

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.

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

	in their final year of a bachelor's program. ○ This includes current master's students and those holding a master's degree interested in doctoral study. (2) Be interested in enrolling in a graduate program at the Kyushu University Graduate School of Design. (3) Be able to communicate and engage in research in English.								
Program Fee	30,000 JPY, which includes all program costs as well as lunches Nov 10 to 13								
Not Included in Program Fee	Program fee does not include the following items. All costs listed below are paid by the participant directly: • 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	Simple single occupancy accommodation will be booked for you by our office. All participants must stay at the hotel determined by our office. • 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> <tr> <td>Nov 9</td><td>Hotel check-in (approx. 3:00 PM)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nov 10</td><td>Introduction to Geiko, Welcome lunch, Campus tour, Activities</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nov 11</td><td>AM: Lectures by Assoc. Prof. Masaki Iwamoto, Assoc. Prof. Kazuya Saito PM: Lab sessions with potential advisor</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nov 12</td><td>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
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								

	Nov 13	AM: Lectures by Assoc. Prof. Madoka Yuki , Asst. Prof. Yasuyuki Hayama , Prof. Melanie Sarantou PM: Labs sessions with potential advisor
	Nov 14	Student Presentations, Professor Feedback, Closing Activities
	Nov 15	Hotel check-out (approx. 10:00 AM)
Lab sessions	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. 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.	
Application documents	(1) Application form (Exported to PDF; please be sure to read the Instruction sheet) (2) Academic transcripts for all university programs undertaken, including information on each university's grading system (in PDF)	
Application deadline	30 June 2025 (Mon) at 23:59 Japan Standard Time Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.	
Screening	Participants will be selected based on academic record & motivation. • There is no age limit. • Current doctoral students are not eligible.	
Notification of acceptance	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.	
Questions?	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 We look forward to welcoming you!	