

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Master's Degree HIGO Program Basic Course
Doctoral Degree HIGO Program Four-Year Course

Application Information for International Students

Enrolled in October 2014 or April 2015

The applicants must take either the TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS

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

Number of students accepted: few students

Qualification for applicants

【Master's Degree HIGO Program Basic Course】

1) Educational Background:

All applicants should have completed 16 years of educational and research experience. The applicants must satisfy at least one of the following eight educational backgrounds and research experience:

- ① Applicants must be graduated from a four-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical or veterinary school outside of Japan, or expected to graduate from such a school by September 2014, to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015 to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.
- ② Applicants must have finished 16 years of school education by taking correspondence courses provided by the school outside of Japan, while residing in Japan, or expected to finish such process by September 2014, to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015 to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.
- ③ Applicants must have completed at least 16 years of education (recognized by the Japanese Minister of Education and Culture, Sports Science and Technology) in their home countries. Welcome to apply are those who are prospective graduates by September 2014 for October 2014 enrolment, or those expecting to graduate by March 2015 are eligible to enroll for April 2015.
- ④ Applicants from a specified course of vocational schools (limited to those who must have studied over 4 years and those who have fulfilled the requirements authorized by the Minister of Education and Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) must have completed the course designated by such authority on the day after the designated day (those who are prospective graduate by September 2014 are eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015 are eligible to enroll in April 2015 are included).
- ⑤ Applicants must be approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology based on the No.5 Announcement of the Ministry of

Education, Science, Sports and Culture in 1953.

- ⑥ Applicants must be recognized as having attainment of equal or a greater academic ability than other graduates of our university in the qualification examination provided by Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University and reach 22 years old by September 2014, to be enrolled in October 2014, or reach 22 years old by March 2015, to be enrolled in April 2015.
- ⑦ Applicants must have studied in our university more than three years, and be recognized to have achieved excellent academic ability in the credits provided by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University.
- ⑧ Applicants must have completed a 15-year education outside of Japan, or must have finished 15 years of education through correspondence education provided by the school outside of Japan while residing in Japan, and must be recognized to have achieved excellent academic standing by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University.

Note: Applicants who would like to apply with educational backgrounds ⑥~⑧ should contact the Student Affair Section, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Tel: +81-96-371-4635, E-mail: sky-kyomu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp)

【Doctoral Degree HIGO Program Four-year Course 】

1) **Educational Background:**

All applicants should have more than 18 years of educational background and research experience, and should satisfy at least one of the following six requirements:

- ① Applicants must have graduated from a six-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical or veterinary school outside of Japan, or be expected to graduate from such a school by September 2014 to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015, to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.
- ② Applicants must have graduated from a five-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical or veterinary school outside of Japan, and must have conducted research for more than 1 year 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 2014 to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015 to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.
- ③ Applicants must be graduated from a four-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical or veterinary school outside of Japan, and must have conducted research for more

than 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 2014 to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015 to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.

- ④ Applicants must hold a Master's degree from an institution which has a two-year education program outside of Japan, after completion of 16 years of formal education outside of Japan, or be expected to meet this requirement by September 2014 to be eligible to enroll in October 2014, or by March 2015, to be eligible to enroll in April 2015.
- ⑤ Applicants must have conducted research for at least two years in a university or a research institute outside of Japan, 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.
- ⑥ Applicants must be recognized by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science, Kumamoto University as having attainments equal to or greater than a Master's degree.

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- 2) **Health:** Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- 3) **Language skill:** Applicants must have attained the minimum required score in one of the following test:
 - ①TOEFL-iBT ②TOEFL-CBT ③TOEFL-PBT ④TOEIC ⑤IELTS
- 4) **VISA:** Applicants must have a student visa when coming to Japan.

Term of Education

- Basic Course: from October 2014 to September 2016 (two years)
Specialized Course: from October 2016 to September 2019 (three years)
Or Basic Course: from April 2015 to March 2017 (two years)
Specialized Course: from April 2017 to March 2020 (three years)
- Four- year Course: from October 2014 to September 2018(four years)
Or Four- year Course: from April 2015 to March 2019 (four years)

Scholarship Benefits

The Basic Course student can receive scholarship of 200,000 yen/month, and 4-Year Course student can receive scholarship of 200,000 yen/month in 2014. However the amount of scholarship is subject to change each academic year. Also, the qualification for this privilege may be reassessed by mid-term evaluation.

Screening Procedure

- 1) Applicants must choose one of the research leaders in the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University, and must obtain permission to apply for this program from his/her prospective supervisor in advance.
- 2) Applicants must obtain all application information and form through the 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) The prospective supervisors must submit all application forms to the committee for this program before the deadline for application.
- 4) The committee will provide examinations for those who apply to the program. The main parts of examination are an English test (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS), an essay and an interview.
- 5) The interview is conducted by three committee members. When applicants would like to have an Internet-based examination, please refer to "Instruction for Internet-based interview", and find the details. If foreign applicants are in Japan on July 5, 2014, when the doctor course examination is held in Japan, they also can take interview on this day in Japan.
- 6) The final score of the examination is based on the total scores of the English test, essay and interviews by three committee members.

Entrance Date

October 1, 2014 or April 1, 2015 (Students who wish to enroll on October 1 should have completed their admission procedures by September 11, after the announcement of examination results on July 25.)

Academic Degree

Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) is conferred to students who successfully fulfill all the requirements of the basic and the specialist courses, or the 4-year course of the HIGO program.

Application Deadline

The research leaders or prospective supervisors of the international students should collect and submit all the required documents, shown below, for application to the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences by June 17 (Tuesday), 2014.

Examination Date: July 5 (Saturday), 2014

Required documents

Applicants should 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 photograph of the applicant taken within the last three months on the Photo ID card. It must be a 4 cm × 3 cm headshot with no hats or other headgear.)
- 4) A certificate of graduation or the certificate to show its prospective
- 5) Academic record issued by the university attended
- 6) Written statement of reasons for the application (Form 3)
- 7) Examination Fee (30,000 yen)
- 8) A copy of applicant's English examination score (Either of the following: TOEFL iBT score 50 or higher, TOEFL CBT score 143 or higher, TOEFL PBT score 463 or higher, TOEIC score 480 or higher, or IELTS score 4.5 or higher)
- 9) A letter of agreement from the applicant's employer, if the applicant is an employee.
- 10) Letter of recommendation (Form 4)

Additional Statements

- 1) Applicants are urged to discuss a research plan with their prospective supervisors of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University in advance.
- 2) All documents should be typewritten on A4 sized 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: July 25 (Friday), 2014

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 who will accept the students entering in October should confirm the period for the admission procedures in advance, and also confirm whether the students can complete their procedure before enrollment.

2) Important Point Regarding Admission Procedures

If a successful applicant does not complete the admission procedures during the before-mentioned period, the applicant is considered to have declined his or her privilege to enter school.

3) Fee Required to Pay at the Time of Admission Procedures

Admission fee: 282,000 yen (under the schedule)

4) Main Documents Required for Admission Procedures

- ① Pledge ② Letter of Guarantee ③ Colored headshot (4 cm × 3 cm photograph)
- ◎ Tuition Fee: Tuition fee for the first semester 267,900 yen (535,800 yen/Year)

Note

- 1) Students will not be allowed to continue studying at Kumamoto University if any of the following occurs:
 1. False statements appear in the application form.
 2. The student is expelled from university by violating school rules or the student is considered to be unlikely to complete their academic requirements.
 3. The student leaves the university or transfers to other university.
 4. The status of the student visa is changed to another type of visa.
- 2) Applicants are advised to be familiar with the Japanese culture, habit, climate, and the university system before coming to Japan. Having Japanese language skills for daily life would also be recommended.

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