Application Guideline for October 2027 Admission to Graduate School of Medical Sciences Doctoral Course, Kumamoto University, supported by Chinese Government Scholarship Overseas Study Program

The applicants need to take TOEFL or TOEIC or IELTS!!

Graduate School of Medical Sciences

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The Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, accepts international students in the Doctoral Course supported by Chinese Government Scholarship Overseas Study Program

Research and Educational Fields

All fields in Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University

Acceptable number of Scholarship Recipients: A few students

Qualifications of Applicants

1) Those who have Chinese nationality.
2) Those who are eligible for Chinese Government Scholarship Overseas Study Program, which was proclaimed by the China Scholarship Council (CSC).
3) Age: must be younger than 35 years old as of April 1, 2027 (born on or after April 2, 1992).
4) Education:

   - Applicants who have been granted a Bachelor's degree or a degree equivalent to it by completing a five-year or longer curriculum of a Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical, or Veterinary School outside of Japan, or are expected to finish those education processes by September 2027.

   - Graduated from a Medical, Dental, Pharmacy or Veterinary School outside of Japan which has education programs for 4 years and conducted research for 2 years in a university or a research institute outside of Japan after completion of the formal education, or are expected to finish those education processes by September 2027.

   - Hold either a Master's degree from an institution which has education programs for 2 years outside of Japan after completion of the 16 years of formal education or are expected to complete the degree by September 2027.

   - Conducted research for more than 2 years in a university or a research institute after completion of the 16 years of formal education outside of Japan and are recognized to have an equivalent level of education to the Master's degree holder in Japan.

   - Are recognized by the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University to have attainments equal to or higher than Master's degree holders.

5) Language: Those who have at least one score of the following English Tests

①TOEFL-iBT ②TOEFL-PBT ③TOEIC(L&R) ④IELTS

6) Health: must be in a good physical and mental health.
7) Time of arrival: must be able to arrive in Japan between October 1 and 7, 2027.
8) Visa: must have a student visa when coming to Japan.

Note:

1) The admission will be revoked, if recipients fail to arrive in Japan by the designated period.
2) The admission will be revoked, if recipients fail to fulfill the educational requirements as stated in the qualification by September 2027.

Duration of the Term: October 2027 – September 2031 (**4 years**)

Benefits

Fees for entrance examination and enrollment and tuition are going to be exempted.

Selection Procedure

1) The applicant must choose one of the research leaders in the Graduate School of Medical Sciences as his/her prospective supervisor and obtain permission to apply for the entrance examination of Graduate School of Medical Sciences from the supervisor beforehand.
2) The applicants must download all the application information and forms by themselves. After filling all the items, they must submit all the forms and recommendation letters by international express mail to their prospective supervisors.
3) Their prospective supervisors must submit all the application forms to the committee for the special program before the deadline for application.
4) For the applicants who submit the score of TOEFL-iBT (by ETS), the certificate of score (Official Score Report) must be received by Kumamoto University by December 25, 2026 through ETS. Meanwhile, the applicants who take the other English Tests (**TOEFL-PBT, TOEIC(L&R), and IELTS)** need to send the original certificate of score with the other items for the required documents by yourself to Kumamoto University by December 25, 2026.
5) Interviews by three committee members will be held timely over Internet after receiving application form. If, however, the applicants have a chance to visit Japan during the application period, they are accepted to have interviews by three committee members in Kumamoto University.
6) The score of English tests and the results of interviews by three committee members will be used for evaluation of applicants.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting materials is **December 25, 2026**.

Required Documents

For application, the following items (except a score of TOEFL-iBT) must be submitted to the office of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences by a prospective supervisor of the applicant. (As for the score of English Test, the original certificate of "the Official Score Report" or so on issued by each governing body is required to be submitted to Kumamoto University.)

1) Application for Admission to Kumamoto University for 2027 Form 1
2) Field of Study and Research Plan Form 2
3) Health certificate completed within the past 6 months of the date of application. Form3
4) Photograph (6×4 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, uncapped. Paste it on the application form.)
5) An official certificate of citizenship.

6) A letter of recommendation from a professor or a research supervisor in the applicant's home country who can evaluate the applicant's ability in study and research. * The letter of recommendation must stipulate that the applicant will apply for Chinese Government Scholarship Overseas Study Program, and has passed the internal screening by his/her institution, such as a university.
7) A certificate of Bachelor's degree of Medicine (or a certificate of anticipation of completion), or a certificate of Bachelor's degree of the other field and a certificate of Master's degree (or a certificate of anticipation of completion).
8) Official transcripts in English of academic records from each college and university attended, including information such as GPA and ranking.
9) The original certificates of English Tests**: at least one score of the following English Tests**

   ① **TOEFL-iBT** ②**TOEFL-PBT** ③**TOEIC(L&R)** ④**IELTS**

   The original certificates of Japanese ability test are also required if you have.
10) Applicants who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by graduating from a 5-year Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical, and Veterinary college or university in a country other than Japan shall submit a certificate of the bachelor's degree issued by the head of the university or school, or its expected acquisition, and a certificate of the result of the evaluation of the university or school, (*) for which applicants have received a degree, issued by the evaluation organization or the head of the university.

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

- China: Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC)

Note:

1) It is recommended that applicants discuss about a research plan with their prospective supervisors beforehand.
2) All the documents should be typewritten on A4 size paper (21 x 29.5 cm).
3) Use the forms provided by Kumamoto University on its website at https://www.medphas.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/medgrad/en/admissions/entrance_exam_classes/ for Required Documents 1), 2) and 3).
4) Applications with incomplete information or submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
5) All application materials will not be returned to the applicants. However, when there is an application for returning the original certificate of English score from an applicant, it is returned after checking.

Date of Interview

January 22, 2027.

Announcement of Results

Kumamoto University will notify the applicants of the final disposition of the applications by **February 26, 2027**, issue Confirmation of Enrollment and certificates of exemption of fee for enrollment and tuition, and send copies of these documents to the successful applicants for the entrance examination by e-mail. The original documents will be sent by international express mail to the successful applicants for the entrance examination on the same day.

Enrollment Procedure

Successful applicants for the screening by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) must immediately submit their "certificate of eligibility for studying abroad supported by the CSC" (in English or Japanese) to the International Student Office of Kumamoto University.

Applicants will be officially registered as regular students of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University by submitting this certificate.

Submission to:

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Date of Enrollment

October 1, 2027

Degrees

After successful fulfillment of the course requirements, Doctor of Philosophy will be conferred.

Attention

1) Permission of enrollment may be repealed in the following cases.
   1. There are false statements in the application.
   2. Students are expelled or dismissed from the university as a disciplinary measure, or judged to be difficult to complete academic requirements.
   3. Students leave the university or transfer to another university.
   4. The status of student visa is changed to other types of visa.
2) Applicants are advised to become familiar with the Japanese culture, customs, climate, and the University system, before coming to Japan. Japanese language skills for daily life would be advantageous.

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