A LOOK AT KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY THROUGH DATA 2026

データで見る熊本大学 2026

熊本大学
Kumamoto University

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1 Vision and Goals

— Vision —

Kumamoto University aims to contribute to the community and global society by cultivating intelligent, moral, and skillful people, while working for the creation, inheritance, and development of knowledge, following the spirit of the Fundamental Law of Education and the School Education Law.

— Goals —

Education

In order to cultivate unique, creative people, the university provides a comprehensive education based on a consistent philosophy followed by all our undergraduate departments and graduate schools.

Our undergraduate departments, with the help of a broad education, inculcate in students the abilities of international communication, adapting to the information age, and thinking and acting independently.

Our graduate schools cultivate highly specialized workers with comprehensive reasoning ability, technical knowledge, and internationally recognized skills, in addition to deep insight into humankind and nature, on the basis of the undergraduate education that our student receive.

As an institution that is open to the public, the university offers a place where people can engage in lifelong learning.

University Emblem

Research

The university strives to protect and develop humankind's cultural heritage, while enhancing its capabilities to function as a center of advanced academic research and proactively promote cutting-edge, creative academic research.

In addition, by making use of its unique features, comprehensively deepening knowledge in the fields of human science, social science, and natural science, as well as promoting interdisciplinary research, Kumamoto University is working to contribute to the harmonious coexistence of humans and the environment, as well as sustainable societal development.

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Communication Mark

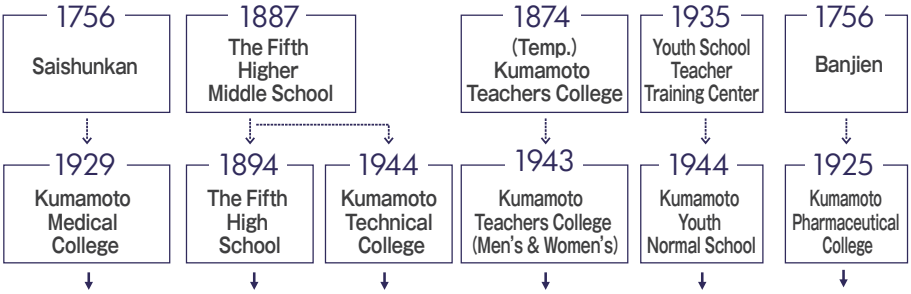
Contributions to local and global communities

As a university located in a regional hub city, the university will strengthen its cooperation with the local community and serve the functions of being a central research facility and cultivating leaders in the local community. By striving to convey our academic culture to the world, the university will contribute to the promotion of local industry and to advancing the provision of information about the culture.

In addition, the university strives to promote international intellectual exchange, educate international students, and train graduate students capable of producing a bilateral international exchange.

2 History and Organization

A long tradition and history of 270 years since Saishunkan was established, and 139 years since The Fifth Higher Middle School was established.



Faculties

Faculty of Letters
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Science
School of Medicine
School of Pharmacy
Faculty of Engineering
School of Informatics
School of Social Innovation

Graduate Schools

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences
Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology
Graduate School of Science and Technology
Faculty of Life Sciences
Graduate School of Medical Sciences
Graduate School of Health Sciences
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Graduate School of Education (Professional Graduate School)

Diploma Course

Diploma Course in Special Needs Education

Special Course

Yogo Teacher Training Special Course

Research Institutes

Institute of Molecular Embryology and Genetics
Institute of Industrial Nanomaterials

Adjunct Facilities and Organizations

Kumamoto University Hospital
Headquaters for Research and Development Strategy
Organization for Globalization
Institute for Education and Student Affairs
Institute of Light Metals
Light Metals Research Hub
Titanium Research Center
Magnesium Research Center
Research and Education Institute for Semiconductors and Informatics
Organization for Kumamoto University Campus Museum
International Research Center for Medical Sciences
Joint Research Center for Human Retrovirus Infection
University Library
Health Care Center
Student Accessibility Support Room
University Archives
Institutional Research Office
Campus Design Office
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office

Inter-Department Institutes for Education and Research

Eisei-Bunko Research Center
Center for Water Cycle, Marine Environment, and Disaster Management
Institute of Resource Development and Analysis
Environmental Safety Center
Research Center for Buried Cultural Properties

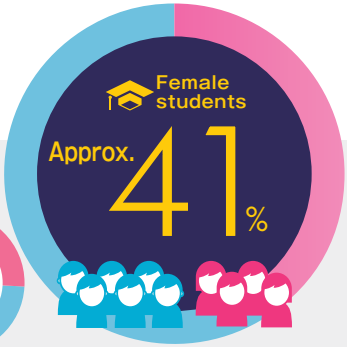
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3 Student Enrollment

11,282 Students, including attaches schools

Male **6,706**

Female **4,576**



Undergraduate Students

	Total	Male	Female	Male %	Female %
Letters	738	228	510	31%	69%
Education	916	354	562	39%	61%
Law	843	396	447	47%	53%
Science	846	628	218	74%	26%
Medicine	1,288	576	712	45%	55%
Pharmacy	508	253	255	50%	50%
Engineering	2,291	1,859	432	81%	19%
School of Informatics	197	139	58	71%	29%
School of Social Innovation	82	25	57	30%	70%
Total	7,709	4,458	3,251	58%	42%

Graduate Students (Master)

	Total	Male	Female	Male %	Female %
Social and Cultural Sciences	165	90	75	55%	45%
Science and Technology	1,142	923	219	81%	19%
Medical Sciences	52	22	30	42%	58%
Health Sciences	45	20	25	44%	56%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	66	39	27	59%	41%
Total	1,470	1,094	376	74%	26%

Graduate Students (Doctor)

	Total	Male	Female	Male %	Female %
Social and Cultural Sciences	59	31	28	53%	47%
Science and Technology	187	142	45	76%	24%
Medical Sciences	379	253	126	67%	33%
Health Sciences	24	7	17	29%	71%
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences)	37	24	13	65%	35%
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Clinical Pharmacy)	26	18	8	69%	31%
Total	712	475	237	67%	33%

Professional Graduate School

	Total	Male	Female	Male %	Female %
Master of Education	66	32	34	48%	52%

Diploma Course and Special Course

Diploma Course in Special Needs Education	9
Yogo Teacher Training Special Course	43
Total	52

Attached Schools

Kindergarten	94	Junior High School	473
Elementary School	647	Special Support School	59
		Total	1,273

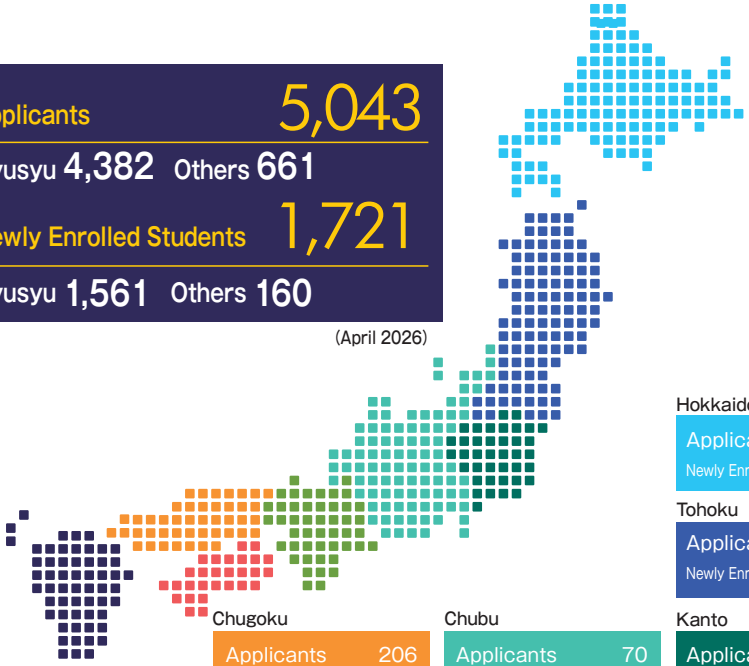
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4 Student Admission・After Graduation

Applicants 5,043
Kyusyu 4,382 Others 661

Newly Enrolled Students 1,721
Kyusyu 1,561 Others 160

(April 2026)



Hokkaido
Applicants 21
Newly Enrolled Students 7

Tohoku
Applicants 10
Newly Enrolled Students 4

Chugoku
Applicants 206
Newly Enrolled Students 60

Chubu
Applicants 70
Newly Enrolled Students 15

Kanto
Applicants 140
Newly Enrolled Students 24

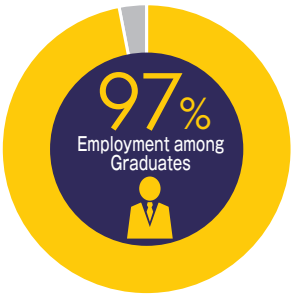
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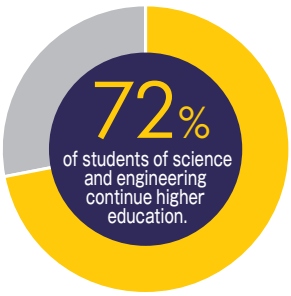
Shikoku
Applicants 65
Newly Enrolled Students 25

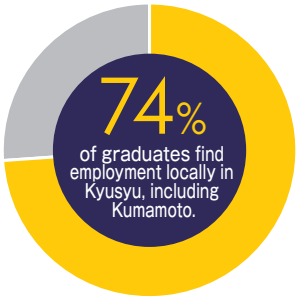
Kinki/Kansai
Applicants 107
Newly Enrolled Students 22

Others
Applicants 42
Newly Enrolled Students 3

Degrees Awarded (AY2025) 2,505
Bachelor: 1,744 Master: 627
Doctor: 102 Master of Education: 32







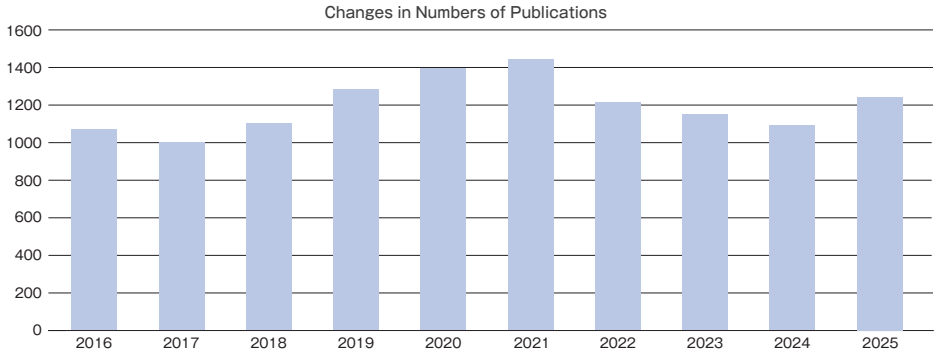
5 Research

Kumamoto University's citation count is 31st in Japan

- Based on the "Essential Science Indicators" database from Clarivate.
- The 10 year citation count is calculated between January 2016 and April 2026.
- This ranking is not only for universities but also includes research institutes, laboratories, and companies.

Japanese institution citation counts (out of 10,428 institutions around the world)

Japan Ranking	World Ranking	Institution	Number of Papers	Cites	Cites/ Paper
1	77	UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO	101,274	2,386,195	23.56
2	164	KYOTO UNIVERSITY	68,823	1,549,360	22.51
3	285	UNIVERSITY OF OSAKA	53,272	1,049,774	19.71
4	302	TOHOKU UNIVERSITY	53,505	1,006,713	18.82
5	379	RIKEN	29,647	826,087	27.86
6	384	NAGOYA UNIVERSITY	41,393	813,775	19.66
7	396	KYUSHU UNIVERSITY	40,119	790,808	19.71
8	407	INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TOKYO	38,883	763,384	19.63
9	431	HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY	39,110	722,753	18.48
10	545	UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA	28,758	588,744	20.47
11	598	NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS SCIENCE	16,827	540,422	32.12
12	610	KEIO UNIVERSITY	25,786	533,826	20.7
13	630	TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	24,084	512,898	21.3
14	683	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (AIST)	23,911	464,558	19.43
15	738	HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY	25,675	431,788	16.82
16	777	KOBE UNIVERSITY	20,467	412,957	20.18
17	785	JAPAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (JST)	12,080	408,096	33.78
18	789	NATIONAL CANCER CENTER - JAPAN	11,377	406,018	35.69
19	859	NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF NATURAL SCIENCES (NINS) - JAPAN	13,906	371,726	26.73
20	964	CHIBA UNIVERSITY	17,775	321,115	18.07
21	1,037	OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY	17,318	293,730	16.96
22	1,111	WASEDA UNIVERSITY	16,558	274,820	16.6
23	1,143	YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY	10,772	265,756	24.67
24	1,167	JUNTENDO UNIVERSITY	12,348	258,231	20.91
25	1,187	TOKYO MEDICAL & DENTAL UNIVERSITY (TMDU)	12,731	254,563	20
26	1,218	OSAKA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	15,281	246,500	16.13
27	1,220	TOKYO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	7,904	246,098	31.14
28	1,266	KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY	13,966	235,452	16.86
29	1,276	NATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF JAPAN (NAOJ)	6,351	233,539	36.77
30	1,283	JAPAN INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH SECURITY (JIHS)	8,454	232,393	27.49
31	1,330	KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY	12,294	224,675	18.28
32	1,389	NIIGATA UNIVERSITY	10,704	212,051	19.81
33	1,412	SHINSHU UNIVERSITY	11,126	207,949	18.69
34	1,495	KINDAI UNIVERSITY (KINKI UNIVERSITY)	7,303	191,587	26.23
35	1,529	NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY	11,841	187,038	15.8



- Based on "InCites Benchmarking" database by Clarivate.
- The analysis target is publications (Articles, Review) from 2016 to 2025.

5 Research

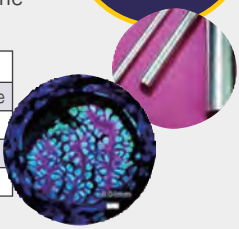
Kumamoto University sets two support stages, "Globally-advanced," "Excellent" and "Challenging" research projects, to encourage and support according to each stage from project starting to world best research.

Globally-Advanced Research Σ Project

Four Groups, which have been selected for the Global COE program in the past, have established a world-class education and research core, and have developed human resources leading the world. They represent Kumamoto University as the world's highest-level advanced and leading research groups.

Group
International research enhancement project for Stem cell Biology and Developmental Medicine
Global collaboration platform on advanced research and capacity-building in human virology
Project for Establishing an Advanced Research Center on Two-Dimensional Nanomaterials
The project of integrating research and education for advanced light metals

4 groups



Kumamoto University Challenging Research Project ~WAKABA Research Project~

Bold research projects with the potential for revolutionizing established concepts and changing the direction of academia fall within the framework of Kumamoto University Challenging Research Projects. These programs aim to revitalize research that may represent the future of Kumamoto University and are funded for one year.

4 projects

※Number of Awards in FY2025

Fusion Oriented REsearch for disruptive Science and Technology (FOREST)

The FOREST Program, administered by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), offers grants to early-career researchers who obtained their doctorate within the past 15 years. This program provides long-term support (7 years in principle, up to 10 years) for unrestricted,challenging, and diverse fusion-oriented research that could generate breakthrough innovations,with a maximum research budget of 50 million yen. In fiscal year 2025, 2,217 applications were received, and 257 research projects were selected for funding.

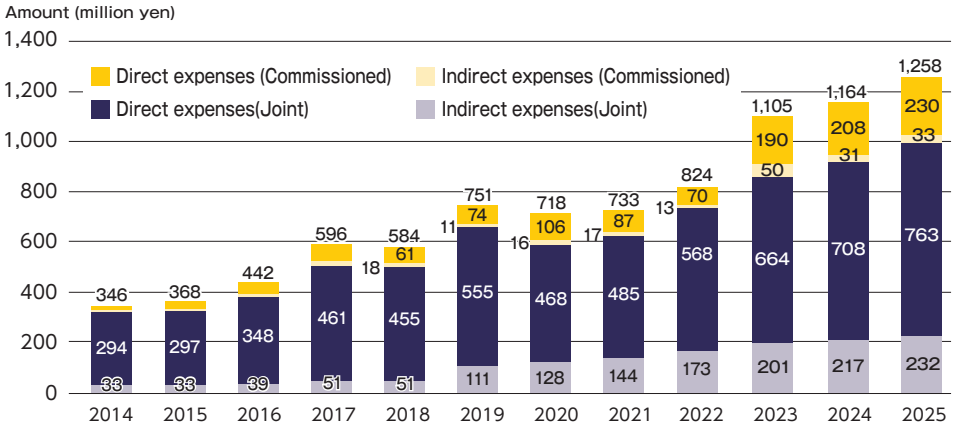
FY2025
4 Projects Adopted
15th Nationwide

Based on data published by JST(Japan Science and Technology Agency)

6 Industry-Academia Collaboration

Amount of private funding obtained through joint research and commissioned research with companies

The target set in the "Future Investment Strategy 2018" by the Japanese government—to triple the investment amount from companies to universities by FY2025 compared to FY2014—was achieved for three consecutive years.



7 Global Engagement

■International exchange agreements

Kumamoto University aims to develop into an “East Asia-Plus”* hub for education and research, serving as a core institution in addressing challenges ranging from the regional to the global level under the slogan “Global & Regional”. We have signed international exchange agreements with 254 institutions in 51 countries/regions around the world (as of May 2026).

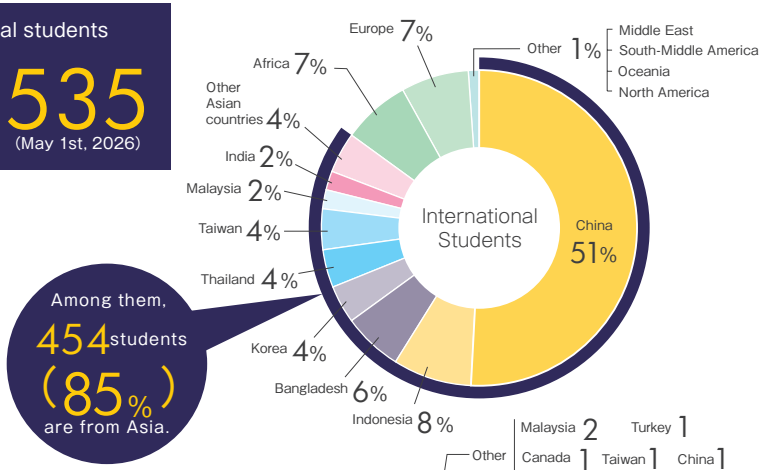
*East Asia-Plus : East Asia, Southeast Asia, India, etc.

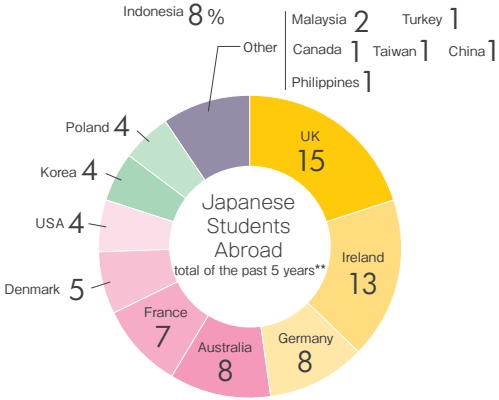
■International students and Japanese students studying abroad

International students

535

(May 1st, 2026)





**only students dispatched to partner universities from more than 3 months to less than 1 year.

■Researchers and scholars exchanges

In AY2025, 538 researchers were sent abroad and 473 foreign researchers visited to Kumamoto University.

7 Global Engagement

8 overseas offices **7** countries / regions

Overseas offices are established aiming to service as a base of research and educational exchange, to promote joint researches with foreign researchers and to disseminate information on Japan and Kumamoto University.

Kumamoto University Liaison Office at KAIST <Korea>
Kumamoto University Liaison Office at ITS <Indonesia>
Kumamoto University Sudan Office <Sudan>
Kumamoto University Liaison Office at STUST <Taiwan>
Kumamoto University Liaison Office in Tanzania<Tanzania>
Six National Universities Network (SUN) Changchun Joint Office <China>
Six National Universities Network (SUN) ASEAN Platform of SixERS <Thailand>
Six National Universities Network (SUN) Surabaya Office of SixERS<Indonesia>

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〈Korea〉



Kumamoto University Liaison Office at ITS
<Indonesia>



Kumamoto University Liaison Office at STUST
〈Taiwan〉



Kumamoto University Liaison Office in Tanzania
〈Tanzania〉



7 Global Engagement

KU GLOBALIZATION STRATEGY

Kumamoto University (KU), selected for the "Top Global University Project" in 2014, advanced its vision of cultivating global leaders until 2023. Building on these achievements, KU launched the "KU Globalization Strategy" to guide the next decade, focusing on six elements—Network, Human, Education, Research, System, and Environment. This strategy aims to enhance international education, research, and collaboration, positioning KU as a world-class hub and promoting university-wide reform. As part of this strategy, KU launched the "Global & Regional" initiative in AY2025 to expand opportunities for students to engage in global and cross-cultural learning. Through these university-wide initiatives, KU aims to further advance its globalization and enhance its international presence.

English Skills
Percentage of students meeting KU's English proficiency benchmark **8.6%** (AY2025)

Global Experience
Percentage of Japanese students with overseas experience **6.9%** (AY2025)

Advanced Global Education
Number of international double-degree programs **30** (AY2025)



A scene from the Multidisciplinary Studies



A scene from the Kumamoto-Mansfield Lecture Series

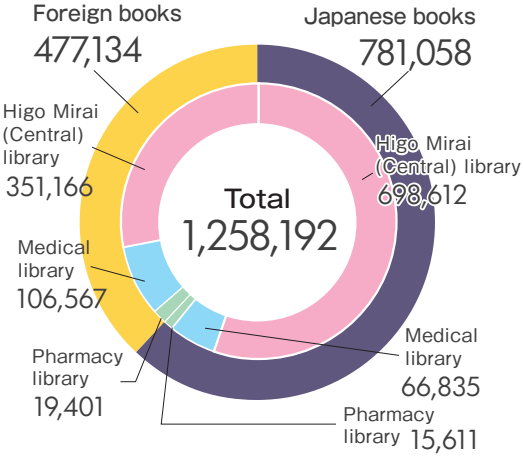
8 University Library

More than **1,250,000** books

More than **34,000** titles of electronic journals



The University Library is composed of Higo Mirai(Central) Library, the Medical Library and the Pharmacy Library.
Approximately 320,000 visitors borrow 45,000 books in a year.
(April 2025 to March 2026)



9 University Hospital

clinical departments	33
Number of beds	845
Number of staff members	2,326

(June 1st, 2026)



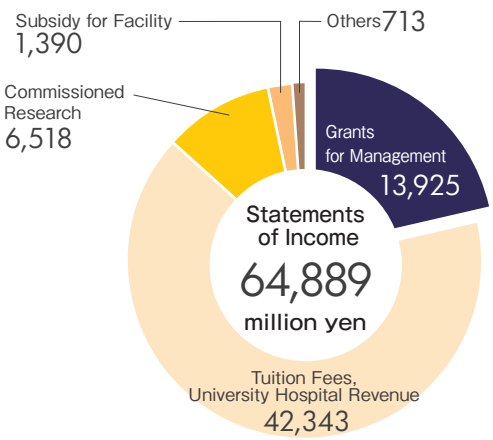
Number of patients

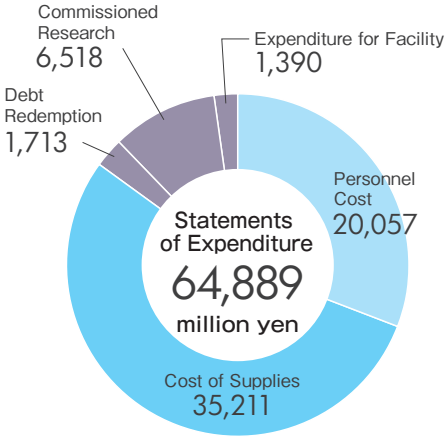
Cumulative total number of outpatients	352,248
Average number of outpatients	1,455.57 per day
Cumulative total number of inpatients	265,807
Average number of inpatients	728.24 per day

(April 2025 to March 2026)

10 Budget Breakdown

Budget for FY2026: 64.8 billion yen





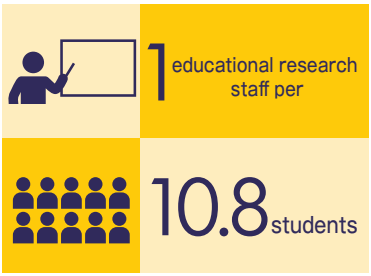
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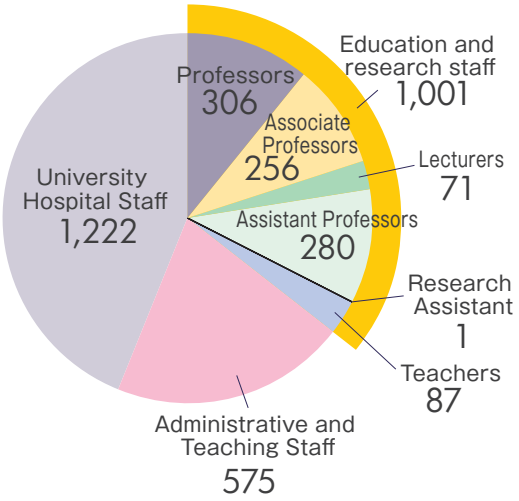
Number of University Personnel

2,798

Including **1,001** education and research staff

(May 1st, 2026)





*Including parental leave etc.
*Except for the fixed-term employment staff

12 University Campuses

Kumamoto University has three campuses.The total area is approx 680,000 square meters.
The main building of the former Fifth High School, now the Memorial Museum, is the symbol of Kumamoto University. The building has been designated as an Important Cultural Property.



①The Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School*



②The Chemical Laboratory of the Fifth High School*



③The Front Gate*

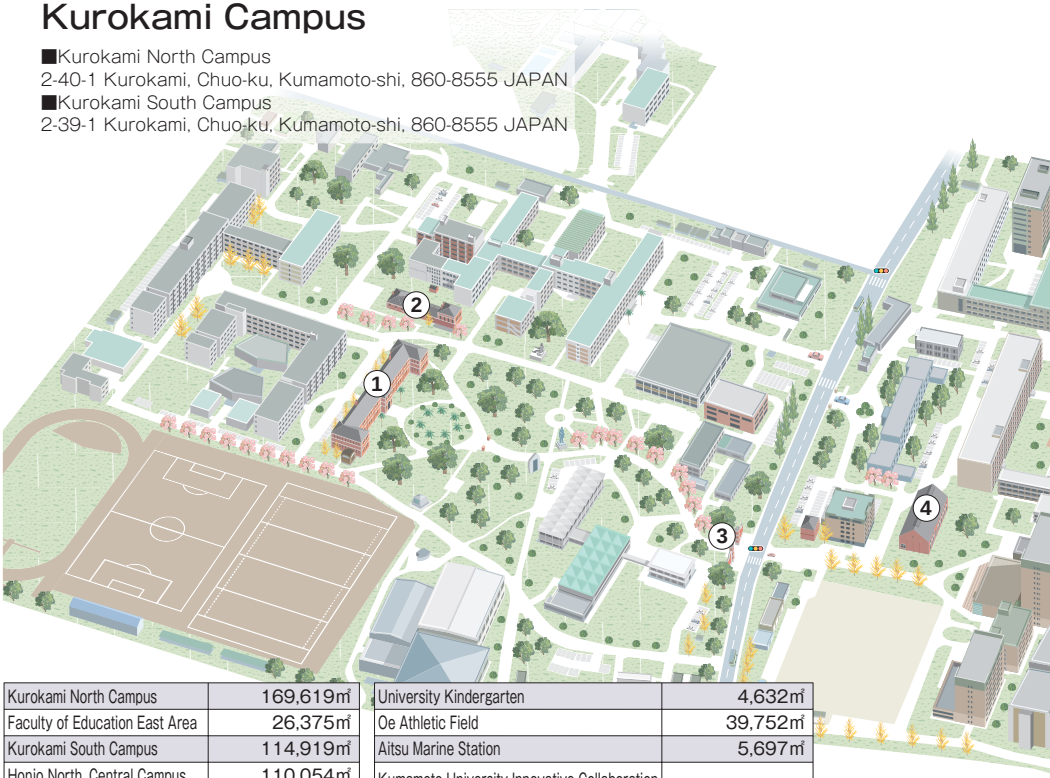


④Museum of the Engineering Faculty*

*National Important Cultural Property

Kurokami Campus

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■Kurokami South Campus
2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, 860-8555 JAPAN



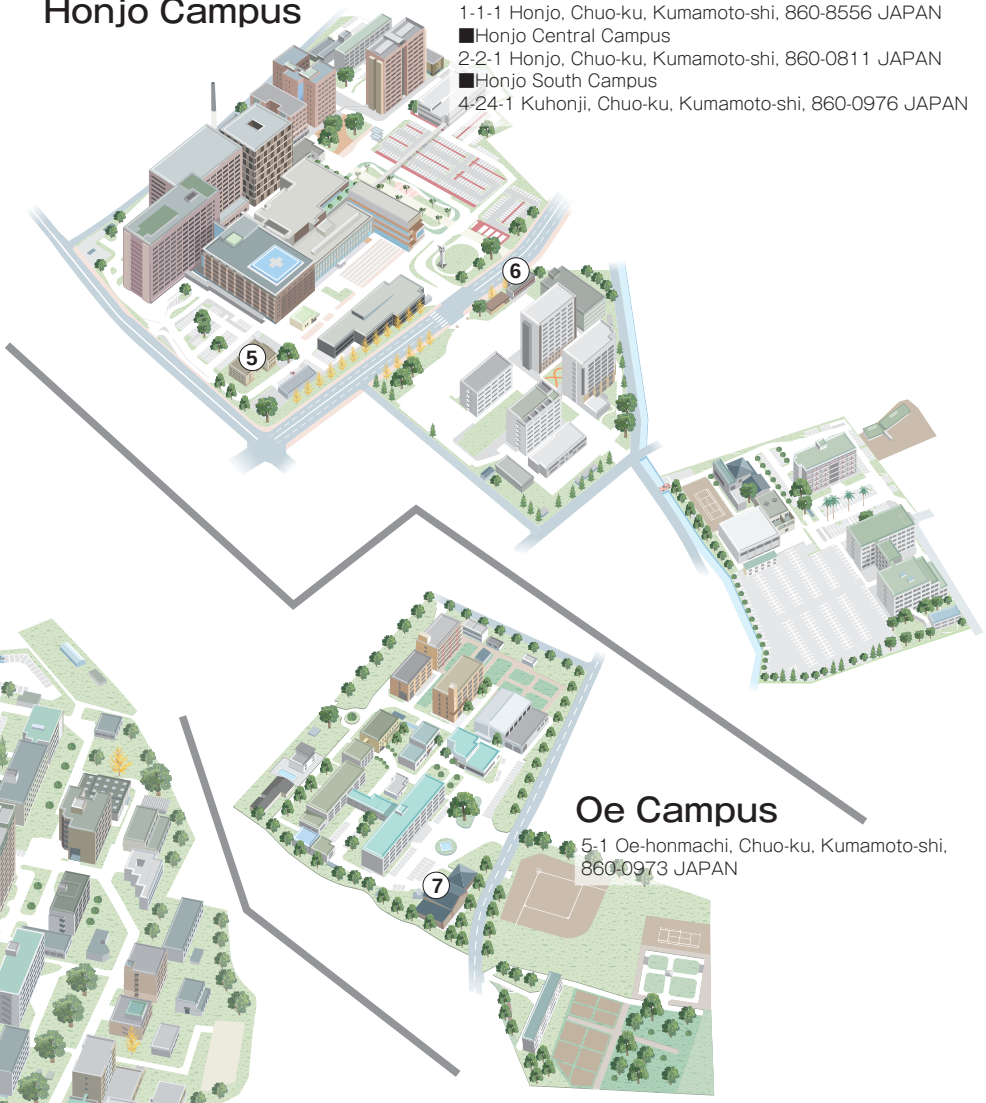
Kurokami North Campus	169,619㎡
Faculty of Education East Area	26,375㎡
Kurokami South Campus	114,919㎡
Honjo North, Central Campus	110,054㎡
Honjo South Campus	25,761㎡
Oe Campus	53,352㎡
Kyomachi area	51,547㎡

University Kindergarten	4,632㎡
Oe Athletic Field	39,752㎡
Aitsu Marine Station	5,697㎡
Kumamoto University Innovative Collaboration Organization (regional joint laboratory)	19,945㎡
Other	58,004㎡
Total	679,657㎡

(As of May 2026)

Honjo Campus

■Honjo North Campus
1-1-1 Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, 860-8556 JAPAN
■Honjo Central Campus
2-2-1 Honjo, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, 860-0811 JAPAN
■Honjo South Campus
4-24-1 Kuhonji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, 860-0976 JAPAN



Oe Campus

5-1 Oe-honmachi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi,
860-0973 JAPAN



⑤Yamasaki Memorial Hall
(Registered Tangible Cultural Property)



⑥Higo Iku Museum
(Higo Iku Monument Hall)



⑦The Kumayaku Museum
(Kumayaku Alumni Hall)



Kumamoto Castle



Suizenji Park



Winter in Aso



Dolphins at Amakusa



Manda Coal Mine
(UNESCO World Heritage)

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