

**(Purpose)**

1. These guidelines shall stipulate matters required for the Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (hereinafter “KDS”), a program which aims to secure excellent students and to invigorate educational and research activities in the Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course (hereinafter “Doctoral Course”).

**(Eligible applicants)**

2. Applicants eligible for this scholarship shall be students currently enrolled in the Doctoral Course who are recognized to have achieved particularly excellent grades or entrance exam results or produced outstanding achievements in academic research activities. **However, students who are enrolled in the Doctoral Course over the standard course term are excluded from eligible applicants for this scholarship.**

**(Number of eligible students)**

3. The number of students eligible for this scholarship for the year shall be stipulated according to the following points:
  - (1) Quota for Students in General: 33 from all the Graduate schools of Kumamoto University
  - (2) **Quota for Privately-funded International Students who participate in core research (including a Core Research Project of the Graduate Schools of Kumamoto University): approx. 13** from all the Graduate schools of Kumamoto University, according to their admission period

**(Application procedure)**

4. Applicants for this scholarship (including former scholarship holders) shall submit their Application Forms for Doctoral Course Scholarship (attached form 1) to the dean of their own graduate schools with a Letter of Recommendation from their supervisors by the application deadline stipulated in the attached table 1 or 2. To apply for the Quota for Privately-funded International Students, eligible applicants shall submit the required documents to the dean of their own graduate schools via the representatives of their respective COEs.

**(Recommendations from the relevant graduate schools, etc.)**

5. (1) The dean of each graduate school shall select an applicant(s) for this scholarship who is (are) considered to have achieved particularly excellent entrance exam results as well as to have achieved particularly excellent grades or produced outstanding achievements in academic research activities during the previous year, and recommend the applicant(s) to the President of Kumamoto University, ranked in order in the case of multiple applicants on a recommendation, and the reason to recommend the applicant(s) by the recommendation deadline stipulated in the attached table 1 or 2.
  - (2) The number of applicants who the dean of their own graduate schools may recommend as stated in the previous clause shall be stipulated in the attached table 1 or 2.
6. (1) Recommendation of an Privately-funded International Students (limited to international students who are enrolled in a Doctoral Course of Kumamoto University as of May 1) to both the Quota for Students in General and Quota for Privately-funded International Students shall not be obstructed. However, the application of the recommended student shall be approved for only one of the said quotas.
  - (2) Regardless of the provisions stipulated in 4 and 5, Privately-funded International Students who are newly enrolled in October shall be treated as prospective scholarship holders in the Quota for Privately-funded International Students (enrollees as of May 1) in the following fiscal year, as stipulated in the attached table 2. However, this shall not apply to students who have been chosen as scholarship holders in the Quota for Students in General.

**(Decisions of eligibility)**

7. (1) The President of Kumamoto University shall decide who should be the holders of this scholarship on the basis of the multiple applicant rankings, as given in the recommendation submitted by the dean of each graduate school, and immediately notify the results to the dean.
  - (2) In the decision on the eligibility of applicants for the Quota for Privately-funded International Students, applicants who participated in a project that was implemented on the premise that the participation status of international students be publicly evaluated, shall be prioritized.

**(Period and amount of the payment, etc.)**

8. The payment period of the scholarship shall be limited to the relevant year.
9. The amount of scholarship for each applicant shall be decided as stipulated in the “Types of the amount of scholarship” in the attached table 1 or 2, and shall not be requested to be repaid.
10. Scholarships shall be paid in a lump sum in principle during the appropriate period of the relevant year.

**(Multiple scholarship with (an)other scholarship(s), etc.)**

11. Holders of a KDS Scholarship shall not be prevented from receiving (an)other scholarship(s).

However, this shall not apply where holders of the Kumamoto University PhD Work-Scholarship (KWS) or another scholarship program are prohibited from receiving another scholarship.

**(Clerical work)**

12. Clerical work regarding KDS shall be handled at the Academic Affairs Division, Student Affairs Office.

**(Implementation)**

13. These guidelines shall be implemented from April 1, 2010, and applied to students of Kumamoto University Graduate Schools who were admitted to the relevant graduate school in 2010.

**Supplemental notes**

1. These guidelines will be implemented from June 1, 2011 and apply from April 1, 2011.

2. Regardless of the provision stipulated in 9, which has been revised in these guidelines, the amount of the scholarship related to enrollees of a doctoral course as of May 1, 2011 who plan to complete the doctoral course by the end of September 2011 shall be based on the provision in the previous scholarship program prior to the revision by these guidelines.

**Supplemental notes**

These guidelines will be implemented from April 1, 2013.

**Attached table 1 (Quota for Students in General)**

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Types based on period of admission, etc.	Types of recommendations		Types of the amount of scholarship		Application deadline	Recommendation deadline
	Quota for Students in General		Types by completion periods	Amount of scholarship		
	Number of scholarship holders	Number of recommendations from each graduate school, etc.				
Enrollees of the relevant year (as of May 1)	33	Up to 7% of the quota (note 1)	Students who will complete their doctoral courses by the end of September in the relevant year (note2)	267,900 yen	The end of May	The end of June
			Students other than the students stipulated above	535,800 yen		

Note 1) If the number of applicants does not fill the quota, the number of scholarship holders shall be the same as that of applicants.

Note 2) Including students enrolled in a doctoral course over the standard course term at any time between October and March of the relevant year.

**Attached table 2 (Quota for Privately-funded International Students)**

Types based on period of admission, etc.	Types of recommendations		Types of the amount of scholarship		Application deadline	Recommendation deadline
	Quota for Privately-funded International Students		Types by admission periods or types by completion periods	Amount of scholarship		
	Number of scholarship holders	Number of recommendations from each graduate school, etc.				
Enrollees of the relevant year (as of May 1)	Approx. 10 (note 1)	Up to 5	Prospective scholarship holders (note 2) or students who will complete their doctoral courses by the end of September in the relevant year	267,900 yen	The end of May	The end of June
			Students other than the students stipulated above	535,800 yen		
Prospective scholarship holders in first semester (note 3)	Some	Some		267,900 yen	The end of November	The end of December
New students enrolled in October	Approx. 3	Up to 2				

Note 1) The number of scholarship holders shall include the number of prospective scholarship holders.

Note 2) Prospective scholarship holders shall not be required to apply for or submit a letter of recommendation to be a prospective scholarship holder.

Note 3) Prospective scholarship holders in first semester applying for the scholarship in second semester shall be required to apply for or submit a letter of recommendation.