**How to score research performance of KDS candidates**

**(Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Course Scholarship Program)**

**[Quota for Privately-funded International Students]**

1) In the selection process, the results of the entrance examination, academic performance, research activities of the preceding year, and income status are rated as follows. The results of the calculation must be entered on the confirmation list of submitted documents (scorecard). If any incorrect description is found on the application form and attached documents, the student in question may not be entitled to receive this grant throughout his or her years in the graduate school.

2) If the total from section [(1) Academic and other performance] is below 3 points, the relevant person will be excluded from the selection process.

【(1) Academic and other performance】The reference period of the rating is the 2025 academic year (from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026). For students in the first year of graduate school, academic performance made in this school, another university, or other research institution during the preceding year will be rated following the criteria below.

1. Paper published in a journal (Lead author includes equal contributors)

Journal in English: To be evaluated as a performance (i.e. to be rated on the scorecard), the date of acceptance notice from a journal must be within the reference period, i.e. the 2025 academic year (from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026). Evaluation of a paper in English shall take into account the Impact Factor (IF) of Journal Citation Reports of the journal in which the paper has been published. The IF number will be multiplied by 3 for our evaluation. When you are a lead author or a corresponding author of a paper, the number obtained is multiplied by 1. If you are the second author, the obtained number is multiplied by 0.5. For other authors, the number is multiplied by 0.1. In the case of a journal which does not have an IF number, 0.3 shall be given.

Journal in Japanese: To be evaluated as a performance (i.e. to be rated on the scorecard), the date of issue of a journal must be within the reference period, i.e. the 2025 academic year (from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026). Lead authors obtain 1 point, and other authors obtain 0.1 point.

Note) For International students:

As to journals published mainly in their home country (except international journals), lead authors obtain 1 point, and other authors obtain 0.1 point. However, the journals have to be written in English.

2. Paper presentation at a conference

International conference: (Oral) 5 points for lead presenter; 0.5 point for co-presenter

(Poster) 3 points for lead presenter; 0.3 point for co-presenter

Domestic conference: (Oral) 2 points for lead presenter; 0.2 point for co-presenter
(National level) (Poster) 1 point for lead presenter; 0.1 point for co-presenter
Domestic conference: (Oral) 1 point for lead presenter; 0.1 point for co-presenter
(Local level) (Poster) 0.5 point for lead presenter; 0.05 point for co-presenter

Seminar hosted by Academia
(International level): (Oral) 1.0 point for lead presenter; 0.1 point for co-presenter
(Poster) 0.5 point for lead presenter; 0.05 point for co-presenter
(National level): (Oral) 0.5 point for lead presenter; 0.05 point for co-presenter
(Poster) 0.25 point for lead presenter; 0.025 point for co-presenter

Organizer of symposium at conference: International level; 8 points National level; 4 points

Note: 1) The maximum of total points for presentations at conferences are 10 points.
2) Only presentations related to research of thesis in doctoral course. Although a clinical case report is not included, some clinical case reports are included.
3) For International students:
As to presentations at conference, seminar and others in their home country, the points are as follows. The presentations have to be presented in English.
(Oral) 1.0 point for lead presenter; 0.1 point for co-presenter
(Poster) 0.5 point for lead presenter; 0.05 point for co-presenter

3. Awards given from an academic society for paper published and/or presentation at a conference 10 points for international conference; 5 points for domestic conference (national level); 2 points for domestic conference (local level).
4. Books and/or database in the study field: 2 points for lead author and 0.2 point for co-author
5. Other work: 1 point for lead authors only
6. Application of patent (inventor): 3 points
7. Utility model: 3 points
8. Activity of significant contribution to society: (Content of contribution is subject to the examination of the rating committee)
9. Results of the entrance examination (only for 1st year students): (Rating shall be conducted by the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences)

【(2) Additional points】

Privately-funded international students, students who have completed a master's course at Kumamoto University or other universities, and students who have entered a doctoral course at Kumamoto University or other equivalent universities may add 5 points to the above total.

【Notes】

Please check the attached "Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Program Scholarship Benefit System (KDS) Implementation Guidelines" and the schedule for application to this system (KDS) and whether or not it can be combined with other systems. Please note that the implementation guidelines are only available in Japanese, so please translate them yourself and check them.