

Notice of offering Kumamoto University Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (KDS) in 2026: Deadline – **June 8, 2026**

This program provides scholarships aimed at recruiting excellent students and enabling academic research activities. The scholarships are offered to students in the doctoral course (partial exclusions may apply) and are offered to students who have demonstrated excellent results on the entrance examination, in academic performance, or in research activities.

1. Target of the scholarship

All students in the doctoral course of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences

However, the following students are excluded;

- (1) Students whose enrollment period exceeds the standard length of study
(However, this excludes students who have exceeded the standard study period due to reasons not attributable to the student.)
- (2) Students who earn a stable income that allows them to focus on research activities
(2,400,000 yen/year)
- (3) International students receiving financial aid from the Japanese government
(government-sponsored international students)
- (4) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Special Researcher
- (5) Well-being recipient
- (6) HIGO program student
- (7) Better Co-being recipients

2. Amount of the grant

The amount is equivalent to the annual tuition fee (JPY 535,800).

※Students who will complete their doctoral courses in September:

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

3. Documents to be submitted

- 1) Application form for the scholarship program (Form 1)
- 2) Confirmation list of submitted documents (scorecard) (Form 2)
- 3) Documents, etc. certifying the presentation at conferences, papers, etc.
that are required to be submitted in (Form 2)

※Please download the form from the "News" section of the Website below.

<http://www.medphas.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/medgrad/en/>

4. When and where to submit

Deadline: **June 8, 2026 (Mon.)**

Where: Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Medical Sciences(GSMS)

e-mail: iyg-igaku-3@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

5. Number of recommended candidates and date of selection

Number of candidates: 6 people

Date of selection : August (scheduled)

*Those who are not selected will be notified by email around the beginning of July.

6. Other reminders

- 1) In the "Confirmation list of documents (scorecard)," please rate your performance and other results in reference to the separate sheet "How to score your performance."
- 2) Students who intend to apply are asked to confirm their eligibility for application, prepare all necessary documents, obtain a recommendation from their advisor and submit all the required documents.