the deadline.)

Where to submit: Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences (at Medical Educational & Library Building 3F)

5. Number of students recommended candidates and date of selection

Number of candidates : approximately 5 students

Date of selection : July(scheduled)

6. Other matters to be noted

- 1) Please enter your achievements in the “Confirmation List of Documents (Score Card) ” in the documents to be submitted by scoring your academic achievements as stipulated in the attachment, “How to score research performance of KDS candidates”.
- 2) Students who wish to apply for this program should prepare the necessary documents after confirming their eligibility and submit them with a Letter of Recommendation from their supervisors. The reason for recommending the student in form 3 should be entered by a representative of each field, which also applies to the reason to recommend the student in form 1 of the application form. Approval of the applications of eligible privately-funded international students who serve as the representative of their respective COEs will be confirmed by the Student Affairs Section.

7. Inquiries

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