

Guidelines for Application 2026



**General Application for the Doctoral Course Spring Term
Entry**

International Graduate Program

**Graduate School of
Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences
Kyushu University**

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Guidelines

1. Study Areas

The Ph.D. program of the International Graduate Program of the Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences comprises four departments: (i) Bioresource Sciences, (ii) Agro-environmental Sciences, (iii) Agricultural and Resource Economics, and (iv) Bioscience and Biotechnology.

For details of each department, please refer to

(Bioresource Sciences)

https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/course/#01

(Agro-environmental Sciences)

https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/course/#02

(Agricultural and Resource Economics)

https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/course/#03

(Bioscience and Biotechnology)

https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/course/#04

2. Eligibility

(1) Nationality

Any nationality other than Japanese

Alternatively, students of Japanese nationality who have completed (or will complete) a previous course of study with English as the primary language are also acceptable to apply for this course.

(2) Academic Requirements

Doctoral course eligibility requirements:

(i) Applicants who hold a master's degree or expect to receive one from a university outside of Japan

by March 31st, 2026. Applicants who hold or expect to receive a master's degree awarded by a postgraduate course (program) in Japan taught in English are also eligible.

- (ii) Applicants who do not hold a master's degree but have an equivalent or higher academic attainment than individuals with a master's degree *.

***Individual Evaluation of Academic Ability**

Those who wish to apply under qualification (ii) are required to undergo an individual evaluation of their academic ability, as specified by the Individual Screening of Requirements for Admission by the Kyushu University Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences. First, they must notify the Student Affairs Division (agri-igp@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp) and then send the required documents, (1), (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7) to the above e-mail address by October 31st 2025. Applicants will be notified of the results of their evaluation by November 28th, 2025. Applicants granted eligibility by should complete the application procedures in section 3.

(3) Health: Candidates must be certified as both physically and mentally healthy by a qualified and recognized physician.

(4) Language: Nonnative English speakers must possess a sufficiently high official English score by a qualified body, namely TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, or Cambridge Certificate (the applicant's scores must be attached).

(5) Time of Arrival: Students must arrive in Japan before March 31st, 2026.

3. Application Method

Applicants can apply between December 1st and 12th, and the full set of documents should be delivered to the Student Affairs Division by the potential supervisor no later than December 12th, 2025.

An online interview or oral examination (personal interview, phone call, or video call) by the potential supervisor will be performed. If the interview cannot be conducted in one of the forms described, professors from the educational course will conduct an interview via e-mail.

All necessary documents must be sent to the potential supervisor.

More information is available at the following URL:

https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/international_exchange/how_to_apply/index.html

NOTE

You must send the required documents to your potential supervisor well in advance of this date to give your supervisor ample time to review and forward the documents to the Student Affairs Division. Please ask your potential supervisor about his/her preferred deadline.

List of Required Documents

If you pass the online interview or oral examination, your potential supervisor will provide you with the forms needed to complete the documents listed below.

- (1) Completed Application Form** (use the form supplied by the potential supervisor)
- (2) Completed Field of Study and Study Program Form** (use the form supplied by the potential supervisor)
- (3) Diploma or certificate of graduation or completion (*Refer to “NOTES 3”)**

Both a **Bachelor’s Degree Certificate** and a **Master’s Degree Certificate** are required. If applicants are currently in school and working toward obtaining the relevant degree(s), a certified letter from the applicant’s university stating the expected graduation date is required.
- (4) Official Academic Transcript (*Refer to “NOTES 3”)** of all applicable undergraduate and graduate course work from the university/universities to which the applicant belongs/belonged. Submission of academic records with grade point averages (GPA) or quality points (A, B, C, or Excellent, Good, Average, etc.) along with a description of the academic grading system (e.g., A: 90% above) is required.
- (5) Two Letters of Recommendation** (Please download these forms at https://ag.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/international_exchange/how_to_apply/index.html)

Recommendation Form 1 addressed to the President of Kyushu University must be completed by the Dean or head of the university or institution/employing body to which the applicant belongs/belonged. Recommendation Form 2 addressed to the Dean of Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University must be completed by a supervising professor, another member of the teaching staff, or a workplace supervisor who knows the applicant personally. To ensure confidentiality, each letter of recommendation must be sent to both the potential supervisor and our office, the Student Affairs Division, Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University (agri-igp@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp) via email as a PDF file attachment by the recommender or the institution/organization administration office. The email must be sent from **an institutional email account provided by the recommender’s affiliated institution/organization**. The recommender’s information should be entered in Section 17 of the application form. Applicants who are a degree-student in Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University, at the time of the application are exempt from this requirement.
- (6) A 2-page Summary of MA thesis in English** on A4-size paper. Copies of any academic publications in English can also be included with the thesis summary. Applicants not required to submit a thesis to complete their master’s degree must state this on their application and submit a copy of any academic research papers they have written.
- (7) Certificate of one of the following official English qualifications: TOEFL, TOEIC Listening and Reading Test, IELTS, or the Cambridge Certificate (*Refer to “NOTES 3”),** taken within the two years preceding the application deadline. Applicants who are native

English speakers are exempt from this requirement. Online score reports are not acceptable. It sometimes takes as long as two months for a score report to reach us after your order, so please make sure to allow sufficient time. Every year some applications are not accepted due to the delayed arrival of their scores. If you do not have these scores, please either take the exam and obtain new scores before you apply or submit a certificate issued by your university that proves you have completed a previous course of study with English as the primary language instead.

(8) Certificate of Nationality or Proof of Residence in the applicant's home country (e.g., census register, passport (photocopy), or other positive proof of nationality). If you are currently a resident in Japan, the photocopy of your Residence Card is also required.

(9) A photograph (4.5 × 3.5 cm), front-facing without a hat, and taken within the past six months before the application deadline. The photo must be affixed to the specified area on the application form. The name and nationality of the applicant must be written on the reverse side of the photograph.

(10) Entrance Examination Fee (30,000JPY) Please choose one of the payment methods below to pay the Entrance Examination Fee. Proof of payment should be submitted.

***Applicants who are expected to complete a master's program at Kyushu University in March 2026 are exempt from this requirement.**

(i) Payment by Wire Transfer

Applicants are requested to transfer the Entrance Examination Fee to the following bank account.

Beneficiary:

Name	Kyushu University
Address	744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan

Beneficiary's Bank

Bank	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Branch	Fukuoka Branch
Account Number	7119240	SWIFT Code	SMBC JP JT
Address	1-1-1 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka 812-0011, JAPAN		

* If you use a payment slip, please write "Entrance Examination Fee" as well as your name, nationality in the space for Purpose of Remittance, and "3BE" for the doctoral course in the space for Message to Payee.

(ii) Payment by Credit Card

Credit card payment can be made directly at <https://e-shiharai.net/english/>. Please refer to p.7 for details.

(iii) Payment at Convenience Stores (available only in Japan)

- (1) Payment can be made at 7-Eleven, Lawson, and Family Mart.
- (2) Please refer to p.8 for details and <https://e-shiharai.net/> (available only in Japanese).

NOTES

- 1) All required documents should be typewritten in English and of uniform size (A4 format).
- 2) Applications will not be accepted if any of the required documents are missing, incorrectly completed, or lacking supporting evidence. Applications will not be considered if the documents arrive after the abovementioned deadlines.
- 3) In principle, original documents or transcripts should be submitted. However, no submitted documents will be returned. Therefore, if your original documentation or transcripts cannot be reissued, you may submit a photocopy of the documentation or transcripts with a statement of “certified true copy” or “attested” by the institution/organization administration office along with the official seal.
- 4) Documents 1, 2, and 5 must be provided on the forms supplied.
- 5) In principle, all documents should be in English or Japanese. If some of the necessary documents are unavailable in English or Japanese, contact the Student Affairs Division (agri-igp@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp) with the details, and they will send instructions on how to proceed.

4. Announcement of the Final Decision

Successful applicants will be notified of the final decision by e-mail. The applicants will be notified at the end of January.

5. Notice

Applicants must pay the Entrance Examination Fee (30,000JPY), Admission Fee (282,000JPY), and Tuition Fee (535,800JPY per year). Once your application is accepted, the Entrance Examination Fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

6. Remarks

- (1) E-mail/telephone inquiries regarding screening results will not be answered.**
- (2) All applicants should note that they are required to keep in close contact with their potential supervisor at Kyushu University to formulate a research plan.
- (3) Successful applicants are expected to study and gain an understanding of the geography, climate, customs, and habits of Japan, as well as the general features and conditions of Kyushu University.
- (4) In principle, a change of department and laboratory is not permitted after your application is received by the university. Therefore, you need to make a careful consideration of research themes for the selection of the department and the laboratory before applying.

7. Correspondence

All application-related correspondence should be sent via registered airmail such as DHL, FedEx, OCS,

or EMS, to the following address:

(Write your potential supervisor's name)

Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences

Kyushu University

744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan

Note that the full set of documents should be sent to the potential supervisor by his/her stated deadline.

8. Contact Information

Student Affairs Division

Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences

Kyushu University

744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan

E-mail: agri-igp@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

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How to make the Payment for the Application Fee by Credit Card, Union Pay.

24 hours a day, 365 days a year, you can pay anytime! Easy, Convenient and Simple!

You can pay the Application Fee by using Credit Card, Union Pay.



Access

<https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>



Online Transaction

1. Top Page

Click "Examination Fee".

2. Terms of Use and Personal Information Management

Please read the Terms of use and Personal Information Management.
Click "Agree" button located in the lower part of this page if you agree with these terms.
Click "Not agree" button located in lower part of this page if you do not agree with these terms.

3. School Selection

Select "Kyushu University (Undergraduate Schools)" or "Kyushu University (Graduate Schools)."

4. School Information

Read the information carefully and click "Next".

5. Category Selection

Choose First to Fourth Selection and add to Basket.

6. Basket Contents

Check the contents and if it is OK, click "Next".

7. Basic Information

Input the applicant's basic information.
Choose your credit card and click "Next".

Paying at Credit Card

Input Credit Card Number (15 or 16-digits), Security Code and Expiration date.

All of your application information is displayed. Check and Click "Confirm".

Click "Print this page" button and print out "Result" page.

Paying at Union Pay

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the card payment.

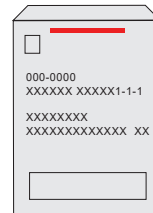
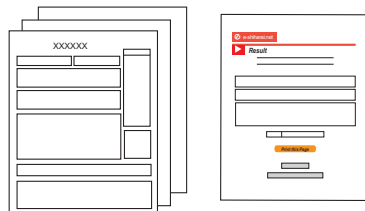
Please click the "Application Results" button in the upper part of this site (e-shiharai.net).

Please write down the "Receipt Number" given when you complete your application, and enter your "Payment Method", "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date". Please make sure your printer is ready.

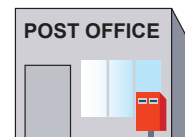
Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

Enclose the printed "Result" page in an application envelope with other necessary application documents.

Necessary application documents



Mail it via post



[NOTICE/FAQ]

- You can make a payment anytime, during the payment period mentioned in the application instructions.
Please refer to the application instructions and complete payment in time.
- Please complete payment by 11:00 pm Japan time, on the last date of the payment period.
- Please note that refund is not possible once you have made a payment of Application fee.

- A fee is added to Examination fee. For further info, please visit our website.
- It is possible to use a card which carries a name different from that of the applicant. However, please make sure that the information on the basic information page is that of the applicant him/herself.
- If you did not print out "Result" page, you can check it later on Application Result page. Please enter "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date" to redisplay.
- Please directly contact the credit card company if your card is not accepted.

For questions or problems not mentioned here, please contact:

E-Service Support Center Tel : +81-3-5952-9052 (24 hours everyday)

九州大学 入学検定料払込方法

1 Webで事前申込み

画面の指示に従って必要事項を入力し、お支払いに必要な番号を取得。

<https://e-shiharai.net/>



- ※番号取得後に入カミスに気づいた場合はその番号では支払いを行わず、もう一度入力し直して、新たな番号を取得してお支払いください。支払い期限内に代金を支払わなかった入力情報は、自動的にキャンセルされます。
- ※クレジットカード・銀聯網は決済完了後の修正・取消はできません。申込みを確定する前に、内容をよくご確認ください。
- ※確定画面に表示される番号をメモしてください。



2 お支払い



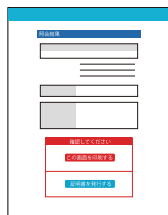
3 出願

【コンビニエンスストア以外でお支払いの場合】

支払完了後、E-支払いサイトの「申込内容照会」にアクセスし、受付完了時に通知された【受付番号】と【生年月日】を入力し、照会結果を印刷して出願書類に同封して出願。

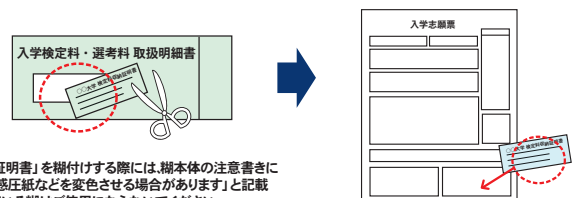
<注意>
スマートフォンでお申込みされた方は、プリンタのある環境でご利用ください。

※当サイトでお支払いされた場合、「取扱金融機関出納印」は不要です。



【コンビニエンスストアでお支払いの場合】

「入学検定料・選考料取扱明細書」の「**収納証明書**」部分を切り取り、入学検定料収納証明書貼付台紙の所定欄に貼る。



※「収納証明書」を貼付する際には、糊本体の注意書きに「感熱感圧紙などを変色させる場合があります」と記載されている欄はご使用にならないでください。「収納証明書」が黒く変色する恐れがあります。

※コンビニでお支払いされた場合、「取扱金融機関出納印」不要です。

⚠ 注意事項

- 出願期間を要項等で確認のうえ、締切に間に合うよう十分に余裕をもってお支払いください。
- 支払最終日の「Webサイトでの申込み」は23:00まで、店頭端末機の操作は23:30までです。クレジットカードの場合、Webサイトでのお申込みと同時に支払いが完了します。23:00までにお手続きしてください。
- 「入学検定料払込」についてのお問い合わせは、コンビニ店頭ではお答えできません。詳しくはWebサイトをご確認ください。
- カード審査が通らなかった場合は、クレジットカード会社へ直接お問い合わせください。
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- セブン-イレブン、ローソン、ミニストップ、ファミリーマート以外でお支払いの方は、支払完了後、E-支払いサイトの「申込内容照会」にアクセスし、【**収納証明書**】を印刷して出願書類に貼付してください。
- 「申込内容照会」で収納証明書が印刷できるのは、セブン-イレブン、ローソン、ミニストップ、ファミリーマート以外でお支払いされた場合にのみです。
- 入学検定料の他に事務手数料が別途かかります。詳しくはWebサイトをご確認ください。
- 銀聯網でお支払いの方は、パソコンからお申込みください。(携帯電話からはお支払いできません)
- 取扱いいコンビニ、支払方法は変更になる可能性があります。変更された場合は、Webサイトにてご案内いたします。