



KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY is an outstanding research institute, accepting many international students and contributing to local and international communities.

- 8,000** undergraduate students
- 2,000** graduate students
- 2,600** faculty and staff members
- 17** research centers and facilities
- 8** overseas offices



Education

Faculties

- Faculty of Letter
- 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

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/regions
- 1,921** institutional collaborations

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

7.8 billion yen

International Exchange

As of January 1, 2026

- University-level exchange agreements
 - 126** partner institutions (**40** countries/regions)
- Department-level exchange agreements
 - 132** partner institutions (**39** countries/regions)
- Double Degree Program
 - 27** programs



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



University Ranking

by Times Higher Education

Japan University Rankings 2025: 18th among National Universities
(23rd in Japan)

Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025: 6th in Japan
(122nd in World)

University Impact Rankings 2024



Life below water: 1st in Japan
(47th in World)

Overall ranking: 14th in Japan
(301-400th in World)



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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 19th century
(Courtesy of Tomishige Photo Studio)



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

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

創造 拓 森 挑 戦 拓 炎

Takehiko Inoue, a former student of Kumamoto University and a manga artist, calligraphed the university's communication words with his exceptional skill in ink and brush, as well as his precise and impactful expressions.



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At a glance

