

Kagoshima University Graduate School of Science and Engineering  
Special Recommendation Program for Priority Placement of Government-Sponsored  
International Research Students (for MEXT scholarship)  
Application Guidelines

Kagoshima University Graduate School of Science and Engineering at has been selected by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for the Special Program for Priority Placement of Government-Sponsored International Students and has launched the Program for the Development of Engineers who Support Local Infrastructure and Contribute to Global Environmental Conservation to train [1] engineers who can contribute to local infrastructure and [2] globally-oriented professionals who will support global environmental conservation. The Engineer Development Program to Support Local Infrastructure and Contribute to the Global Environment will be launched in April 2023. This program will recruit three new outstanding individuals from overseas to study in this graduate-level program.

#### Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must currently reside overseas and newly enroll in the Master's Program in one of the following departments at Kagoshima University from April 2023.

- (1) Faculty of Science, [Earth Sciences Program](#)
- (2) Faculty of Engineering, [Ocean Civil Engineering Program](#)
- (3) Faculty of Engineering, [Information Science and Biomedical Engineering Program](#)
- (4) Faculty of Engineering, [Architecture and Architectural Engineering Program](#)

2. Nationality: Applicants must hold citizenship from one of the countries listed in the appendix found on page 3, and must be prepared to depart from their country of citizenship.

3. Age: Applicants must be born on or after April 2, 1988.

4. Educational Background: Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree or be expected to complete it by March 2023.

#### 5. Academic Record

Applicants must have an academic achievement coefficient of 2.30 or higher in their last academic year of study (for current students, the academic achievement coefficient of the program in which the student is currently enrolled), and must maintain this score or higher throughout the duration of the scholarship. If the score falls below 2.30, the scholarship will be suspended. Scores are calculated according to the following method:

## Academic Achievement Coefficient Calculation

Classification	Grade Assessment				
	4-point scale		Excellent	Good	Acceptable
4-point scale		A	B	C	F
4-point scale		80% or above (Up to 100%)	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
5-point scale	S	A	B	C	F
5-point scale	A	B	C	D	F
5-point scale	90% or above (Up to 100%)	80% or above – below 90%	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
Assessment Point	3	3	2	1	0

(Formula)

{ (Number of credits with 3 evaluation points x 3) + (Number of credits with 2 evaluation points x 2) + (Number of credits with 1 evaluation point x 1) + (Number of credits with 0 evaluation point x 0) } divided by the total number of registered credits

(Note 1) If courses do not follow a credit system, the number of credits should be calculated by replacing the number of credits with the number of courses taken.

(Note 2) Evaluations which do not comply to the grading system in the table above will not be included in overall grade calculation.

### 6. Language Proficiency:

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- Those who have completed a bachelor's degree program in Japanese or English as their primary language.
- Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at level N2 or above.
- A qualification in English, equivalent to B2 or higher, in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

### 7. Date of Arrival

Applicants must be able to travel to Japan between April 1 and April 7, 2023. Departure date from the applicant's point of abode should be April 1.

### 8. Visa and status of residence

Applicants must obtain a new "College Student" visa at a Japanese diplomatic mission in their country of citizenship prior to their departure to Japan, and must enter Japan under the newly obtained "College Student" visa status.

### 9. Ineligibility

Those who fall under any of the following categories are not eligible for this program. If false information is discovered after the scholarship is granted, the applicant must decline the scholarship.

- Those who are in active duty military or are civilian employees of the military upon arrival and/or during the scholarship period.
- Those who are unable to travel to Japan within the designated timeframe.
- Those who have received a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship in the past.
- Applicants who have applied for the scholarship in duplicate with other scholarship programs of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program.
- Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other educational institution under the status of residence "College Student" at the time of application.
- Those who apply under the status "expected to graduate" but whose academic qualifications do not meet the standards for graduation, by the designated date.
- Those who have dual citizenship with Japan and another country at the time of application and cannot prove that they have renounced their Japanese citizenship by the date of departure.
- Those who plan to conduct long-term research activities (internship, fieldwork, etc.) abroad, or take a leave of absence from school for long-term travel outside of Japan, from the time of application.

10. Maximum Scholarship Duration:  
2 years

11. Scholarship Amount:  
144,000 yen per month

12. Travel Expenses:  
Only economy class airfare from the international airport nearest the scholarship recipient's place of abode to the international airport in Japan will be provided. All other travel expenses are to be borne by the recipient.

13. Tuition and Fees  
Application fee, admission fee, and tuition will be waived for the scholarship recipient.

14. Selection Procedure:

- (1) Prior to application, the applicant must select a faculty member of the Graduate School of Science and Engineering at Kagoshima University as their academic advisor and obtain their advisor's permission to apply to this program.
- (2) The applicant must download the required documents from the Kagoshima University Graduate School of Science and Engineering website, fill in the required information, and send the complete application package to their faculty advisor by January 4, 2023.
- (3) Selection will be made by the Selection Committee at Kagoshima University Graduate School of Science and Engineering through document review and interviews. Each step of the screening will be evaluated at three grades: A (high), B (middle), and C (low), after which a comprehensive judgment will be made.
- (4) Details of the interview date and time will be announced after all application materials have been processed.
- (5) Successful applicants will be notified via email and must respond providing final

confirmation of their intention to enroll. Applicants who fail to respond by the deadline will be rejected. Applicants whose intention to enroll has been confirmed will be recommended to MEXT for scholarship approval.

#### 15. Application Deadline:

January 4, 2023, by 5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time)

#### 16. Application Documents:

- (1) Application Form for the Special Program for Priority Placement (Form 1)
- (2) Application for Japanese Government Scholarship (Form 2)
- (3) Declaration of Specialization and Research Plan (Form 3)
- (4) Medical Certificate (Form 4) prepared within 6 months of application
- (5) Documents proving the applicant's citizenship status (copy of passport, etc.)
- (6) Transcript of academic records of the last university attended (must be issued directly, by the university)
- (7) Certificate of (expected) graduation OR degree certificate issued from the last university attended
- (8) A letter of recommendation from a person who holds a position of dean or higher at the applicant's home university, addressed to the president of Kagoshima University.
- (9) A letter of recommendation from an academic advisor at the applicant's graduating university, testifying to the applicant's ability.
- (10) Dissertation summary (including graduation thesis)
- (11) A copy of the score of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test taken on or after January 1, 2021.
- (12) A copy of the score of the certification test for a qualification in English, equivalent to B2 or above in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), taken on or after January 1, 2021.
- (13) A written pledge confirming intent to enroll at Kagoshima University, signed by the applicant.

※1) to 3) must be submitted as electronic files by e-mail to the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Student Affairs Section.

※11) to 12) Only applicants who have obtained a score are required to submit this document.

※The application documents must be printed on A4 size paper.

※Application documents that do not contain the required items or that are submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

※Some of the application materials and the information provided in the application materials will be used for the selection process as well as for the recommendation procedure to MEXT.

※Application materials will not be returned.

#### 17. Suspension of scholarship payments:

In the following cases MEXT will suspend the scholarship, and may order partial or full repayment of scholarship funds.

- When false or fraudulent statements are found in the application documents.
- When the scholarship recipient has violated the laws and regulations of Japan and has been sentenced to a term exceeding one year or for imprisonment for life.
- When the scholarship recipient has been expelled or suspended from the

university for disciplinary reasons, or who has been issued with an official disciplinary warning.

- When it has been determined that the scholarship recipient will not be able to complete the course within the standard term of study due to poor academic performance, suspension, or leave of absence from the university.
- When the scholarship recipient has moved to Japan without obtaining a new "College Student" status of residence, or their "College Student" status of residence has been changed to another status of residence.
- When the scholarship recipient accepts any other scholarship (except for those specified as research funds).
- If the scholarship recipient has received other scholarships (other than those specifically designated for research expenses).
- When the scholarship recipient withdraws from the university or transfers to another graduate school.
- When the scholarship recipient's academic performance coefficient at the end of each academic year falls below 2.30 or below the minimum standard set by the University.

#### 18. Program Completion Requirements

The scholarship recipient must complete the Master's program by fulfilling the requirements for completion of the specialization in which they are enrolled, and must take all required courses designated by the Graduate School.

#### 19. Notes

Applicants who meet the requirements must take the General Selection Exam or the Special Selection Exam for International Students for the 2023 academic year for matriculation into the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Science and Engineering at Kagoshima University.

Multiple universities may not recommend the same applicant for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for International Students (University Recommendation) for the 2023 academic year, nor may the applicant receive the same scholarship from both the Japanese Government (MEXT) and the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Applicants can only be recommended for one Japanese Government (MEXT) or Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship at a time, and only from one university at a time. Applicants are asked to respect these rules from the time of application.

Applicants who wish to pursue research in a field that may contribute to the manufacture or development of weapons of mass destruction will not be recommended for the scholarship.

(Appendix)

Countries of eligible citizenship:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central Africa, Chile, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech

Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyz, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Congo, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, USA, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe,