Announcement of GSST Financial Support for Overseas Activities in 2026
Support for travel expenses for international conference and internship
Third-round application

To promote international experiences of the GSST students, GSST offers financial support for overseas academic activities including presentation at an international conference and overseas internship as follows.

1. Eligibility

Master's and Doctoral students of GSST

2. Overseas activities

Financial support will be provided for;

(1) Presentation at an international conference

-Applicants should be a presenter at an international conference held overseas.

(2) Overseas internship

-Applicants should conduct overseas internship for more than 10 days.

3. Amount of financial support

(1) Presentation at an international conference

・ Travel expense (fixed amount as shown in the table below)

・ Accommodation expense (¥5,000- ¥8,000 per night as shown in the table below)

*For overnight flights, accommodation expense will not be paid.

*The maximum support is ¥200,000. The amount of support may be subject to change.

*Conference registration fees are not supported.

(2) Overseas internship

Travel expense (fixed amount as shown in the table below) and accommodation expense (¥3,000 per night) will be paid. For overnight flights, accommodation expense will not be paid.

*The maximum support is ¥400,000.

*The amount of support may be subject to change.

Travel expense

Region/Country		Amount
East Asia	Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao	¥40,000
	China, Mongolia	¥60,000
Southeast Asia		¥70,000
South Asia		¥90,000
Middle East		¥100,000
Africa		¥110,000
Oceania		¥110,000
North America		¥150,000
Central America, Caribbean		¥150,000
South America		¥170,000
Europe		¥130,000

Accommodation expense

Region/Country	Amount/night
Paris, London, New York, Washington DC, etc.	¥8,000
North America, Europe, Parts of the Middle East	¥7,000
Seoul, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Oceania, etc.	¥6,000
China, Taiwan, Central and South America, Africa, etc.	¥5,000

4. Required documents for application

(1) Presentation at an international conference

① Financial Support Application Form: International Conference
(Prescribed form 1)
② Application summary (Prescribed form)
③ Copy of website or official announcement of the conference with conference name, date and venue
④ Copy of TOEFL (TOEFL-ITP is not acceptable), TOEIC (TOEIC L&R IP is not acceptable) or IELTS score
Note: Scores obtained before April 2024 are not valid.
Native English speakers are exempted.
Scores should be entered to ASO system.

(2) Overseas Internship

Financial Support Application Form: Overseas Internship
(Prescribed form 2 / Fill out in English)
Application summary (Prescribed form)

Copy of a letter of acceptance from a host institution or a host advisor
Copy of TOEFL (ITP is not acceptable), TOEIC L&R (IP is not acceptable) or IELTS score
Note: Scores obtained before April 2024 are not valid.
Native English speakers are exempted.
Scores should be entered to ASO system.

5. Minimum Requirement for English Language Proficiency

TOEIC: 550, TOEFL-iBT: 61, IELTS: 5.0

Note: Scores obtained before April 2024 are not valid.

6. Application deadline

November 30, 2026, 5 pm

***** Period for conducting proposed activities: April 1,2026- March 31, 2027

7. Submission of application

Submit required documents after obtaining your supervisor's consent.

Submit to Moodle below

md.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/course/section.php?id=1036333

8. Restriction for applications

You are not eligible for the support;

-if you receive financial support for travel/accommodation expenses from another source for the same activity.

-if you conduct internship in your home country.

9. Selection procedure

<General>

- The committee will select successful applicants by reviewing submitted documents.
- Applicants with higher English scores will be prioritized.
- Applicants who have not been awarded with any financial support from GSST will be prioritized.
- Academic records may be considered when necessary.
- If a Master's course student received a financial support for one of the activities: international conference and overseas internship, he/she cannot apply for a support for the same activity while he/she is in the Master's course. The same applies to students in Doctoral course.

<International conference>

- Applicants who plan to give an oral presentation will be prioritized.

<Overseas internship>

- Applicants may be interviewed as needed.
- Students who are in Aim-High program, or enrolled in the regular Japanese program with registration in IJEP will be prioritized.

10. Notification of selection results

Results of selection will be informed to the applicants and their supervisor by the end of December.

11. Required documents and procedure before conference/overseas internship (if you are selected)

Submit following documents to Academic Affairs Section before you leave Japan.

*Submission details and forms will be announced to the recipients later.

(1) Presentation at an international conference

・Itinerary
・Bank account information and Profile Registration Form
・A confirmation of GLOBAL PORTAL overseas travel notification system submission
・Copy of your overseas travel insurance
・Copy of your registration in overseas travel registration (Tabiregi) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website. (Only for Japanese students)
*https://www.ezairyu.mofa.go.jp/tabireg/
・OSSMA Registration Form
・Copy of passport page with holder's name and photo

(2) Overseas internship

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12. Required documents after conference/overseas internship

Submit following documents to Academic Affairs Section within two weeks after you return to Japan.

*Submission details and forms will be announced to the recipients later.

(1) Presentation at an international conference

・Report of International Conference
・Copy of the program where the title and authors appear
・All boarding passes

(2) Overseas internship

・Report of Internship

・Evaluation of Internship　[filled out by your host advisor]
・All boarding passes

13. Responsibilities after conference/overseas internship

・Give an oral presentation in English at the Final Report Presentation for Overseas Activities (details will be notified later).
・Students who conducted overseas internship should obtain the credit from the subject, INTERNSHIP I or II, if the credit has not been taken yet.
・Submit an English score (TOEFL (including TOEFL-ITP), TOEIC (including TOEIC L&R IP) or IELTS) taken within 6 months after returning to Japan. Scores should be entered to ASO system.

【Important Notes】

① Only international activities eligible for support will be supported by this grant. The support does not apply to stays for other purposes incidental to these activities.
② Financial support will be paid in two or three months after your trip is completed. If the overseas activity was cancelled by unavoidable circumstances, neither financial support nor cancellation fees for flight and accommodation will be paid. However, if the students are forced to cancel or modify the trip by sudden breakout of war/coup or heightened tension in the destination and/or transit countries, the cases are to be handled individually (All the cancellation records and refund policy documents are required).
③ For both the international conference and the internship, participants must return to Japan within the fiscal year and complete all required procedures.
④ Overseas activities and all paperwork have to be completed within this academic year.
GSST may revoke the payment of the support if:
- the recipient declines the financial support.
- any false statement is found in the application documents.
- the recipient loses eligibility.
⑤ Notify to your professor and GSST Personnel Affairs Section about duration of your trip if you are hired by Kumamoto University as a teaching assistant (TA), research assistant (RA) or technical assistant.
⑥ A student cannot submit more than one application for each activity (international conference and overseas internship).
⑦ You are required to confirm that you will be able to obtain a visa for your destination and countries for transit in advance. Obtaining a visa is your responsibility.
⑧ If you decline our support due to unavoidable circumstances, you have to inform Academic Affairs Section of GSST immediately.
⑨ Consult Academic Affairs Section of GSST, if you cannot submit some of required documents for application such as English scores due to unavoidable circumstances.