

Notice of offering Kumamoto University Doctoral Course Scholarship Program (KDS) in 2026 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 AY 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 are enrolled in Kumamoto University Graduate School Doctoral Courses as of May 1, 2026.

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, 2025, 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

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 an 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. 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

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 certifying academic conferences, paper presentations, etc. that are required to be submitted in Form 2

* All relevant forms can be downloaded from

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

4. Submission deadline and where to submit

Submission deadline : **June 8(Mon.), 2026**(Be sure to submit the application by the deadline.)

Where to submit : Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medical Sciences

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

5. Number of students recommended candidates and date of selection

Number of candidates : 3 people

Date of selection : August (scheduled)

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

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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