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Kumamoto University Global PhD Program for Leading AI through Interdisciplinary
Integration Program
**Guide4AI(Global University Interdisciplinary Doctoral Education for leading AI
Field)**
Application Guidelines for AY2025 (Spring)

This program supports doctoral students, aiming to foster exceptional individuals who will lead interdisciplinary fields with AI at their core.

1. Support Details

Number of Students Accepted for Admission : We will be recruiting around 2 students

Living expenses : 250,000 yen per month

Research Grant : 900,000 yen per year

* Living expenses and research grant will be supported only for the official duration of respective courses in the university.

2. Eligibility for Application

This program is open to students who meet all of the following criteria:

- Actively engaged in research and development within **AI or emerging/converging fields related to AI (Next Generation AI)**. This includes those who leverage their high level of expertise in areas such as bio, materials, socioeconomics, or medicine to challenge and contribute to Next Generation AI fields.
- Possess the ambition and ability to pioneer and lead in Next Generation AI fields.
- Those who are expected to enroll on April 1, 2025 in the doctoral program of the Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences, Graduate School of Science and Technology, Graduate School of Health Sciences, or Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, or in the 4 year doctoral program of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences or Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at this university.
(This includes those who have taken the entrance examination for admission to these programs starting April 1, 2025, and are waiting for the results, as well as those who are planning to take the entrance examination.)
- Students who are NOT supported by the following may apply:
 - JSPS Special Research Fellowship
 - MEXT Scholarship
 - Foreign students who are supported by scholarship programs in their home country
- Students who are deemed to NOT be receiving a stable income which is sufficient to meet living expenses, such as an income from a company or university position may apply (a stable income is classed as approximately 2.4 million yen/year)

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- Students who have never received a disciplinary action stipulated in Kumamoto University's Regulations.

For AY2025, program participants will be selected from among those who have applied to the Better Co-being Program and have also expressed interest in this program. Please note that even if not selected for this program, applicants may still be accepted into the Better Co-being Program.

3. Expectations after selection

- To give a presentation on AI research at an international conference. However, if the international conference is a peer-reviewed, acceptance of the paper can be substituted for the presentation
- Participation in colloquiums and reporting sessions jointly held with the Better Co-being Program.
- Students should focus on their research activities.
- Students should attend the courses on research ethics and compliance provided by the university.
- Students should get confirmation of enrollment every month.
- Students should submit a research plan and a research report every year to the Program Supervisor
- Students should be able to participate in this program throughout the support period
- Register with the Cooperative Education through Research Internships Consortium system and JGRAD