

Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University

Short-term Exchange Students Application Information Sheet – AY 2026 & AY 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the institution	Kumamoto University (熊本大学)
Name of the School	Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST)
Postal Address	2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, 860-8555, Japan
University Website	https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/
GSST Website	https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/
Campus Maps	https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/campus/ https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/program/
GSST Course Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master’s Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Science Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture Department of Mechanical System Engineering Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department of Materials Science and Applied Chemistry Department of Semiconductor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics • Doctoral Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Science Department of Advanced Industrial Science Department of Semiconductor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics
Academic year	<p><u>AY 2026</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Semester: April 01, 2026 to September 30, 2026 (Classes: Early April 2026 to Mid-August 2026) • Fall Semester: October 01, 2026 to March 31, 2027 (Classes: Late September 2026 to Mid-February 2027)
GSST Academic Calendar	<p>AY2025 academic calendar posted on the bulletin board of GSST website https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst/bbs/</p>
KU Syllabus System	<p>Classes and their language categories: TBA towards the beginning of each semester. https://syllabus.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/</p>

INFORMATION ON STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Contact information	<p>Ryo HARAGA (Mr.), International Coordinator International Affairs Section of GSST Email: gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp Phone: +81-96-342-3017 Address: 2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto</p>
Student status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Special research students</u> can conduct research projects in a lab. They may audit lectures, seminars and Japanese language classes with a consent from instructors of the classes. However, they cannot obtain credits or receive an official transcript.• <u>Special auditor students</u> may attend lectures, seminars, and tutorials offered by their graduate school and can earn credits and receive an academic transcript. However, they are not permitted to attend undergraduate lectures. They may also take Japanese language classes, but cannot earn credits or receive an academic transcript for those classes.
Application deadline (submitted by the home institution)	<p>Please submit the application documents under Proself. *Notify us by email when you upload documents. Proself Link: https://prsf.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/public/bM5nAjHH54YtNIBgUICpnhfjVypK2ksAxEIT1BfR5LT5 Password: Kumadai@2026 <u>AY 2026</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Spring Semester: October 31, 2025• For Fall Semester: May 1, 2026
Required documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Short-term exchange application form (designated format)2. Academic transcripts in English3. A certificate of Enrollment in English (issued the by home university)4. A letter of recommendation5. A copy of English or Japanese language test certificate (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, Japanese-Language Proficiency Test)6. Certificate of Health (designated format) <p>* Only for Special research students: CV and Cover Letter *The details of the required documents are provided in the attached checklist.</p>
Language level	<p>Recommended level: CEFR B2 or higher in English OR JLPT N2 or higher in Japanese</p>

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is NOT mandatory for exchange students from partner institutions to stay in the dormitory and may find their own accommodations in the area, but should be aware that finding off-campus housing, especially for only one semester, can be challenging. Dormitory rooms are reserved for exchange students.

Accommodation

- **International House (dormitory)**
https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/international_house/
- **Other accommodations**
<https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/others/>

Cost of living

Approximately, 80,000 JPY/month if living in the dormitory.
Approximately, 100,000 JPY/month if renting a public apartment.

Insurances

- **Health insurance (National Insurance System)**
The mandatory National Health Insurance can be procured upon arrival in Kumamoto (approx. 3,000 JPY per month) .
- **Travel insurance**
National Health Insurance will not cover pre-arrival and post-departure incidents. Purchasing travel insurance is strongly recommended.

KUMAMOTO AND JAPAN

Public holidays

<https://www.officeholidays.com/countries/japan/2026>

Kumamoto City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCr4rUHtg0w>

Kumamoto Prefecture

<https://kumamoto.guide/en/about/>

Living in Kumamoto

<https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/visitors/life/>