Four-Year Doctoral Course
HIGO Program for Graduate School
Application Information for International Students
Enrolled October 2019

<u>The applicants must take TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS.</u>

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Kumamoto University

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The Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University recruits international students who wish to enroll in the four-year doctoral course of the HIGO Program. The English language is used for all classes and research instructions in this program.

Number of Students Accepted for Admission
About two (2)

Qualifications of Applicants

1) Educational Background:
All applicants should have completed 18 years of education and research experience by the entrance date of Kumamoto University. Thus applicants must satisfy at least one of the following five education backgrounds and research experience.
However, if applicants have completed a bachelor degree in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary sciences or an equivalent education after a five-year training program in overseas institutes, they are eligible to apply for the program with 17 years of education (including applicants who expect to complete their current program in September 2019 to commence October 2019).

① Overseas applicants must complete a five-year or longer training program for a bachelor degree in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary sciences, or an equivalent education, to apply for the program. Applicants must complete the current program by September 2019 to commence in October 2019.

② Applicants must be graduates of a four-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical or veterinary school outside of Japan, and must have conducted research for at least two years in a university or a research institute outside of Japan after completion of formal education, or be expected to finish such a process by September 2019 to be eligible to enroll in October 2019.

③ Applicants must hold a Master's degree from an institution which has two-year education programs outside of Japan, after completion of 16 years of formal education outside of Japan, or be expected to meet this requirement or by September 2018 to be eligible to enroll in October 2018.

④ Applicants must have conducted research for at least two years in a university or a research institute, after completion of 16 years of formal education outside of Japan, and be recognized as having an education that is equivalent to a Master's degree.

⑤ Applicants must be recognized by the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University as having attainments equal to or greater than a Master's degree.

Persons who intend to apply under categories ④ and ⑤ must undergo a preliminary qualification screening prior to formal registration. Their prospective supervisors must contact the student affairs office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences by April 3.

2) Health:
Applicants must be in a good physical and mental health.

3) Language:
Applicants must have earned the minimum required score in any one of the following:
①TOEFL-iBT(50 or higher) ②TOEFL-PBT(463 or higher) ③TOEIC(480 or higher)
④ IELTS(4.5 or higher)

4) Visa:
Applicants must have student visa when coming to Japan

Period of Study
Four (4) years from October 2019 to September 2023

Scholarship Benefits

Successful applicants are eligible to receive a stipend while in school (100,000 JPYper month).

Screening Procedure

1) Applicants must choose one of the research leaders in the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University as his/her prospective supervisor, and must obtain permission to apply for this program from the supervisor beforehand.

2) Applicants must obtain all application information and forms through Internet by themselves. After filling in all the forms, they must send them to their prospective supervisor of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

3) Their prospective supervisors must submit all application forms to the committee for this program before the deadline for application.

4) The committee will have examinations for those who apply to the program. The main parts of the examination are the English test (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS), essay and interviews.

5) Interviews by three committee members will be held over Internet. For details of the internet-based interview, please refer to "**Instruction for internet-based interview of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University**" The essay exam will also be held over Internet. As an alternative, if the foreign applicants are visiting Japan on the day of the entrance examination (May 28), they will be able to take the essay exam and have interviews with three committee members in Kumamoto University.

6) The total scores of the English test, essay and interviews with three committee members will be evaluated at the examination.

Date of Enrollment

October 1, 2019

Degrees

After successful fulfillment of the four-year course of the HIGO Program, a Doctor of Philosophy degree will be conferred.

Application Period

From May 7 (Tue) through May 16 (Thu), 2019

The research leaders, or prospective supervisors, of the international students should collect and submit all documents required for application to the Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Examination Date

May 28 (Tue), 2019

Required Documents

【Applicants must submit the following documents.】

1) Application form for admission (Form 1)

2) Photo ID card, examination card, certificate of residence (Form 2)

3) One photograph (Paste a 4×3cm photograph taken no more than three months prior to application, upper frontal view without a hat, with upper body showing)

4) A certificate of graduation (completion) or prospective graduation (completion) from the university attended

5) Academic record issued by the university attended

6) Written Statement of Reasons for Application (Form 3)

7) Health certificate completed within 6 months prior to the date of application (Form 4).

8) Examination fee (30,000 JPY) ※1

9) A copy of the applicant's English examination score (Either of the following: TOEFL-iBT (Score should be 50 or higher), TOEFL－PBT (463 or higher), IELTS (4.5 or higher) or TOEIC (480 or higher)

10) If the applicant has completed, or expects to complete, a five-year bachelor degree program overseas in Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical, or Veterinary Sciences, a certificate of graduation issued by the President of the university or equivalent institute and a copy of certified accreditation document of the university or equivalent institute (※2) issued by the President of the institutes or the evaluation agencies.

11) A letter from the applicant's employer indicating agreement with this application, if the applicant is an employee.

※1 Please inform sky-kyomu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp (The Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) before you make a payment for examination fee.

※2 An accreditation document by the national government or other relevant official agencies with regard to the overall education and research activities of the university or equivalent institute.

Remarks:

1) Applicants are advised to discuss a research plan with their prospective supervisor of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University beforehand.

2) All documents should be typewritten on A4 size paper.

3) Applications with incomplete information, or those submitted after the deadline, will not be accepted.

4) No application materials will be returned to the applicants.

Announcement of Results

June 28(Fri), 2019

Admission Procedure

◎The details of admission procedures will be described in the letter of acceptance.

1) When and How to Pursue Admission Procedures
The details will be described in the letter of acceptance.
*The prospective instructors for the students who wish to enroll in April should familiarize themselves with admission procedures (including deadlines) beforehand, and make sure that the students can complete the procedures before enrollment.

2) Important Point Regarding Admission Procedures
If a successful applicant does not complete the admission procedures before the deadline, he/she will be considered to have declined enrollment.

3) Fee to Pay at the Time of Admission Procedures
Admission fee (scheduled amount) 282,000 JPY

4) Main Documents Required for Admission Procedures
①Pledge ②Letter of Guarantee ③Color photo of face (4cm length x 3cm width)

◎Tuition fee
Tuition for the first semester 267,900 JPY (535,800 JPY annually)

Attentions

1) Students will not be allowed to continue studying at Kumamoto University if any of the following occur:
1. There are false statements in the application.
2. Student is expelled or dismissed from the university as a disciplinary measure, or determined to be unlikely to complete academic requirements.
3. Student leaves the university or transfers to another university.
4. The status of the student visa is changed to another type of visa.

2) 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 also be advantageous.

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