

# Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University

Short-term Exchange Information Sheet – AY 2025 & AY 2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Name of the institution</b>	Kumamoto University ( 熊本大学 )
<b>Name of the School</b>	Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST)
<b>Postal Address</b>	2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, 860-8555, Japan
<b>University Website</b>	<a href="https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/">https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
<b>GSST Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/">https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/</a>
<b>Campus Maps</b>	<a href="https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/campus/">https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/campus/</a> <a href="https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/program/">https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst-en/program/</a>
<b>GSST Course Categories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master’s Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Science</li> <li>Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture</li> <li>Department of Mechanical and Mathematical Engineering</li> <li>Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering</li> <li>Department of Materials Science and Applied Chemistry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Doctoral Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Science</li> <li>Department of Advanced Industrial Science</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Academic year</b>	<p><b><u>AY 2025</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Semester: April 01, 2025 to September 30, 2025 (Classes: Early April 2025 to Mid-August 2025)</li> <li>• Fall Semester: October 01, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (Classes: Late September 2025 to Mid-February 2026)</li> </ul>
<b>GSST Academic Calendar</b>	<p>AY2024 academic calendar posted on the bulletin board of GSST website <a href="https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst/bbs/">https://www.fast.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gsst/bbs/</a></p>
<b>KU Syllabus System</b>	<p>Classes and their language categories: TBA towards the beginning of each semester. <a href="https://syllabus.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/">https://syllabus.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/</a></p>

## INFORMATION ON STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION

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### Student status

- **Special auditor students** can attend lectures, seminars, tutorials offered in their graduate school and obtain credits or academic transcript, but cannot attend undergraduate lectures. They can also attend Japanese classes, but cannot obtain credits and academic transcript.
- **Special research students** mainly carry out research projects in their supervisor's laboratory. They can attend lectures, seminars and Japanese classes at their supervisor's discretion, but cannot obtain credits or academic transcript.

### Nomination deadline (by home institution)

Nominations must be notified via email: [gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:gsst-aas@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp)  
**AY 2025**

- For Spring Semester: November 1, 2024
- For Fall Semester: May 2, 2025

### Nomination documents

1. Short-term exchange application form (designated format)
  2. Academic transcript in English
  3. A copy of English or Japanese test certificate  
(TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, Japanese-Language Proficiency Test)
- \* Only for Special research students: CV and Cover Letter

### Application Deadline (Submission by applicants)

- AY 2025**
- For Spring Semester: November 15, 2024
  - For Fall Semester: May 16, 2025

### Application documents

4. Certificate of Enrollment in English (issued by home university)
5. Letter of recommendation
6. Certificate of Health (designated format)

### Language level

Recommended level: English – CEFR B2 level OR Japanese – JLPT N2

### Application Submission

After nomination, personalized online file sharing link will be provided via email.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

It is NOT mandatory for exchange students from partner schools to live in the dormitory and may find their own accommodations in the area, but should be aware that finding off-campus housing, especially for only one semester, can be challenging. Spots in campus housing are reserved for exchange students.

### Accommodation

- **International House (dormitory)**  
[https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/international\\_house/](https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/international_house/)
- **Other accommodations**  
<https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/others/>

### Cost of living

Approximately, 80,000 JPY/month if living in the dormitory.  
Approximately, 100,000 JPY/month if renting a public apartment.

### Insurances

- **Health insurance (National Insurance System)**  
The mandatory Japanese health insurance can be procured upon arrival in Kumamoto. (approx. 3,000 JPY per month)
- **Travel insurance**  
National Insurance System will not cover pre-arrival and post-departure incidents. Purchasing travel insurance is strongly recommended.

## KUMAMOTO AND JAPAN

### Public holidays

<https://www.officeholidays.com/countries/japan/2025>

### Kumamoto City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCr4rUHtg0w>

### Kumamoto Prefecture

<https://kumamoto.guide/en/about/>

### Living in Kumamoto

<https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/visitors/life/>