

Announcement of JASM Financial Support for Overseas Activities in 2026 Support for travel expenses related to semiconductors (TRAVEL AWARD) second round

We are pleased to announce that JASM, a semiconductor company based in Taiwan, has begun recruiting applicants for support of travel expenses for international semiconductor-related activities. This initiative is designed to provide travel assistance to GSST students engaged in semiconductor-related research. The purpose of this travel support is to assist students who are expected to contribute to the semiconductor-related fields. For more details, please refer to the information below.

1. Eligibility

Regular students in the Master's and Doctoral programs of GSST who are engaged in research in semiconductor-related fields.

2. Eligible International Activities

Participating in international conferences, internships, or summer programs related to semiconductors.

3. Requirements for Application

Financial support will be provided for;

- (1) English Proficiency: Minimum score of TOEIC 550, TOEFL-iBT 61, or IELTS 5.0
(obtained after April 2024)

4. Amount of financial support

- ① The amount of financial support will be determined in accordance with the Travel Expense Regulations of Kumamoto University. However, the maximum amount of support may be limited depending on the number of applicants.
- ② If the cost of airfare alone exceeds the amount specified in ①, the actual airfare cost will be reimbursed.
- ③ There are no restrictions on receiving support from other funding programs. However, the amount of support provided under this program will be adjusted so that the total amount of funding does not exceed the amount permitted under the Travel Expense Regulations of Kumamoto University.

5. Required documents for the application

- ① Financial Support Application Form: International activities
(Prescribed form 1 / Fill out in English)
- ② Application summary (forms)
- 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.

Scores should be entered into the ASO system.

- ⑤ 2026_Agreement Form
- ⑥ Hotel and airfare receipts or package tour receipts

6. Application period

Friday, September 18, 2026, by 5:00 PM

* Depending on the number of applications, we may announce an additional round of applications.

7. Submission of application

Submit the required documents after obtaining your supervisor's consent.

• Application Summary: <https://forms.office.com/r/tVBUDupaYP>

• Other Documents : <https://md.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/course/section.php?id=1026416>

8. Selection procedure

<General>

- Applicants with higher English scores will be prioritized.
- Academic records may be considered when necessary.

9. Notification of selection results

Results of the selection will be informed to the applicants and their supervisor by the middle of October.

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

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

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

- Itinerary
- Bank account information and Profile Registration Form
- Notification of Overseas Travel
- 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)
- OSSMA Registration Form
- Copy of passport page with holder's name and photo

11. Required documents after conference/overseas internship

Submit the following documents to the Academic Affairs Section within two weeks after you

return to Japan.

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

- Report of International activities
- Copy of the program where the title and authors appear
- All boarding passes
- Evaluation of Internship [filled out by your host advisor] ※For eligible applicants only

12. Responsibilities after conference/overseas internship

- Participation in the "JASM Travel Award" to engage with JASM staff (details will be notified later).
- Students who completed overseas internships should obtain credit in the subject INTERNSHIP I or II if they have not yet taken it.
- 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 into the 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 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 All overseas activities must be completed, and applicants should return to Japan and complete all necessary paperwork within this academic year whenever possible. However, if returning to Japan and completing the procedures within the academic year is not possible, completion in the following academic year will be permitted.
- ④ 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 your professor and the GSST Personnel Affairs Section about the 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.
- ⑦ You are required to confirm in advance that you will be able to obtain a visa for your destination and for any transit countries. Obtaining a visa is your responsibility.
- ⑧ If you decline our support due to unavoidable circumstances, you have to inform the Academic Affairs Section of GSST immediately.
- ⑨ Consult the Academic Affairs Section of GSST if you cannot submit some of the required

documents for the application, such as English scores, due to unavoidable circumstances.

- ⑩ If the itinerary is changed after the grant has been disbursed, and the amount of the grant exceeds the actual travel expenses incurred, the excess amount must be returned.