



熊本大学
Kumamoto University

A LOOK AT KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY THROUGH DATA 2025

データで見る熊本大学 2025

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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.

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.

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.



University Emblem

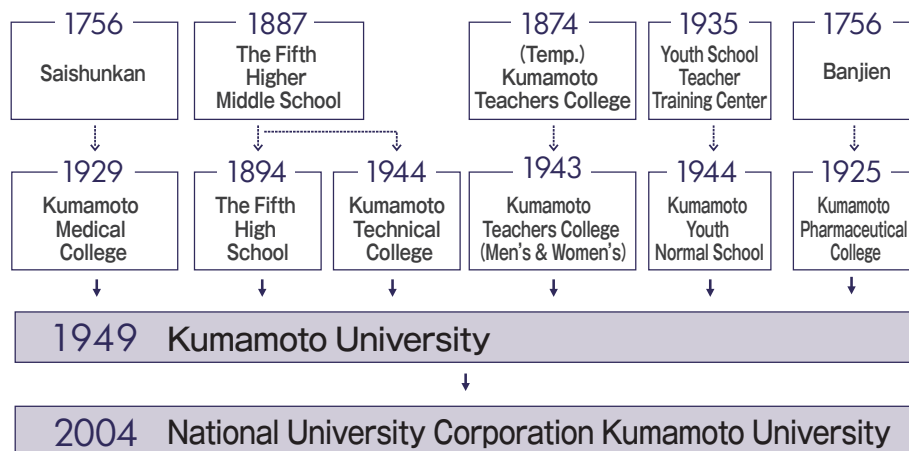


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Communication Mark

2 History and Organization

A long tradition and history of **269** years since Saishunkan was established,
and **138** years since The Fifth Higher Middle School was established.



Faculties	Adjunct Facilities and Organizations
Faculty of Letters Faculty of Education Faculty of Law Faculty of Science School of Medicine School of Pharmacy Faculty of Engineering School of Informatics	Kumamoto University Hospital Headquarters for Research and Development Strategy Organization for Globalization Headquarters for Admissions and Education Institute of Light Metals 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
Graduate Schools	Inter-Department Institutes for Education and Research
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)	Eisei-Bunko Research Center Center for Water Cycle, Marine Environment, and Disaster Management Magnesium Research Center Institute of Resource Development and Analysis Environmental Safety Center Research Center for Buried Cultural Properties
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	

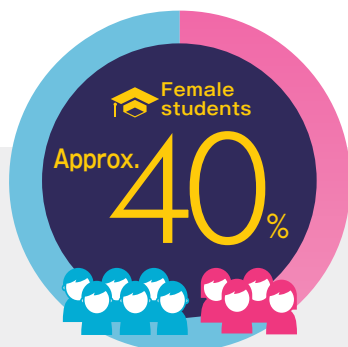
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3 Student Enrollment

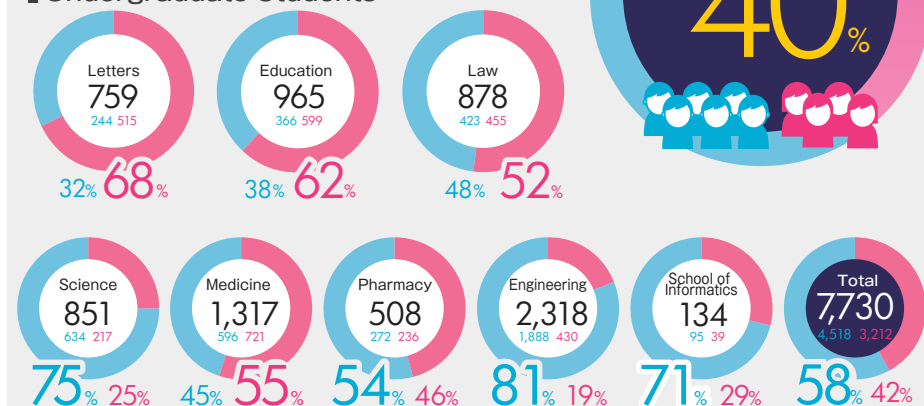
11,248

Students, including attaches schools

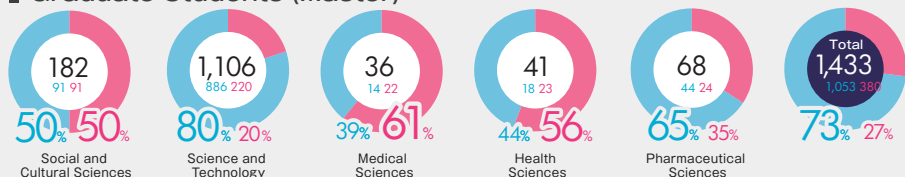
Male 6,735 Female 4,513



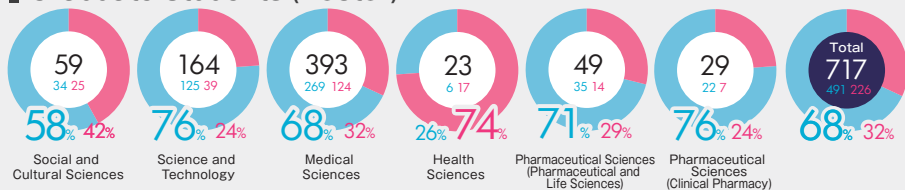
Undergraduate Students



Graduate Students (Master)

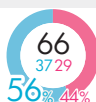


Graduate Students (Doctor)



Professional Graduate School

Master of Education



Diploma Course and Special Course

Diploma Course in Special Needs Education 7
Yogo Teacher Training Special Course 40
Total 47

Attached Schools

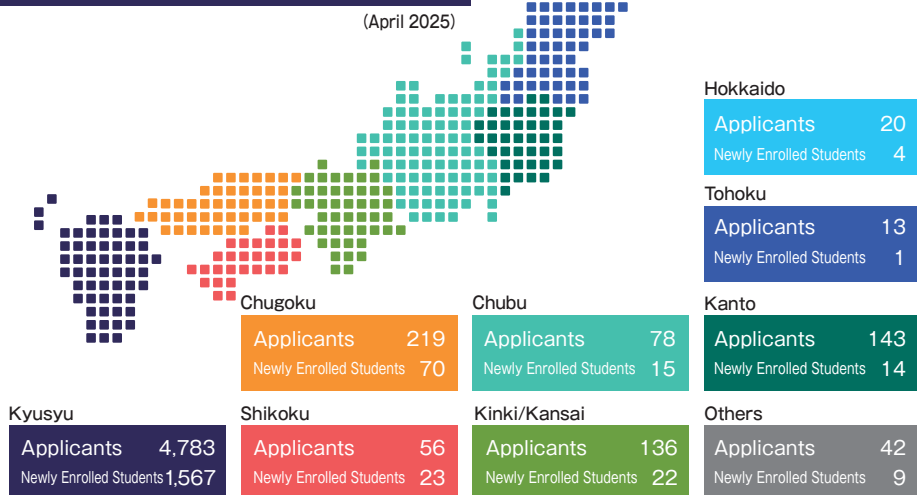
Kindergarten 82 Junior High School 468
Elementary School 646 Special Support School 59
Total 1,255

(May 1st, 2025)

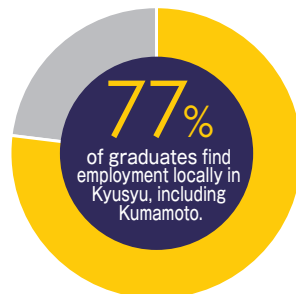
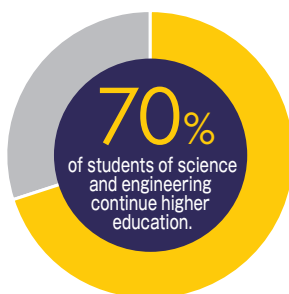
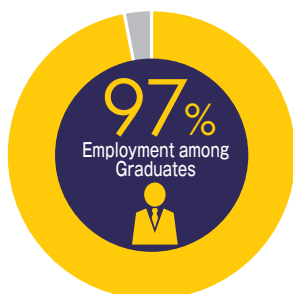
4 Student Admission・After Graduation

Applicants	5,490
Kyusyu	4,783
Others	707
Newly Enrolled Students	1,725
Kyusyu	1,567
Others	158

(April 2025)



	Degrees Awarded (AY2024)	2,401	Bachelor: 1,693	Master: 563
			Doctor: 122	Master of Education: 23



5 Research

Kumamoto University's citation count is **31st** in Japan

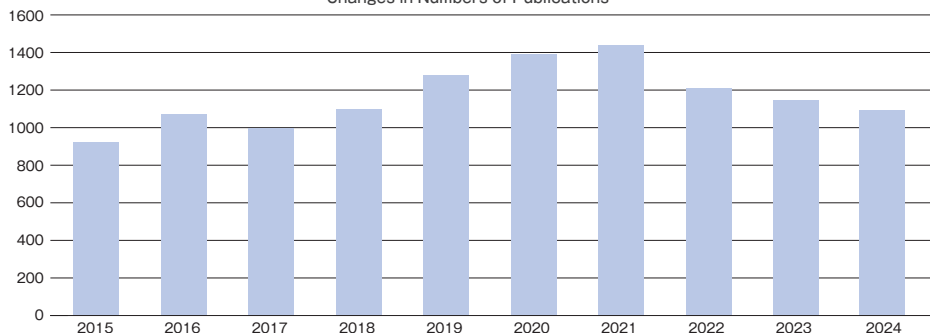


- Based on the "Essential Science Indicators" database from Clarivate.
- The 10 year citation count is calculated between January 2015 and April 2025.
- This ranking is not only for universities but also includes research institutes, laboratories, and companies.

Japanese institution citation counts (out of 9,845 institutions around the world)

Japan Ranking	World Ranking	Institution	Number of Papers	Cites	Cites/Paper	Japan Ranking	World Ranking	Institution	Number of Papers	Cites	Cites/Paper
1	75	UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO	98,658	2,225,924	22.56						
2	154	KYOTO UNIVERSITY	67,721	1,480,655	21.86	19	855	NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF NATURAL SCIENCES (NINS) - JAPAN	13,555	336,308	24.81
3	286	THE UNIVERSITY OF OSAKA	52,632	975,581	18.54	20	953	CHIBA UNIVERSITY	17,317	295,495	17.06
4	301	TOHOKU UNIVERSITY	51,915	934,037	17.99	21	990	OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY	16,898	281,938	16.68
5	359	RIKEN	29,442	804,936	27.34	22	1,077	WASEDA UNIVERSITY	16,011	255,448	15.95
6	377	NAGOYA UNIVERSITY	40,496	758,017	18.72	23	1,108	TOKYO MEDICAL & DENTAL UNIVERSITY (TMDU)	13,503	246,994	18.29
7	385	KYUSHU UNIVERSITY	39,478	741,054	18.77	24	1,170	YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY	10,356	231,460	22.35
8	387	INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TOKYO	39,886	735,334	18.44	25	1,171	OSAKA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	15,373	231,010	15.03
9	435	HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY	38,358	665,411	17.35	26	1,242	KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY	13,455	217,242	16.15
10	551	UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA	27,899	533,954	19.14	27	1,245	JAPAN INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH SECURITY (JIHS)	8,422	216,775	25.74
11	576	NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS SCIENCE	16,576	512,970	30.95	28	1,271	SHINSHU UNIVERSITY	10,904	211,367	19.38
12	590	TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	26,049	495,331	19.02	29	1,282	JUNTEUDO UNIVERSITY	11,483	209,274	18.22
13	626	JAPAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (JST)	14,360	474,695	33.06	30	1,288	NIIGATA UNIVERSITY	11,724	208,937	17.82
14	627	KEIO UNIVERSITY	24,834	471,771	19	31	1,301	KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY	11,940	207,046	17.34
15	647	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (AIST)	23,993	453,058	18.88	32	1,316	TOKYO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	7,683	204,810	26.66
16	760	HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY	24,466	386,498	15.8	33	1,345	NATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF JAPAN (NAOJ)	5,988	198,682	33.18
17	779	KOBE UNIVERSITY	19,942	375,843	18.85	34	1,474	KINDAI UNIVERSITY (KINKI UNIVERSITY)	7,336	176,941	24.12
18	796	NATIONAL CANCER CENTER - JAPAN	10,749	367,839	34.22	35	1,495	NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY	11,401	172,782	15.15

Changes in Numbers of Publications



- Based on "InCites Benchmarking" database by Clarivate.
- The analysis target is publications (Articles, Review) from 2015 to 2024.

5 Research

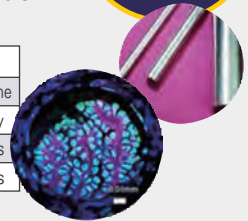
Kumamoto University sets three support stages, "Globally-advanced," "Excellent" and "Challenging" research projects, to encourage and support according to each stage from project starting to world best research.

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 develop 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

Cross Frontier Research Project

This grant supports basic research of interdisciplinary teams that are expected to revolutionize and change the direction of existing academic fields. The aim of the project is to support the creation of research areas that will improve the academic standing of the university as a whole and foster our young researchers.

7
projects

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 2024, 2,262 applications were received, and 246 research projects were selected for funding.

FY2024
6 Projects
Adopted
9th
Nationwide

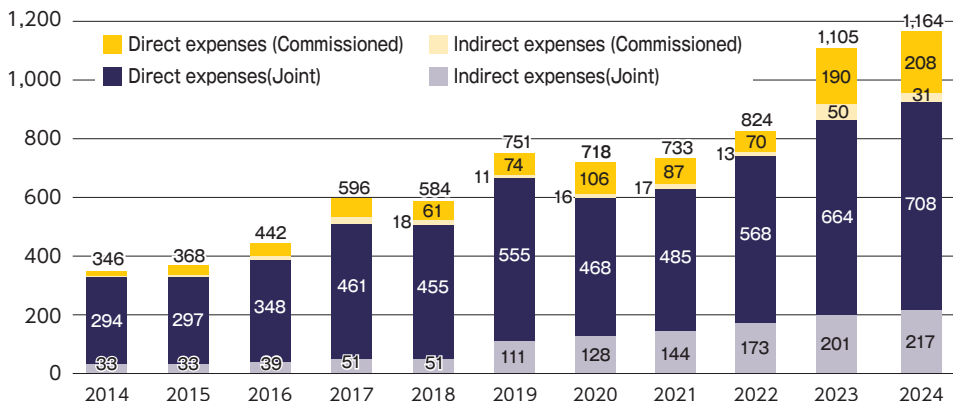
Based on data published by JST (Japan Science and Technology Agency)

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 two consecutive years.

Amount (million yen)



7 Local Cooperation

Volunteer activities

We volunteer in areas affected by the Kumamoto earthquake and heavy rain disasters, revitalize the region, and support children.

Student Volunteer in AY2022

146



Volunteer Activities in Kikuchi City



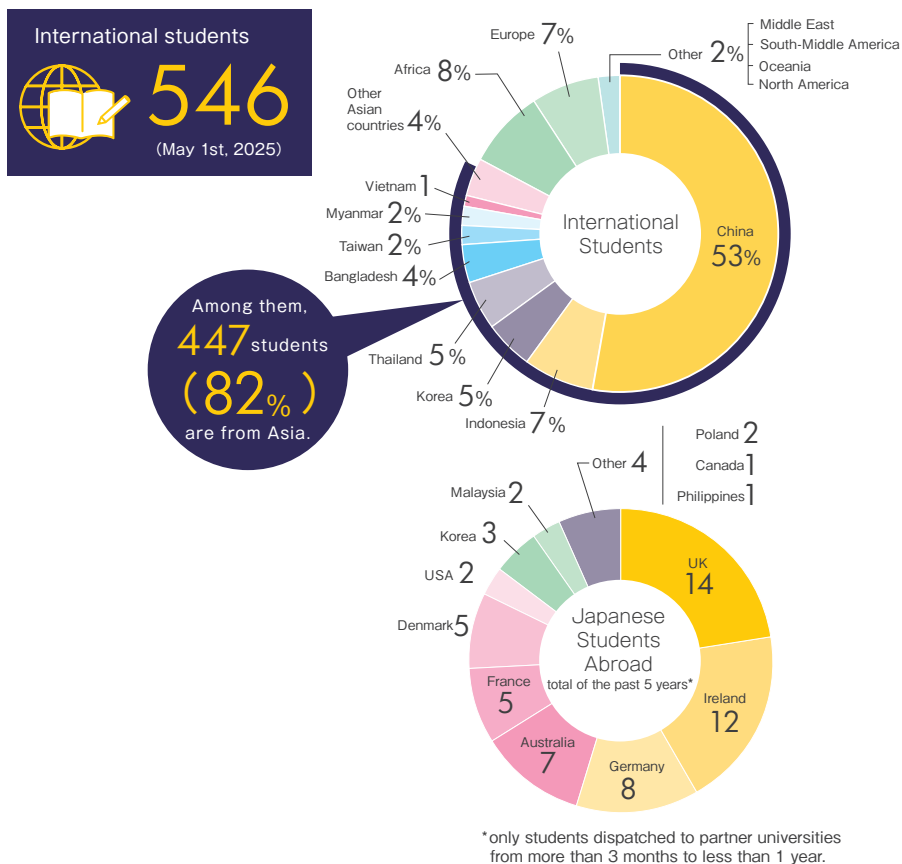
Mask-making volunteers

8 Global Engagement

International exchange agreements

As a university leading the globalization of the region, Kumamoto University positively promotes exchanges with the top universities in Asia, the United States and Europe under the slogan "A Leading University Cultivating Global Leaders from Kumamoto". We have signed international exchange agreements with 263 institutions in 53 countries/regions around the world (as of May 2025).

International students and Japanese students studying abroad



Researchers and scholars exchanges

In AY2024, 613 researchers were sent abroad and 403 foreign researchers visited to Kumamoto University.

8 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>

Kumamoto University Liaison Office at KAIST
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Kumamoto University Liaison Office at ITS
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Kumamoto University Liaison Office at STUST
<Taiwan>



Kumamoto University Liaison Office in Tanzania
<Tanzania>



8 Global Engagement

KU GLOBALIZATION STRATEGY

Kumamoto University (KU), chosen 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, fostering 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.

Select Achievement

Number of KU Global Youth
Campus Program participants

551 (AY2024)

(The KU Global Youth Campus Program aims to develop and provide a global education environment through a variety of learning experiences and events for young people who are preparing for higher education.)

Number of international
double-degree programs

30 (AY2024)



9 University Library

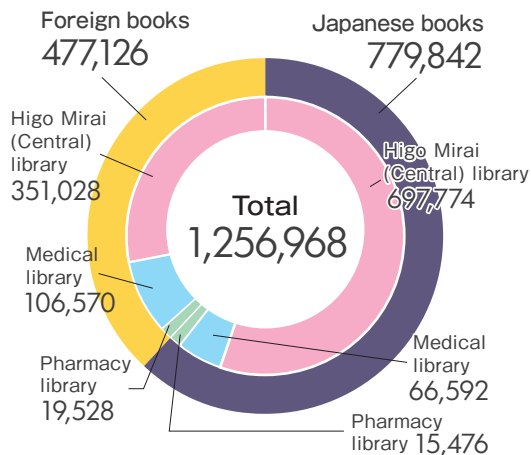
More than
 **1,250,000** books

More than
 **29,000** titles of electronic journals



The University Library is composed of Higo Mirai(Central) Library, the Medical Library and the Pharmacy Library. Approximately 310,000 visitors borrow 49,000 books in a year.

(April 2024 to March 2025)



10 University Hospital



clinical departments

33



Number of beds

845



Number of staff members

2,269

(June 1st, 2025)



Number of patients



Cumulative total number of outpatients

383,122

Average number of outpatients

1,576.6 per day



Cumulative total number of inpatients

239,248

Average number of inpatients

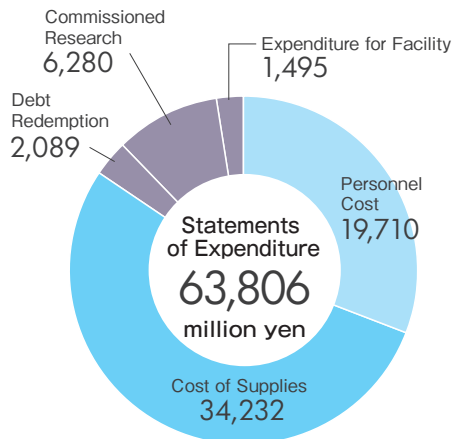
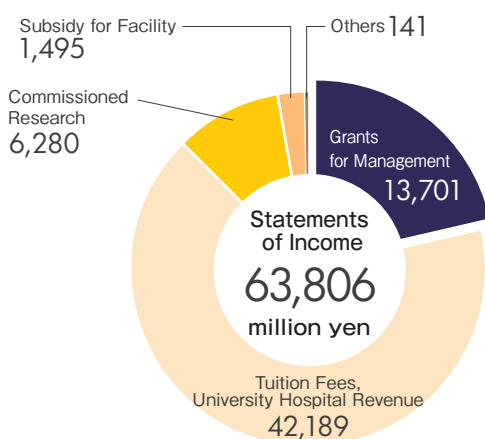
655.5 per day

(April 2024 to March 2025)

11 Budget Breakdown



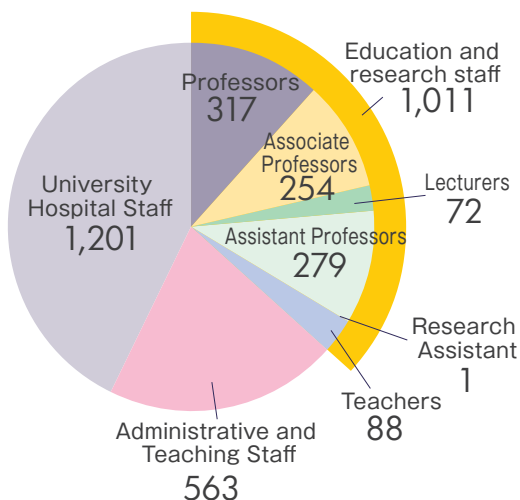
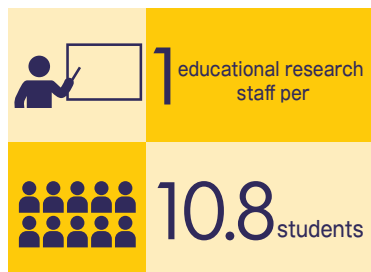
Budget for FY2025: **63.8 billion yen**



12 University Personnel



(May 1st, 2025)



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

13 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

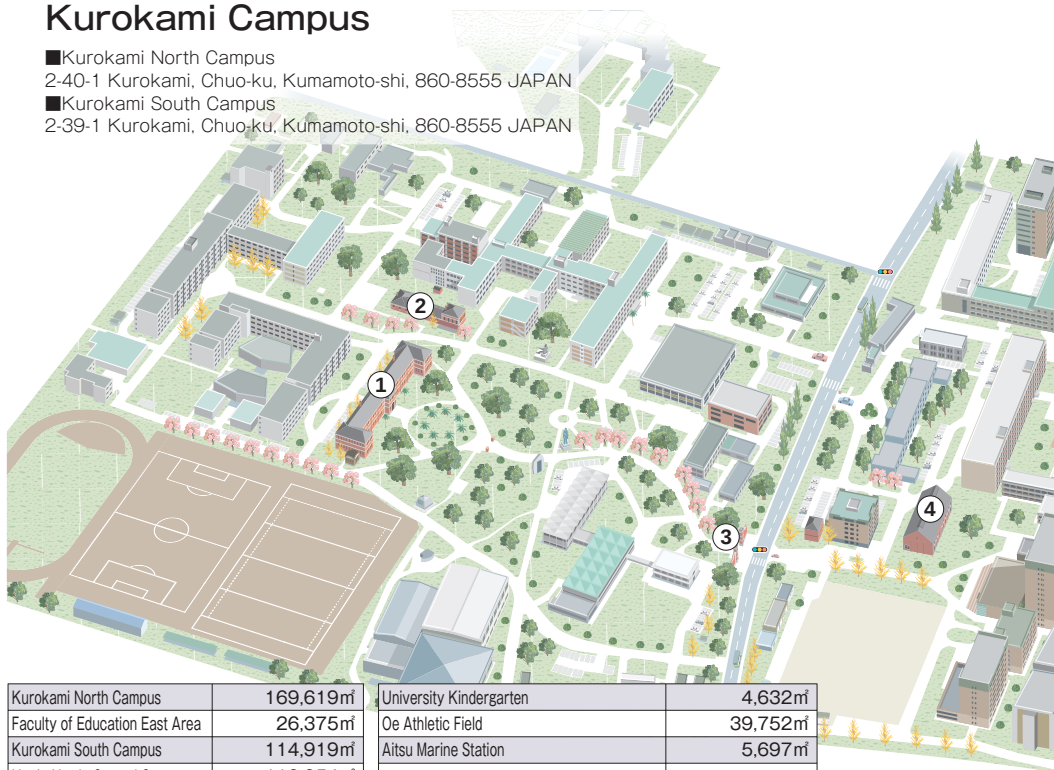
Kurokami Campus

■Kurokami North Campus

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■Kurokami South Campus

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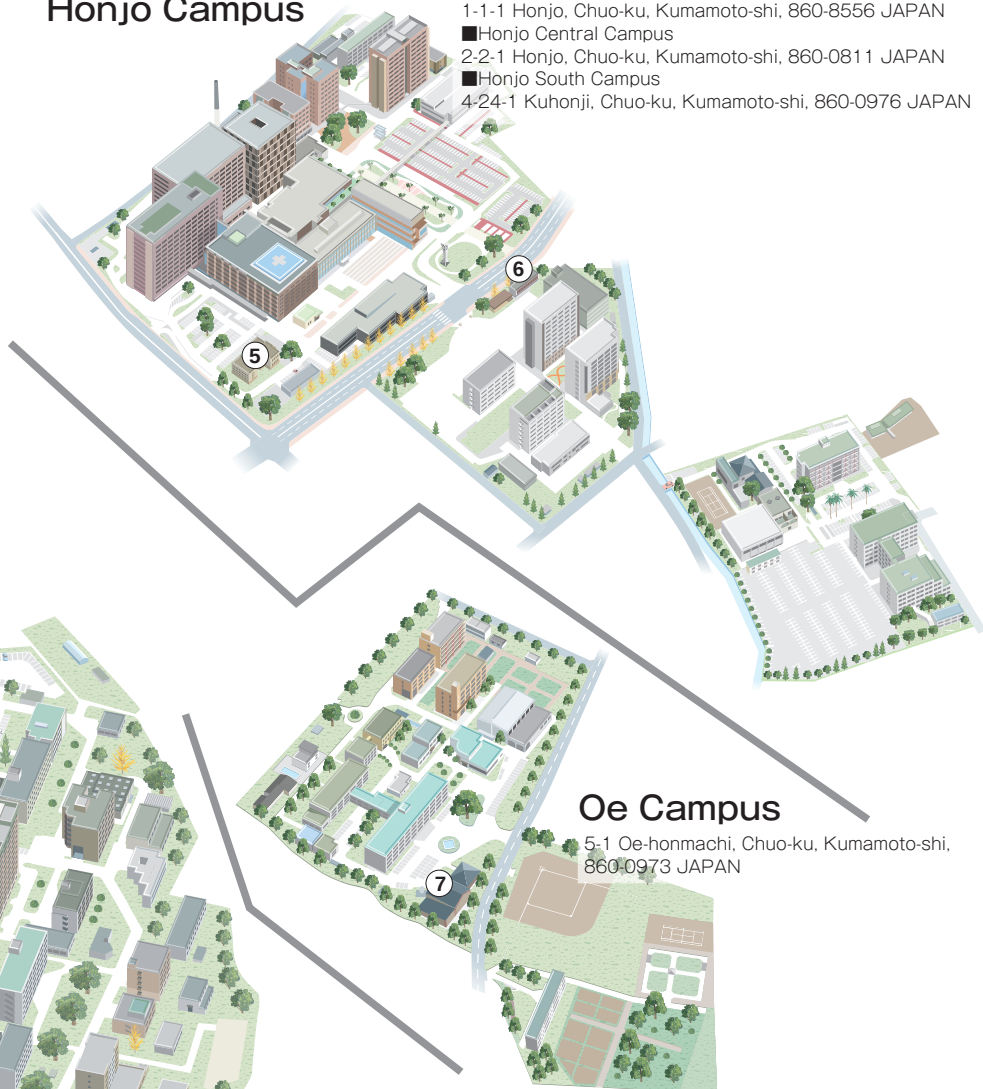


Kurokami North Campus	169,619㎡	University Kindergarten	4,632㎡
Faculty of Education East Area	26,375㎡	Oe Athletic Field	39,752㎡
Kurokami South Campus	114,919㎡	Aitsu Marine Station	5,697㎡
Honjo North, Central Campus	110,054㎡	Kumamoto University Innovative Collaboration Organization (regional joint laboratory)	19,945㎡
Honjo South Campus	25,761㎡	Other	58,004㎡
Oe Campus	53,352㎡		
Kyomachi area	51,547㎡		
		Total	679,657㎡

(As of May 2025)

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



⑤ Yamasaki Memorial Hall
(Registered Tangible Cultural Property)



⑥ Higo Iku Museum
(Higo Iku Monument Hall)



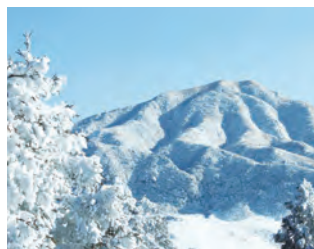
⑦ The Kumayaku Museum
(Kumayaku Alumni Hall)



Kumamoto Castle



Suizenji Park



Winter in Aso



Dolphins at Amakusa



Manda Coal Mine
(UNESCO World Heritage)

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