

**IJEP Short-Term Exchange Program
for International Postgraduate Students**

**Application Information for
Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) Scholarship
Admission in 2021**

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1. Program Outline

IJEP (International Joint Education Program for Science and Technology) Short-Term Exchange Program accepts qualified graduate students from overseas universities and provides education and research in English for maximum one academic year. Students in this program will belong to a laboratory to conduct a research project under the guidance of an academic supervisor in GSST. In addition, they are required to take some lectures related to topics in environmental issues and the field trip to learn about the natural resources and related social issues.

We will offer JASSO scholarship to selected 13 students, who are from partner universities with a student exchange agreement. The program starts on March 1, 2021 and the period of stay is either for 6 months (till August 2021) or 11 months (till January 2022).

*Please note that the program may be cancelled depending on the situation of COVID-19.

Program contents:

-Research project

-Lectures (a certificate of credits will be issued by Dean of GSST)

At least 3 classes related to topics in environment issues are required.

*Exchange students can take most of lectures offered in GSST, if agreement from an instructor can be obtained.

-Field trip

-Final Report

-Midterm and final presentations

2. Scholarship

Monthly stipend: ¥80,000 per month

3. Application Deadline:

November 20, 2020

*Please note that hard copies of all the documents must arrive at the office by the application deadline.

4. Required Documents

- (1) Application form for Short-Term Exchange Program (**Form 1**).
- (2) Certificate of Enrollment, including information such as expected date of completion.
- (3) A letter of recommendation from a professor or a research supervisor who can evaluate the applicant's personality and ability in study and research.
- (4) Official transcripts in English of academic records from each college and university attended, including information such as GPA and ranking.
- (5) An official score of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Desirable scores are greater than 71 for TOEFL-iBT (530 for TOEFL-pBT), 700 for TOEIC, and 6.0 for IELTS.

5. Qualifications and Conditions for Applicants

- (1) Applicants should have an excellent academic record at their home university and are of good personality. Furthermore, GPA of the former grade must be superior than 2.30 based on the calculation method below. If the student does not have an academic record of the former grade, s/he must figure out by the former semester's record. In the case that a transcript cannot be calculated by the method below, comments to prove that the student is excellent enough and equivalent to 2.30 must be described in a letter of recommendation.

Calculation method (must be round to two decimal places)

Type of evaluation	Obtained score				
Pattern 1		優	良	可	不可
Pattern 2		A	B	C	F
Pattern 3		100~80 p	79~70 p	69~60 p	59 p~
Pattern 4	100~90 p	89~80 p	79~70 p	69~60 p	59 p~
Pattern 5	S	A	B	C	F
Pattern 6	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Point	3	3	2	1	0

After calculating the grade points, apply them to the following calculating formula.

Calculating method:

$$\frac{(\text{Units of GP3} \times 3) + (\text{Units of GP2} \times 2) + (\text{Units of GP1} \times 1) + (\text{Units of GP0} \times 0)}{\text{All the registered units}}$$

If your grading system is not based on units, it can be replaced to the number of subjects.

- (2) Those who have a clear purpose and plan for studying abroad in Japan, and for whom the results from studying abroad appear promising.
- (3) Those who have economical difficulties to study abroad without outside financial help.
- (4) Those who will return to their home university to continue their studies and receive their degree after finishing their studies abroad in Japan.
- (5) Those who can obtain a study visa (resident status) without fail.
- (6) Those who will not be receiving scholarship more than 80,000 yen per month from all other scholarship sources while studying abroad in Japan.

6. Selection of prospective supervisor at GSST

As this program requires a research project, you are advised to check if we have a department compatible for your academic interest (see <https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/home/>). It is highly recommended that applicants contact the prospective supervisor before you apply for this program. If you have already contacted a faculty member and received an agreement with your prospective supervisor, indicate in the application form (number 12). If not, we will find a suitable supervisor for

you, when you are chosen for a scholarship recipient.

7. Notification of Results

Kumamoto University will notify applicants by mid December 2020.

8. Scholarship Period

The scholarship period should start in March 2021, and continue either for 6 or 11 months. Be advised that after an applicant has been accepted, the period of scholarship cannot be changed.

9. Payment of scholarships

The scholarship money will be deposited in your bank account of the designated bank in Japan.

10. Retraction of Scholarships

If a scholarship recipient demonstrates poor academic performance, has extreme misbehavior, does something else that is deemed by JASSO to be unbecoming of a scholarship recipient, or admits to having lied on his/her application, there is a chance that his/her scholarship will be revoked. In this case, JASSO will demand repayment from the student all of the scholarship money paid to the student. In addition, for the following academic year and thereafter, JASSO might withhold the granting of scholarships to the student's home university and also possibly reduce the number of scholarships altogether (eliminating) given to the host university where the student had attended.

11. Final Report

Before the students finish the program, they must submit a "Final Report". Upon successful completion of the program GSST will issue a certificate of completion to the students.

12. Submission of application materials

All applications should be submitted through the international office of the applicant's home university.

Soft copies of application materials should be sent by email to the following address to be checked before sending hard copies.

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