

**Application Guideline for Kumamoto University
2021 - 2022 Short-Term Exchange Program
(Undergraduate Level, Fall Semester 2021)**

1. Eligibility

- Applicants should be non-Japanese Nationality and full-time undergraduate students at universities where have international student exchange agreements with Kumamoto University (hereafter, KU)
 - Applicants of **J Course** should be 3rd year students at the time of program start and must have Japanese proficiency of JLPT N3 or higher (submission of a copy of your JLPT test result is required)
⇒ please note that **the new standard for Japanese language proficiency level will be set at JLPT N2 starting Fall Semester 2022.**
 - A letter from a professor **CANNOT be accepted** as a proof of language proficiency
 - N4 holders: please submit your score cards
 - If there is a difficulty taking a JLPT test in your region, please consult beforehand
 - * **The standard for Japanese language proficiency will be upgraded to JLPT N2 from Fall Semester 2022 application. Due to this change, N3-level Japanese language classes will be no longer offered.**
 - **E Course** seeking applicants should be 3rd year students at the time of program start. For all non-native English speakers (including students who attend universities in English-speaking countries,) submission of a copy of TOEFL iBT score card (61 or higher) is required (TOEIC or IELTS score is also accepted)
 - Chinese CET is NOT sufficient
 - A letter from a professor **CANNOT be accepted** as a proof of language proficiency
 - Applicants must be physically and mentally capable of completing their studies for the designated periods
- * **Please note that since the Program is designed for students with JLPT N3 or higher level of Japanese proficiency, NO beginner level Japanese Language classes with credits are available**

2. Required Documents

- ① Application for Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program (For Undergraduates)
 - Name in Katakana: required field
 - Expected Graduation Date: required field
 - Academic History: as at your study at KU commences
 - Preferred duration of stay at Kumamoto University:
 - 6 months (1 semester) from October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
 - or 1 year (2 semesters) from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022
 - ***Please ensure that your Expected Graduation Date and return flight date are after the above-mentioned end date of each duration of your choice.**
 - Date and Signature: must be hand-written (after submitting web application, the data will be sent to your international office. Please print out, sign, and send it back to us via courier)
- ② Certificate of Enrollment (issued by home university)

- ③ Academic Record (official home university transcript) of the most recent academic year
- ④ Letter of recommendation (from applicant's academic supervisor or a faculty member who knows him/her well)
- ⑤ Health Certificate (KU format): please include the result of a PCR test for COVID-19
- ⑥ Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) form (3 pages in total)
- ⑦ Certificate of financial support (certificate of bank account balance, certificate of income, etc.)
- ⑧ Application for the International House (if you would like to rent a room in the KU dormitory)
- ⑨ Four (4) ID photos (40mm × 30mm) (please write your name and University name on the back side, adhere 1 to your Program Application, another to your Application for COE Form)
- ⑩ Copy of the picture page of applicant's passport
* Check the expiry date and if less than a year left, please renew it
- ⑪ Certificate of language proficiency

3. Submission and Deadline

Please submit required documents to person in charge of overseas study programs at your home university. Documents must be sent to KU International Student Office through your home university by the deadline. Please note that KU does not accept documents or reply any inquiries submitted directly by applicants.

* Please prepare all documents in A4 size in either Japanese or English language. Also, please refrain from using staplers.

(1) Submission Deadline

Friday, April 16, 2021

(Application documents must arrive at our office in mail no later than above date)

(2) Where to Submit

International Student Office

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