

WINTER SCHOOL

KYUSHU UNIVERSITY
ENVISIONING
THE FUTURE OF DESIGN

Experience Kyushu University's Graduate School of Design **November 10 to 14, 2025**

The Graduate School of Design invites prospective international graduate students to apply for Winter School 2025!

Explore the graduate school through 5 days of lectures and lab sessions with our leading researchers in design and design engineering, many now accepting international graduate students.

Fee: 30,000 JPY

Includes program costs and lunches from Nov 10-13
Transportation and accommodation are not included.
For details, see the Call for Participants.

Application deadline
30 June 2025



Questions?
Contact us





Call for Participants
November 10 - 14, 2025
Graduate School of Design

The Graduate School of Design of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan invites potential international graduate students to Winter School 2025. This is a chance for those interested in graduate study with us to meet and learn from some of our leading researchers.

If you are a final-year undergraduate student, a current master's student, or you have completed undergraduate studies and are considering Kyushu University for graduate study, we encourage you to apply. We are seeking participants with a strong academic background and a desire to pursue a master's or doctoral degree at our Graduate School.

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| Dates | November 10 to 14, 2025 (Monday to Friday) * Accommodations at a hotel determined by our office will be reserved by us at a group rate and paid by each participant to the hotel directly for 6 nights (Nov 9 to 15) |
| Location | Ohashi Campus, Kyushu University , Fukuoka, Japan (access map) |
| Eligibility | Applicants must: (1) Be eligible to apply for a master's or doctoral program at Kyushu University's Faculty of Design. ○ This means they hold a bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline or are |

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| | <p>in their final year of a bachelor's program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes current master's students and those holding a master's degree interested in doctoral study. <p>(2) Be interested in enrolling in a graduate program at the Kyushu University Graduate School of Design.</p> <p>(3) Be able to communicate and engage in research in English.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Program Fee | 30,000 JPY, which includes all program costs as well as lunches Nov 10 to 13 | | | | | | | | |
| Not Included in Program Fee | <p>Program fee does not include the following items. All costs listed below are paid by the participant directly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel expenses to Japan and Fukuoka (electronic ticket detailing travel to Fukuoka must be sent to our office in advance) • Hotel fees (see below, "Accommodations") • Health insurance (required; proof of insurance must be sent to our office in advance) • Transportation fees within Fukuoka • Any fees associated with visa applications, etc. • Breakfast and dinner • Daily spending money • Any other associated costs | | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation | <p>Simple single occupancy accommodation will be booked for you by our office. All participants must stay at the hotel determined by our office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees will be approximately 60,000 JPY for 6 nights (Nov 9 to 15). • Fees will be paid by each participant directly to the hotel at check-in on Nov 9. Payment will be accepted by Visa, Mastercard, or Japanese currency. | | | | | | | | |
| Schedule (Subject to change) | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1711 619 1742">Nov 9</td> <td data-bbox="628 1711 1023 1742">Hotel check-in (approx. 3:00 PM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1760 619 1792">Nov 10</td> <td data-bbox="628 1760 1374 1792">Introduction to Geiko, Welcome lunch, Campus tour, Activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1809 619 1841">Nov 11</td> <td data-bbox="628 1809 1337 1890">AM: Lectures by Assoc. Prof. Masaki Iwamoto, Assoc. Prof. Kazuya Saito PM: Lab sessions with potential advisor</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1908 619 1939">Nov 12</td> <td data-bbox="628 1908 1385 2029">AM: Lectures by Asst. Prof Tomoko Hojo, Assoc. Prof. Kazuhiro Jo, Assoc. Prof. Hsin-Ni Ho PM: Lab sessions with potential advisor</td> </tr> </table> | Nov 9 | Hotel check-in (approx. 3:00 PM) | Nov 10 | Introduction to Geiko, Welcome lunch, Campus tour, Activities | Nov 11 | AM: Lectures by Assoc. Prof. Masaki Iwamoto , Assoc. Prof. Kazuya Saito PM: Lab sessions with potential advisor | Nov 12 | AM: Lectures by Asst. Prof Tomoko Hojo , Assoc. Prof. Kazuhiro Jo , Assoc. Prof. Hsin-Ni Ho PM: Lab sessions with potential advisor |
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| | <p>Nov 13 AM: Lectures by Assoc. Prof. Madoka Yuki, Asst. Prof. Yasuyuki Hayama, Prof. Melanie Sarantou PM: Labs sessions with potential advisor</p> <hr/> <p>Nov 14 Student Presentations, Professor Feedback, Closing Activities</p> <hr/> <p>Nov 15 Hotel check-out (approx. 10:00 AM)</p> |
| Lab sessions | <p>The lab system is unique to Japanese universities. Graduate students select a faculty advisor based on their research interests and enter their advisors' "research lab." A lab does not refer to a room for experimentation but to the group of undergraduate and graduate researchers advised by the faculty member. Lab seminars, or "zemi," are a key feature of Japanese graduate school.</p> <p>You will be attached to a faculty member's laboratory for 3 afternoons (Nov 11, 12, 13). After acceptance, we will send you a list of options, and you will indicate your preferred faculty advisors at that time.</p> |
| Application documents | <p>(1) Application form (Exported to PDF; please be sure to read the Instruction sheet)</p> <p>(2) Academic transcripts for all university programs undertaken, including information on each university's grading system (in PDF)</p> |
| Application deadline | <p>30 June 2025 (Mon) at 23:59 Japan Standard Time</p> <p>Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.</p> |
| Screening | <p>Participants will be selected based on academic record & motivation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no age limit. • Current doctoral students are not eligible. |
| Notification of acceptance | <p>We will notify you regarding acceptance within two weeks of the application deadline. If accepted, please respond promptly as documentation for visa applications requires preparation months in advance.</p> |
| Questions? | <p>Please contact us if you have any questions and send application documents in PDF to the Geiko International Office at gkintl-ofc@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you!</p> |