

**International Joint Education Program
for Science and Technology (IJEP)
Master's Course**

**Application Information for
General Admission in April / October 2017**

Graduate School of Science and Technology

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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 continuing to Master's 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. Basic Japanese language courses are offered at Center for Japanese Language and Culture.

Research and Educational Fields

Science

Department: Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environments, Biological Sciences

Mathematics

Department: Mathematics, Applied Mathematics

New Frontier Sciences

Department: New Frontier Sciences

Applied Chemistry and Biochemistry

Department: Applied Chemistry and Biochemistry

Materials Science and Engineering

Department: Materials Science and Engineering

Mechanical System Engineering

Department: Advanced Mechanical Systems, Intelligent Mechanical Systems

Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

Department: Computer Science and Communication Engineering, Frontier Technology for Energy and Devices, Human and Environmental Informatics

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Department: Environmental Conservation Engineering, Environmental Management and Planning

Architecture

Department: Architecture and Environment Planning, Building Materials and Structures

Number of Students for Admission

Up to five students

Date of Enrollment

April 1, 2017 for April admission

October 1, 2017 for October admission

Degrees

After successful fulfillment of the course requirements, Master of Science, Master of Engineering, or Master of Philosophy will be conferred.

Fees and Tuition

Examination fee: ¥30,000

Enrollment fee: ¥282,000

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

Qualifications of Applicants

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

2) Education:

Applicants must fulfill one of the following conditions from ① to ④

- ① Hold a Bachelor's degree from a Japanese university or are expected to complete the degree at a Japanese university before the date of enrollment in GSST.
- ② Completed or are expected to complete 16 years of formal education with a Bachelor's degree outside of Japan before the date of enrollment in GSST.
- ③ Completed 15 years of formal education with a Bachelor's degree outside of Japan and are recognized to have excellent academic records by Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST), Kumamoto University.
- ④ Are recognized by GSST to have attainments equal to or higher than university graduates, and must be aged 22 years old or older before the date of enrollment in GSST.

Note: When one's application is based on ③ or ④, qualification will be subjected to prior screening. For application to prior screening, follow the guidelines written on page 6.

3) Health: must be in good physical and mental health.

4) Language: must have a good ability of English communication skills. The applicants should have an official score of either Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC), or International English Testing System (IELTS). The preferred minimum scores are 530 for TOEFL-PBT (71 for TOEFL-iBT), 700 for TOEIC, and 6.0 for IELTS.

Note:

- 1) Military personnel and military civilian employees are excluded.
- 2) The admission will be revoked if successful applicants fail to submit all necessary paperwork for admission by the designated date.
- 3) The admission will be revoked if successful applicants fail to fulfill the educational requirements as stated before the date of enrollment in GSST.

Application Procedure

Step 1

Contact a prospective supervisor in Kumamoto University and ask whether you can apply for IJEP Program under his/her supervision. It is highly recommended that applicants contact the prospective supervisor at least three weeks before application deadline.

Please refer following website when you search for a prospective supervisor;

https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/res_act/

If you have a problem contacting a prospective supervisor, please contact following email address;

ask-gsst@kumamoto-u.ac.jp



Step 2

After obtaining confirmation from the prospective supervisor in Step 1, please have interviews with the prospective supervisor and at least two more faculty members from the related field(s). When interviews in person are not possible, the applicants should have at least nine Internet interview sessions by three faculty members (three sessions each). Interviews must be completed within one year of the application deadline. For more detail about interview procedure, please contact your prospective supervisor.



Step 3

Submit following the documents to the International Affairs Section via express postal mail by **the following application period.** ***Please note that all the documents must arrive at the office during the period.**

Application period:

April 2017 admission: **October 24 to November 30, 2016**

October 2017 admission: **April 10 to May 26, 2017**

<Documents to Submit>

- 1) Application Form for IJEP in the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University (format available on website).
- 2) Health certificate completed within 6 months prior to the date of application (format available on website).
- 3) 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.
- 4) A certificate of Bachelor's degree (or a certificate of anticipation of completion), or a copy of a diploma (original and English translation).
- 5) Official transcripts of academic records in English from each college and university attended, including information such as GPA and ranking.
- 6) English summaries of Bachelor's thesis or equivalents. An interim report is acceptable for applicants who have not yet graduated at the time of application.
- 7) A copy of the applicant's passport, or an official certificate of citizenship (original and English translation).
- 8) A letter of recommendation in English from the head of the faculty or graduate school of the applicant's home university.
- 9) A letter of recommendation in English from a professor or a research supervisor who can evaluate the

applicant's ability in study and research.

10) A letter in English from the employer indicating knowledge and consent of this application, if the applicant is employed at the time of application.

11) An official score of TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS, if the applicant's native language is not English. Scores are valid only if dated within two years of the application deadline.

12) Proof of remittance of the examination fee (¥30,000 Japanese yen).

If you make a payment from abroad, please pay 32,500 yen in total (a handling fee of ¥2,500 should be included) using wire transfer to the following account. Please note that you will be charged for transfer fees separately. Inform gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp before you make a payment.

Beneficiary: Kumamoto University

Bank: The Bank of Mitsubishi – Tokyo UFJ, Ltd. (Swift Code: BOTKJPJT)

Branch: Kumamoto Branch (Branch No. 655)

Account No: 0667419

Bank Address: 1-26 Shinshigai, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto 860-0803, Japan

If you wish to make a payment from Japan, please contact at gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp.

13) Application Checklist (format available on website).

Please make sure to confirm that you have all the documents by using the Application Checklist before sending 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 29.5 cm).
- 3) Use the forms provided by the University for the required documents 1) and 2).
- 4) Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- 5) All application documents will not be returned to the applicants.

<Where to Send the Documents>

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 the applicants within 2 months after the deadline.

Notes

Applicants are advised to become familiar with Japanese culture, customs, climate, and the university system before coming to Japan. Japanese language skills for daily life would be advantageous.

For further information, please contact:

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***PRIOR SCREENING**

<Guidelines for prior screening of the qualification for application>

In the case of applications based on the qualifications ③ or ④ in the page 3, prior screening is required. Contact the International Affairs Section (gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) first before submitting the documents.

(1) Required documents

- ① Application Form for IJEP in the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University (format available on website).
- ② A certificate of Bachelor's degree (or a certificate of anticipation of completion), or a copy of a diploma.
- ③ Official transcripts of academic records in English from each college and university attended, including information such as GPA and ranking.
- ④ English summary of a Bachelor's thesis or an equivalent. An interim report is acceptable for applicants who have not yet graduated at the time of application.

(2) Period of submission

April 2017 admission: **November 10 to 16, 2016**

October 2017 admission: **May 8 to 15, 2017**

(3) Where to send

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(4) Result of the screening

The results will be informed to the applicants after the screening.