

Special Program for International Postgraduate Students (Doctoral Course)

The Graduate School of Science and Technology

Kumamoto University

**Application Information for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship
for October 2002 Admission**

The Graduate School of Science and Technology offers the Special Program for International Postgraduate Students leading to doctoral degrees in the fields of Industrial Science, System and Information, Environmental Science, and Material and Life Science. The program begins on October 1, 2002. The main language of this program for classes and research instructions is English. Basic Japanese language courses are offered at the International Student Center.

Financial Aid

Monbukagakusho (Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers a scholarship to 3 qualified students for the Special Program for 3 years. The Scholarship covers stipend from October 2002 to September 2005 (¥185,500 per month according to the pervious year), and a round-trip airfare between his/her home country and Japan. Recipients shall be exempted from enrollment fee and tuition.

Qualification

- 1) You must have a non-Japanese nationality from a country with a diplomatic relation with Japan, and reside outside of Japan at the time of application.
- 2) You must be under the age of 35 years old as of April 1, 2002.
- 3) You must hold either a Master's degree from an accredited institution or the equivalent level of education and research experience. If you are a student in a Master's program at the time of application, you must complete the degree by September 2002.
- 4) You must be in a good physical and mental health.
- 5) You must have a good ability of English communication skills.
- 6) You must be able to come to Japan between October 1 to 31, 2002.

Note:

Military personnel and military civilian employees are excluded.

Those who are recipients of fellowships from any other sources are not eligible.

Only one person of a married couple is eligible for the scholarship.

Application Deadline

To apply for admission the following items must be submitted to the office of the Graduate School of Science and Technology via a faculty member of the Graduate School who is your prospective supervisor. The deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting materials is

February 15, 2002.

Required Documents

- 1) Application form (Form A).
- 2) Pledge (Form B).
- 3) Health certificate (Form C).
- 4) Copies of Bachelor's and Master's degrees
- 5) Official English transcripts of academic records from each undergraduate and graduate institution you have attended.
- 6) English summaries of Bachelor's and Master's theses or the equivalents. An interim report is acceptable for the applicants who have not yet graduated at the time of application.
- 7) Official certificate of citizenship.
- 8) A letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the university you attend/attended. The letter should be addressed to the head of the Graduate School and in a sealed envelope.
- 9) If you are an employee, in addition to 8), you must submit a letter from the authority of your institution indicating the agreement of your application.
- 10) Official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) are requested of all applicants whose native language is not English.

Note:

It is recommended that you discuss about a research plan with your prospective supervisor beforehand, as you will have to submit a research plan to Monbukagakusho if you are selected for the scholarship.

All the documents should be typewritten on A4 size paper (21x29.5 cm).

Use the forms provided by the University for the above documents 1) to 3).

Applications with incomplete information or submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

All application materials cannot be returned to the applicants.

Admission

Qualified applicants will be selected by Kumamoto University and nominated to Monbukagakusho. Approval from Monbukagakusho will be announced in early August 2002, and then the University will notify the applicants of the disposition of their applications. For those who did not receive this scholarship and would like to be considered for admission as a private-funded student, other financial support will be available.

Note

1) Payment of the scholarship may be stopped in the following cases.

When there are false statements in your application.

When you fail to follow the pledge to the Minister of Monbukagakusho.

When you are subjected to a disciplinary measure.

When your academic achievement is unsatisfactory.

When you are absent from school for an extended period, or take a leave of absence.

2) It is advised that you become familiar with the Japanese culture, customs, climate, and the University system, before coming to Japan. Japanese language skills for daily life would be advantageous.

Further questions should be sent to:

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