

## University Ranking

by Times Higher Education

### University Impact Rankings 2024



Life below water: **1**st in Japan  
(47<sup>th</sup> in World)

Overall ranking: **14**th in Japan  
(301-400<sup>th</sup> in World)

Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025: **6**th in Japan  
(122<sup>nd</sup> in World)

Japan University Rankings 2025: **18**th among National Universities  
(23<sup>rd</sup> in Japan)



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## History of Kumamoto University

**1756** Saishunkan established  
(Origin of School of Medicine and University Hospital)

**1887** The Fifth High School established

**1949** Kumamoto University established



Old time building in 19<sup>th</sup> century  
(Courtesy of Tomishige Photo Studio)

Kumamoto is a vibrant city that offers the perfect balance of academic opportunity, cultural heritage, and natural beauty. It is home to landmarks such as Kumamoto Castle and lies near scenic spots like Lake Ezu.

Just a short trip away is Mt. Aso, one of the world's largest active volcanoes, renowned for its dramatic landscapes and natural spring water, which supports both daily life and high-tech industries. The city also provides easy access to the Amakusa Islands, ideal for marine activities and coastal relaxation.

Kumamoto is also known for its thriving manga culture. One notable figure is *Takehiko Inoue*, a renowned manga artist and a former student of Kumamoto University. He calligraphed the university's communication words with exceptional skill in ink and brush, combining artistic precision with expressive power.



創造の森 挑戦の炎



"Forest of Creative Power, Blaze of Challenging Spirit"



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# Kumamoto University

## At a glance







Kumamoto University is an outstanding research institute that welcomes numerous local and international students and researchers, contributing to both local and global communities.

- 8,000 undergraduate students \*
  - 2,000 graduate students \*
  - 2,600 faculty and staff members \*
  - 1,000 international students and researchers \*
  - 17 research centers and facilities
  - 8 overseas offices
- \* Approximate numbers



# Education

## Faculties

- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Science
- School of Medicine
- School of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Engineering
- School of Informatics
- School of Social Innovation\*\*

## Graduate Schools

- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences
- Graduate School of Science and Technology
- Graduate School of Medical Sciences
- Graduate School of Health Sciences
- Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

\*\* Start from April 2026

## University Library

- Over 1.25 million volumes in the collection
- Over 16,000 electronic journal titles



## Cutting-edge Research Institutes

- Institute of Molecular Embryology and Genetics
- Institute of Industrial Nanomaterials
- Institute of Light Metals
- Research and Education Institute for Semiconductors and Informatics
- International Research Center for Medical Sciences
- Eisei-Bunko Research Center
- Center for Water, Marine Environment, and Disaster Management
- Magnesium Research Center
- Institute of Resource Development and Analysis
- Joint Research Center for Human Retrovirus Infection



# Research

## Institutions Collaborating with Kumamoto University (2015-2024)

- 104 countries
- 1,921 institutional collaborations

## External research funding received, AY2023 (April 2023 - March 2024)

7.8 billion yen

# International Exchange

As of May 1, 2025

- University-level exchange agreements
  - 127 partner institutions ( 41 countries )
- Department-level exchange agreements
  - 136 partner institutions ( 41 countries )
- Double Degree Program
  - 27 programs



Becoming an education and research hub contributing both locally and globally through “co-creation” with society