Application Procedures
Admission as a Research Student in April 2027

Faculty of Engineering, Kagoshima University

1. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must belong to one of the following categories.

a. Those who have already graduated a university
b. Those who are approved by the Faculty of Engineering as having academic ability equivalent to or superior to a.

2. Application period

For entrance in April 2027, please submit your application between Monday, February 8, 2027 and Friday, February 12, 2027.
*If delivering in person, please hand in between 9:00 and 16:00 (except 12:00 - 13:00) on the above dates.
*If you are an overseas resident, please submit your application during the following periods.
Application period 1: Wednesday, November 11 - Friday, November 13, 2026
Application period 2: Wednesday, December 16 – Friday, December 18, 2026

3. Application Documents

Submit the following documents filled in either Japanese or English.

a. Application Form for Admission as a Research Student (Form 1)
Fill out the prescribed form. Signature or seal from a prospective academic supervisor is required in the form.
b. Resume (Form 2)
Fill out the prescribed form and attach your ID photo.
c. Certificate of completion (or certificate of expected completion) from the last school attended
Applicants who graduated from foreign universities must submit a certificate in English.
d. Certified Academic Record
Submit official transcript of the last school attended.
e. Letter of Guarantee (Form 3)
f. Screening Fee
¥9,800 JPY. Please refer to the attached file “How to pay the examination fee at Kagoshima University” and make the payment. After payment, cut out the Official Receipt portion of the Examination Fee and Screening Fee Receipts and attach it on the designated area of the prescribed slip and submit the slip.
*Note that the payer is responsible for paying the administration fee.
g. Identification
Foreign nationals are required to submit an official document (a copy of a certificate of residence, a copy of their residence card, a copy of their passport) showing a status of residence and expiration date.

In-service engineers and researchers who belong to private companies or institutions are required to submit the following documents.

h. Assurance (Any format)
State that you wish to receive guidance for your personal purpose.
i. Letter of assurance from the head of the organization where the applicant works (Form 4)
Assure that the applicant is not dispatched as a research student for the business purpose of the company.
j. Letter of approval from the head of the department where the applicant works (Form 5)
Applicants who wish to apply while still in your current position are required to submit proof of acceptance of your application by your department head.

Notes:
*Other documents might be requested.
* Privacy Policy
Please note that submitted personal data will be handled in the following manner.
Personal data will be handled in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" and the "Regulations Concerning Protection and Management of Personal Information Held by National University Corporation Kagoshima University.
The names, addresses, and other personal information obtained in the application process will be used only for the purpose of processing screening, announcement of result and enrollment and of processing registration and scholastic matters (sign-up, academic performance record, etc.) and will not be used for any other purpose.

4. General Instructions when submitting an application

a. Before submitting application, you must obtain the consent of the faculty member (prospective academic advisor). Depending on the research theme or plan, consent may not be obtained. Please submit your application with the prospective supervisor's signature or seal. The application without them and outside the application period will not be officially accepted.
b. Research students may not earn credits.
c. Please pay the screening fee immediately before submitting the application, and submit an official receipt on the designated slip along with other application documents. Cash is not accepted.
d. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be accepted.
e. Admission may be cancelled if any false information is found in the application documents or statements.
f. Once paid, screening fee, admission fee, and tuition fee will not be refunded under any circumstance.
g. Kagoshima University has established the "National University Corporation Kagoshima University Security Export Control Regulations" in accordance with the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" and strictly examines foreign students and residents who are subject to regulations from the perspective of providing technology and exporting cargo. If you wish to apply, please consult with us at the earliest possible. Please note that if you fall under any of the restricted categories, we may not be able to accept you or may place restrictions on your desired research activities.
For more information, please refer to the University's security export control website: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/research/anzenhoshou.html
*Japanese only

5. Tuition and fees

Screening fee	¥9,800 (JPY)	(Payment must be made for the application procedures.)
Admission fee	¥84,600 (JPY)	(Payment must be made by the designated date after admission is granted.)
Tuition	One semester ¥178,200 (JPY) One year ¥356,400 (JPY)	(An invoice for tuition will be distributed after your enrollment.)

If tuition fees are revised, the new tuition fees will be applied from the time of revision.

6. Selection

Selection will be made on Wednesday, March 17, 2027 (Wednesday, December 16, 2026 for overseas residents applying in the application period 1, Wednesday, January 13, 2027 for those applying in the application period 2). Applicants must inquire the results by telephone or other means with the Student Affairs Division, Graduate School of Science and Engineering.

7. Enrollment procedures

Successful applicants are required to complete the acceptance procedures as follows. Failure to do so by the designated date will result in cancellation of the enrollment.

a. Admission fee should be paid by Wednesday, March 24, 2027 (Wednesday, December 23 2026 for overseas residents applying in the application period 1, Wednesday, January 20, 2027 for those applying in the period 2) referring to the attached file “How to pay the examination fee at Kagoshima University”. After payment, cut out the Official Receipt portion of the Examination Fee and Screening Fee Receipts and attach it on the designated area of the prescribed slip. This slip must be sent to the student affairs division no later than 4pm on Wednesday, March 24, 2027(Wednesday, December 23, 2026 for overseas residents applying in the application period 1, Wednesday, January 20, 2027 for those applying in the period 2).

＊Note that the payer is responsible for paying the administration fee.

b. An invoice for tuition will be distributed after your enrollment.
c. Those who submitted a certificate of expected graduation (completion) at the time of application must submit the certificate of graduation (completion) by Wednesday, March 24, 2027.
d. If you wish to cancel the enrollment for any reason after the enrollment procedures (after the admission fee is paid), please notify the student affairs division of your wish and follow the prescribed procedures. In this case, the screening and admission fees are not refundable.

8. Time of admission

April 2027

9. Contact

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