

Application Procedures for Kumamoto University 2009-10 Short-term Exchange Programs

Applicants for 2009-10 exchange programs (except IJEP ones) should submit their application forms with the necessary documents to our International Student Office as follows:

Deadline for Submission of Applications

1. For those starting in October 2009

Deadline: Must be received by **April 15, 2009**

In the case that the application is for a Monbukagakusho scholarship (Japanese Studies Student), it must be received by **February 27, 2009**.

2. For those starting in April 2010

Deadline: Must be received by November 30, 2009

Necessary Documents

1. Short-term exchange programs (undergraduate students)

Please submit items through from the “List of Required Documents.”

*Regarding JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization, Japan) scholarships

• There are some cases in which Kumamoto University will use an internal university selection process to recommend JASSO scholarship recipients from among those who meet the eligibility requirements and who have also been recommended by home institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kumamoto University. In the case that there are multiple candidates for JASSO scholarships from a university, each university should rank their scholarship candidates in order.

• Those who would like to apply for a JASSO scholarship should submit items through from the “List of Required Documents.”. Successful candidates will be notified in May 2009. Recipients will receive a relocation allowance of ¥80,000 (upon arrival only) plus ¥80,000 a month in living expenses.

2. Graduate student short-term exchange programs (except for IJEP ones)

Please submit items through from the “List of Required Documents.”.

3. Monbukagakusho (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) -sponsored scholarship students (undergraduate students)

Government-sponsored foreign exchange students (either Japanese language or Japanese Studies students) through university recommendation

Only one student per university will be allowed to apply. Recipients do not need to pay any tuition fees to the university. In addition, recipients will receive a round-trip economy class air ticket and a monetary stipend each month (2009 = ¥125,000).

For further information, please refer to “Guidelines for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship (Japanese Studies Student) for 2009”.

Please submit items through , , and from the “List of Required Documents.”

There are some types of scholarships available sponsored by Monbukagakusho for those who wish to study abroad in Japan on degree courses. Please refer to the following website for more details:

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html>

Eligibility Requirements

- As a general rule, applicants should be full-time students who are currently enrolled at foreign universities that have an exchange agreement with Kumamoto University. Undergraduate students who would like to apply for a short-term exchange program should in principle be juniors (i.e. 3rd-year students).
- Have no physical or mental disabilities that would have an adverse effect on one's schoolwork

Accommodations

Exchange students will be accommodated at the "International House" (i.e. dormitory for foreign students) during their period of stay. Accommodations for exchange students are in a "shared-house" format with quadruple occupancy, but each unit has four rooms. The kitchen, bathroom, and shower facilities in each unit are shared by all unit occupants.

"Application for applying to rent a room at the International House" (below) should be submitted to Kumamoto University along with other necessary documents.

List of Required Documents

- Application for Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program
- Certificate of Enrollment (issued by home university)
- Academic Record (official home university transcript)
- Letter of recommendation from professors or advisors who are familiar with the applicant's academic work
- Four photographs (40mm × 30mm)
- Application for Certificate of Eligibility
- Application for applying to rent a room at the International House
- Copy of first page of applicant's passport
- Certificate of Citizenship from applicant's home country (copy of verification of nationality obtainable from local government offices)
- Bank statement of applicant and/or parents (needed to verify that the applicant can support him/herself while in Japan)
- Health certificate
- A copy of TOEFL score for non-native English speakers (or Certificate of English Ability equivalent to a TOEFL-PBT score of 520 or more to be issued by the home institution) if applicant would like to apply for the Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program Course 1 (which is conducted in English).

A copy of “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency” or “Score report of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test” for those applicants who have taken a Japanese -Language Proficiency Test.

Application and Guidelines for JASSO Scholarship for 2009 (Attached Form 3-1, 3-2, 3-3)
“Application and Guidelines for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship (Japanese Studies Student) for 2009”

Enclosed

- Forms : , , , , ,and
- Brochure of the “Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program”
- Kumamoto University, an introduction (2008-2009 English version)
- Brochure of “Where We Stand and What We Are Aiming For!”
- Kumamoto University International House Occupant Regulations
- Handbook for International Students

The above applications are downloadable from the following website.

http://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/e/prospective/intro_admission/admission/admission4_1.html

Submit all required forms and documents to:

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