

**International Joint Education Program
for Science and Technology (IJEP)
Doctoral Course**

**Application Information for
General Admission in April / October 2025**

**(For internal applicants who are currently enrolled in
the Master's Course of Kumamoto University)**

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The Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST) at Kumamoto University offers the International Joint Education Program for Science and Technology (IJEP) for international postgraduate students pursuing to Doctoral degrees in the following research and educational fields. Enrollment is either in April or in October. The main language of this program for classes and research is English.

Research and Educational Fields

Department of Science

Course: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences

Department of Advanced Industrial Science

Education program: Environmental Conservation Engineering, Environmental Management and Planning, Architecture and Environment Planning, Building Materials and Structures, Advanced Mechanical Systems, Intelligent Mechanical Systems, Frontier Technology for Energy and Devices, Human and Environmental Informatics, Applied Chemistry and Biochemistry, Materials Science and Engineering

Department of Semiconductor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

Education program: Semiconductor Systems, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

Number of Students for Admission

Several students for each admission

Date of Enrollment

April 1, 2025 for April admission

October 1, 2025 for October admission

Degrees

Doctor of Science, Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering, or Doctor of Philosophy in Informatics will be conferred.

Fees and Tuition

Examination fee: Exempted

Enrollment fee: Exempted

Tuition: ¥267,900 per semester (¥535,800 per year)

Students who receive MEXT scholarship are exempt from tuition payment.

Qualifications of Applicants

1) Nationality: must have a non-Japanese nationality.

2) Education:

April 2025 Admission: Those who are expected to complete Master's Course in Kumamoto University in March 2025.

October 2025 Admission: Those who are expected to complete Master's Course in Kumamoto University in September 2025.

Note: Students from overseas home universities, who are completing GSST Master's Course of Double Degree Program in 2025 and wishing to continue the study in Doctoral Course of IJEP, are excluded from this application.

3) Language: must have good English communication skills. The applicants should have an official score of either TOEFL iBT®, TOEIC®Listening & Reading Test, or IELTS Academic. The preferred minimum scores are 71 for TOEFL iBT®, 700 for TOEIC®Listening & Reading Test, and 6.0 for IELTS Academic. See "Required Documents 7)" for details.

Application Procedure

Step 1

After obtaining a prospective supervisor's consent for this application, applicants should complete an interview in person with the prospective supervisor and at least two more faculty members from the related field(s) before the submission deadline. Please ask the prospective supervisor for scheduling and details of the interview.

Step 2

Submit the required documents to the Academic / International Affairs Section within the application period.

Application Period

April 2025 admission: **September 20 to November 8, 2024**

October 2025 admission: **April 4 to May 16, 2025**

Required Documents

- 1) Application Form for IJEP in the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University. (format available on website)
- 2) Statement of objectives written by the applicant. It should include reasons for application to the Graduate School, how the applicant qualifies to be a graduate student, and the applicant's academic, research, and professional goals.
- 3) A certificate of anticipation of completion. This is not required for applicants in Master's Course of GSST.
- 4) An official transcript of Master's Course.
- 5) A summary of Master's thesis or an equivalent in English.
- 6) A copy of a residence card or a passport.
- 7) An official score of TOEFL iBT®, TOEIC®Listening & Reading Test, or IELTS Academic. Scores are

valid only if dated within two years of the application deadline. Submission of a score may be exempt, if the applicant completed a Bachelor's degree or other advanced degree where English is the primary language of instruction (an official document from the university for confirmation may be requested). Internal applicants from IJEP are not required to submit a score.

8) Application Checklist (format available on website)

Please make sure to confirm that you have all the documents by using the Application Checklist before submitting the documents.

Note:

- 1) Applicants are advised to discuss research plans with their prospective supervisors beforehand.
- 2) All the documents should be typewritten on A4 size paper (21 x 29.7 cm).
- 3) Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- 4) All application materials will not be returned to the applicants.

Where to Submit for the Required Documents

Academic / International Affairs Section

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Selection Procedure

The GSST selection committee will examine the application documents and the result of the interview. The University will notify the selection results to applicants within 2 months after the deadline.