

### **Why did you choose to study at KU?**

I attend the School of Pharmacy and my interest is in research. The School of Pharmacy at Kumamoto University assigns its students to laboratories in their third year, allowing them to participate in laboratory life and be taught the fundamentals for future research from professors and senior students. I thought this was a great advantage, and this is why I chose Kumamoto University as my study abroad destination.

### **How is your student life in Kumamoto and Japan?**

When I was in my first year, I practically lived at the university, and from my second year I mainly studied subjects pertaining to my major at the School of Pharmacy campus. Now in my third year, I am a member of a laboratory and since there are fewer classes to take, I conduct experiments and research my thesis in the laboratory from morning till night.

As for work, I have part-time jobs teaching Korean and translating, utilizing my skills as an international student. Occasionally, senior students have introduced me to part-time jobs, including an Eiken (English proficiency testing program) job, which I did together with my friends. The Eiken part-time job was very formal requiring a suit, and gave me a great chance to practice using honorifics, which I wasn't too used to yet.

International students must have various concerns about coming to Japan, but the faculty members and students at Kumamoto University are kind and helpful to international students like me. I enjoy living here because I've only experienced people being kind and polite in explaining things to me when I had problems or couldn't understand Japanese.

### **Any message and/or advice to those who wish to study at KU?**

International students come across many problems and worries while preparing to study abroad. Before deciding where to go, it is best to participate in study abroad fairs and other events in order to increase the number of options, and then consider various aspects in order to make the best decision. Attending university is not everything, but learning at a university can be a path that leads to a great future, so I wish you all the best. Also, it would make me very happy if you came to Kumamoto University.

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