

Application Procedures
for International Doctoral Program
in Health Sciences
(Academic year commencing 2026)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

KYUSHU UNIVERSITY



Admissions Timetable

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1. Qualifications needed for Application

Applicants must be citizens of countries other than Japan, can obtain the qualification of “study abroad” as a resident in Japan, and are required to satisfy one of the following criteria:

- (1) A person who holds a Master's Degree or a professional degree;
- (2) A person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's Degree or professional degree in a foreign country;
- (3) A person who has taken class subjects in Japan which are conducted by a foreign school through correspondence education, and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's Degree or professional degree;
- (4) A person who has completed a course in Japan provided by an educational facility which is positioned as a facility having a course of a foreign graduate school under the school education system of the foreign country and is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's Degree or professional degree;
- (5) A person who has completed a course provided by the United Nations University which is established by the United Nations resolution of December 11, 1972, according to Section 1.2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the "Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Law number: Act No.72 of 1976)", and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's Degree;
- (6) A person who has completed a course provided by a foreign school, an educational facility which is designated by (iv) of this Article or educational course of the United Nations University, has passed, and has been recognized by a result of a the examination, review or equivalent to them according to Article 27-2, entrance qualification examination, as having equal or greater academic ability than a person who holds a Master's Degree or professional degree positioned as a facility having a course of a foreign graduate school under the school education system of the foreign country;
- (7) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (8) A person who is recognized by a graduate school of the University, as a result of a separate entrance qualification examination, as having equal or greater academic ability than a person who holds a master's degree or professional degree, and who has reached the age of 24.

* Applicants making a submission with qualification categories (7) or (8) must pass the Individual Evaluation of Academic Requirements prior to the application, as described in Section 5.

2. Admission Capacity

Only a small number of students are accepted.

3. Preliminary consultation

Before application, applicants are required to consult with a professor by e-mail whose theme of research is matching with or relevant to yours: Refer to the appendix in the final section of this booklet.

4. Application Procedures

(1) Documents to be submitted as follows:

① **Application Form:** This should be completed in the format supplied, and a passport-grade photograph must be attached. (Educational background should be stated from elementary school

level onwards, and then the accumulated years of formal education can be calculated.)

② **Two Letters of Recommendation:** One letter must be written either by the president or the dean of a faculty of the school from which you graduated most recently, and the other by your supervising professor of the university from which you graduated most recently. (No specific format is required)

③ **Graduation Certificate or Statement that confirms expected graduation:** To be issued by the university from which you will graduate or graduated most recently. This is not required for applicants who request Individual Evaluation of Academic Requirements.

④ **A photocopy of the Applicant's Master's thesis:** Applicants who confirm expected graduation should submit the Report of Research Process (2 papers of A4 size, approx. 2,000 characters). This is not required for applicants who request Individual Evaluation of Academic Requirements.

⑤ **Academic Record:** To be issued by the university from which you will graduate or graduated most recently. This is not required for applicants who request the individual screening of qualifications.

⑥ **TOEFL Test Taker Score Report, TOEIC(L&R) Official Score Certificate, TOEIC(S&W) Official Score Certificate, IELTS Test Report Form:** The certificate of English proficiency test taken within 2 years before application.

⑦ **Certificate of Citizenship:** A photocopy of the applicant's passport data page including the applicant's face and passport number or other original proof of non-Japanese citizenship.

⑧ **A residents record (*Juminhyo*):** International applicants who are currently residents in Japan are requested to submit this certificate.

⑨ **Receipt of payment of the examination fee**

(This is not required for applicants who are Japanese Government (Monbukagaku-sho) Scholarship Students.)

⑩ **Review of the Evaluation for the Application:** To be submitted by persons applying under the Evaluation for the Application. (See Section 5. (4))

(2) Examination fee **30,000 JP yen**(This is not required for applicants who are Japanese Government (Monbukagaku-sho) Scholarship Students.)

* Applicants are required to pay the examination fee with your credit card [VISA, Master or American Express] from April 24, 2026 to May 8, 2026.

Please refer to the guidance in the appendix found in the last section of this booklet for details.

* Those who satisfy one of the following are exempted from application fee and enrollment fee for the Doctoral Course of Department of Health Sciences.

1 Those who will complete a Master's Course at Kyushu University in September, 2026 and intend to go on to the International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences.

2 Those who will complete the second year of 5-year doctoral course at Kyushu University obtaining the master's degree in September, 2026 and intend to go on to the International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences.

3 Those who will complete a professional degree course of a graduate school at Kyushu University in September, 2026 and intend to go on to the International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences.

4 Those who have completed a Master's Course etc. as per mentioned above in 1-3 within the last one year and satisfy any of the following:

1) Those who have completed a Master's Course etc. but could not enroll immediately due to a leave of absence or study abroad.

2) Those who have completed a Master's Course etc. but could not enroll immediately due to the autumn enrollment.

(Note) If you have any questions about the above information, please contact in advance with the Student Affairs Office, Department of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

(3) Application Method

Applicants must submit an A-4 sized envelope with the enclosed necessary application documents and printed “Result” page of the examination fee, described in (1) & (2) of Section 4, to the Student Affairs Office, Department of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University through your intended supervisor from April 24, 2026 to May 8, 2026.

If you use the postal service for sending the documents, please use registered mail.

"Application for International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences" should be written in red on the envelope.

Note: *No changes to application documents will be accepted after submission. Neither documents nor examination fee will be returned.

5. Individual Evaluation of Academic Requirements

A person who intends to apply in accordance with qualifications (7) or (8) of Section 1 are required to submit to an individual evaluation of their scientific ability in relation to the Requirements for Admission before application.

In this case, the following document should be submitted by the applicant to the Student Affairs Office written in (3) of Section 5.

These documents should be prepared after discussion with your intended supervisor of our graduate school.

If you use the postal service for sending the documents, please use registered mail.

"Evaluation of Requirements for Application to International Doctoral Program" should be written in red on the envelope.

(1) Documents to be submitted

① Summary of Academic and Professional Activities

② Graduation Certificate or Statement that confirms expected graduation : To be issued by the university from which you will graduate or graduated most recently.

③ Academic Record : To be issued by the school from which you will graduate or graduated most recently.

④ Certificate of Research Activities : The form provided should be filled out by a manager or person in a supervisory position at the applicant's present institution.

⑤ Licenses (copy): If applicants have licenses which explain his/her major area, copy of the licenses should be submitted, together with an explanation of the licenses.

(2) Submission Period

April 9, 2026, at 5 p.m. (JST)

Note: *Application documents sent by mail must be RECEIVED by this date and time.

(3) The above documents should be submitted or sent to:

Student Affairs Office, Department of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences,
Kyushu University

3-1-1 Maidashi, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka 812-8582 JAPAN

Phone (+81) 92-642-6680

Fax (+81)92-642-6674

(4) Announcement of the Result of the Evaluation for the Application: Applicants will be notified of the result of the evaluation by April 23, 2026 via e-mail from your intended supervisor.

Successful applicants should follow the application procedure outlined in Section 4.

6. Procedures of Screening and Date and Place of Examination

- (1) The screening will be carried out on the basis of an interview, the documents submitted with the application form and the official TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS Score.
- (2) The methods of the interview, the date and time, should be decided upon discussion with your intended supervisor.

7. Announcement of the Result of the Screening

- (1) Date: June 15, 2026, at 10 a.m. (JST)
- (2) Successful candidate's examination numbers are posted in the "News & Information" section on the Home-Page of the Department of Health Sciences, Kyushu University at <http://www.shs.kyushu-u.ac.jp>.

The results of successful candidates including admission procedures documents also will be mailed on the same day to the addresses written on their application forms.

Telephone inquiries regarding examination results will be declined.

8. Date of Enrollment

October 1, 2026

9. Enrollment Procedures

- (1) Registration period : From July 1, 2026 to July 10, 2026
- (2) Payments
 - Admission fee : 282,000 JP yen (for the present)
 - Tuition : 267,900 JP yen for the first semester (Annual total of 535,800 yen) (for the present)

Admission fee and tuition fee are subject to change.

If the tuition fee is revised, the new fee is applicable to all students.

*This is not required for applicants who are Japanese Government (Monbukagaku-sho) Scholarship Students.

10. Degree Requirement

To complete the International Doctoral Program, students must be enrolled in the course for more than 3 years, complete 14 or more credits and pass the doctoral dissertation screening and the final examination.

11. Miscellaneous

- (1) Documents that you submit will not be returned and the examination fee is non-refundable.

No changes will be accepted regarding the contents of the documents after you have submitted them.
- (2) If any false statement is founded in any of the application documents after admission, the admission may be cancelled.
- (3) Please contact the intended supervisor by e-mail for any questions concerning admission procedures.

12. Handling of Personal Information

(1) The personal information written on your application form and documents will be used exclusively for the University's screening process and the following purposes:

(i) names, addresses and other information of successful applicants will be used for enrollment procedures;

(ii) transcript will be used for student support procedure, such as tuition exemption in the first academic year;

(iii) academic records and other personal information used in the screening process will be retained by the University and used for statistical purposes, in such a way that the individuals will not be identified;

(2) The personal information written on your application documents will not be used for any other purposes or provided to any third party without your permission, except in cases stipulated in Article 9 of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc.

(3) Please refer to the following web page below for more details about handling of personal information in advance.

<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy>

APPENDIX

List of Staff Members, Research Themes and E-mail Addresses

Professors

Name	Research Theme	E-mail address ※Enter ' m.kyushu-u.ac.jp' after the E-mail address.
Kenichi GOTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of cardiovascular risks for prevention of cardiovascular diseases • Prevention of hypertension development through multidisciplinary cooperation •Hypertension prevention research using real-world data 	goto.kenichi.638@
Seiichi MOROKUMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Effects of maternal lifestyle on pregnancy complications, fetus and postnatal development •Ultrasound evaluation of fetal behavioral development 	morokuma.seiichi.845@
Kimie FUJITA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-management and self-efficacy in patients with chronic diseases • Physical activity and QOL of patients after total hip replacement •Perioperative oral care and postoperative infections •Development and evaluation of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) 	fujita.kimie.874@
Nobuko HASHIGUCHI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Effects of basic skill for nursing care on physiological and psychological responses •Studies on the domestic accidents in the elderly •Studies on heat stress caused by the wearing personal protective equipment •Evaluation of a design approach to improve acquisition of pharmaceutical Information for nurses 	hashiguchi.nobuko.053@
Sawa TERAOKA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of quality of life in older adults with dementia •Promotion of the understanding about dementia among people living in a community 	teraoka.sawa.996@
Naoko HIKITA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on smoking and secondhand smoke among pregnant women in Mongolia •Study on gestational weight gain in Mongolia •The situation and the effects of midwives' care during the first stage of labor 	hikita.naoko.419@*
Hidetaka ARIMURA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Researches on Development of Fundamental Technologies for AI-aided High Precision Radiotherapy •Researches for Radiomics in Diagnosis and Treatment based on Data Science <p>http://web.shs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~arimura/index.html</p>	arimura.hidetaka.616@

Hidetake YABUUCHI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of functional pulmonary imaging using CT and MRI • Analysis of diagnosis of breast cancer using digital mammography 	yabuuchi.hidetake.237@
Toshioh FUJIBUCHI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical health physics, Radiation protection for patient and medical staff, radioactive waste management • Development of educational materials for radiological technology 	fujibuchi.toshioh.294@
Shingo BABA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on improvement of sensitivity and quantitativity of PET/CT • Study on improvement of sensitivity and quantitativity of SPECT/CT • Radiation protection for medical staff on radionucleotide therapy 	baba.shingo.754@
Masatoshi KONDOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchs for quantitative evaluations of the accuracy of Dual-energy CT analyses 	kondou.masatoshi.074@
Shinichi MIZUNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical application of targeted sequencing for hematological disorders • Research on gene therapy based on genome editing • Development of methods for effective induction of anti-tumor immunity 	mizuno.shinichi.927@
Hitoshi KATSUTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Regenerative Medicine for Diabetes Using Pancreatic Tissue Stem Cells • Analysis of Clinical Laboratory Data from Diabetes Patients Using Artificial Intelligence: Exploration of Novel Medical Insights 	katsuta.hitoshi.570@
Takeshi UCHIUMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular mechanism of mitochondrial translation and related disease • Research of cancer and mitochondria • Molecular mechanism of new gene mutation • Search for new biomarkers by liquid biopsy 	uchiumi.takeshi.008@
Hiroshi SHIGETO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of cortical network based on EEG • Investigation of the sleep on brain function • Investigation of brain functional rhythm 	shigeto.hiroshi.565@

* marked professor will retire at the end of March, 2026