

April 2027 Enrollment

**Guidelines for Prospective Applicants to the International Doctoral Program
in Dental Science**

Admission



Kyushu University

Faculty of Dental Science

Years Required for Graduation: PhD course 4 years

Types of Degree

The Graduate School of Dental Science offers three types of doctoral degrees: Doctor of Philosophy (Dental Science), Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Dentistry).

A Doctorate in Doctor of Philosophy (Dental Science) is awarded to students who specialize in dental research and have obtained sufficient knowledge and skills to undertake independent research.

A Doctorate in Doctor of Philosophy is awarded to students who are engaged in advanced academic research related to dental science and can undertake cutting-edge research in a wide range of fields.

A Doctorate in Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Dentistry) is awarded to students who specialize in clinical research, have the ability to undertake clinical research, and who can take a leadership role as a highly skilled professional in the future.

Requirements for Completion

A minimum of 4 years of attendance and at least 32 credits: 8 general subject credits taken in the first or second year, 16 credits from the core curriculum and 6 specialist credits taken in the latter years of the course. Please consult your supervisor regarding course selection.

Credits will be awarded on the basis of exams or reports.

In addition to a minimum of 4 years attendance and completion of required credits, students are required to submit a thesis based on original research. After approval of their thesis, students must successfully defend their thesis to be awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Dental Science), Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Dentistry).

However, students with an exemplary research record may graduate in 3 years.

Students who wish to obtain Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Dentistry) must earn "Clinical Practice I-III" specialist core credits.

Field of Specialization, Research Area and Supervisor

Field of Specialization	Research Area	Supervisor
Oral Biological Science	Molecular Cell Biology and Oral Anatomy	Prof. Yamaza Takayoshi
	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	Prof. Jimi Eijiro
	Aging Science and Pharmacology	Prof. Kanematsu Takashi
	Oral Neuroscience	Prof. Shigemura Noriatsu
	Oral, Brain and Total Health Science	Prof. Yasukochi Tomoyo
Oral Health, Growth and Development	Preventive and Dental Public Health	Prof. Takeshita Toru
	Pediatric Dentistry and Special Need Dentistry	Prof. Fukumoto Satoshi
	Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics	Prof. Takahashi Ichiro
Oral Rehabilitation	Biomaterials	Prof. Ishikawa Kunio
	Endodontology and Operative Dentistry	Prof. Maeda Hidefumi
	Periodontology	Prof. (Ikiru Atsuta)※Department Chair
	Fixed Prosthodontics	Prof. Atsuta Ikiru
	Implant and Rehabilitative Dentistry	Prof. Ayukawa Yasunori
Maxillofacial Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences	Oral Pathology	Prof. Kiyoshima Tamotsu
	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	Prof. Chikui Toru
	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Prof. Moriyama Masafumi
	Oral and Maxillofacial Oncology	Prof. Kawano Shintaro
	Dental Anesthesiology	Prof. Yokoyama Takeshi
	Geriatric Dentistry and Perioperative Medicine	Prof. Kashiwazaki Haruhiko
Interdisciplinary Dentistry	Dental Education	Prof. Tsukiyama Yoshihiro
	General Dentistry	Prof. Wada Naohisa

Please make contact with the professor in your chosen research area and get informal acceptance before applying to our International Doctoral Program.

You are encouraged to make use of the **Kyushu University Academic Staff Educational and Research Activities Database** (<https://hyoka.ofc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/search/index.html>) and the **Pre-admission Support Desk (PSD)** (<https://iaas.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>) to contact the professor you would like to study under.

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Admission

International students wanting to enter our Ph.D. program from April, 2027 can apply to our International Doctoral Program, if they meet any one of the following requirements.

1. Required Qualifications

Hold foreign nationality and meet the following requirements:

- i. Those who have completed or are expected to complete an 18-year curriculum education in a foreign country (major in Dentistry, Medical Science or Veterinary Medicine) by March 31th, 2027.
- ii. Those who have completed a 16-year curriculum education and have 2 years of research experience in a university or research institution, and whose research is evaluated by the faculty as having the same level as a graduate in Dentistry, Medical Science or Veterinary Medicine.
- iii. Those who have received, or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree or a degree equivalent to the bachelor's by March 31, 2027 by completing a 5-year course or longer (includes completing the course by taking classes in a correspondence course provided by a foreign university or an equivalent foreign facility in Japan, or completing the course at a scholastic organization admitted by the School Education System in the foreign country concerned) at a foreign university or other foreign schools (limited to the institution and its overall situation of educational research activities admitted by the person certified by the foreign government or relevant authorities, or the equivalent institution specially designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.)

2. Application Period

1st application period: August 3 (Monday) – 21 (Friday), 2026

2nd application period: November 30 (Monday) – December 16 (Wednesday), 2026

3. Application Documents

Applicants should submit the necessary documents for the application to the Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Dental Science, Kyushu University.

The documents for the application should be sent by registered special delivery mail, and should arrive at Kyushu University within the application period.

(Address)

Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Dental Science, Kyushu University

3-1-1 Maidashi, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka, 812-8582, Japan

TEL: +81-92-642-6261

- i. Application form (Kyushu University format) *Attach two photos (5 x 4cm) to your application form
- ii. Curriculum Vitae
- iii. College diploma and college transcript from the last school you graduated from

Please submit the originals.

- iv. Entrance examination fee: 30,000 JPY

Please transfer in Japanese yen and cover all the commission costs when you transfer.

(Not required for Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) students)

N.B. This fee is non-refundable

Applicants are asked to either ① make a bank transfer (make sure to enclose a photocopy of the remittance receipt together with their application documents as proof of payment) or ② pay the application fee online via “ e-payment.” Payment of all bank charges, including any transaction charges, is entirely the responsibility of the applicant.

<①Bank Transfer>

Beneficiary:

Name	Kyushu University
Address	744 Motoooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395
Country	JAPAN

Beneficiary's Bank:

Name	SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION
Branch Name	FUKUOKA BRANCH
Address	1-1-1 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka 812-0011, JAPAN
A/C No.	7119240
Swift Code	SMBCJPJT

<②Credit Card Payment>

Payment can be made by credit card online at;

<https://e-shiharai.net/> (in Japanese) <https://e-shiharai.net/english/> (in English)

*For detailed information on how to pay all fees online, please see the page labeled "How to Pay Your Application Fee by Credit Card" at the end of this brochure.

v . Submission of original TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS score reports

(for applicants seeking exemption from the written English examination).

If your English language ability is assessed as sufficient, based on your submitted TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS score report, you will be exempt from taking the written English examination.

However, if an original score sheet is not submitted, you will be required to take the written English examination. Please submit an original score report dated no more than two years before the PhD application deadline.

The original score report will be returned to you after processing.

【Original score sheet】

- Official Score Certificate of TOEIC
- Test Taker Score Report or Institutional Score Report of TOEFL
(Score Record of TOEFL-ITP is also accepted)
- Test Report Form of IELTS

4. Selection Method

Selection will be based on the results of examination, interview and application documents.

Written examination and interview

Place: Faculty of Dental Science, Kyushu University

1st application: Date: September 8 (Tuesday), 2026

2nd application: Date: January 19 (Tuesday), 2027

Time (JST)	Subject
9:30~10:30	Field of Specialty*
10:50~12:20	English
13:30~	Interview

*You will be examined on your field of specialty and related subjects.

*In general, entrance examination and interview for examinees residing overseas are conducted online using Zoom.

*Alternative Date: September 9 (Wednesday), 2026 (for 1st application),
January 20 (Wednesday), 2027 (for 2nd application)

Examination will be conducted on the above alternative date if the examination is cancelled due to the unforeseen circumstances, such as typhoon.

5. Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified by email.

1st application: October 7 (Wednesday), 2026

2nd application: February 10 (Wednesday), 2027

6. Enrollment Procedure

The enrollment documents will be sent to the successful applicants' registered address in early February. These documents must be completed during the enrollment period, February 19 (Friday) - March 4 (Thursday), 2027.

*If you do not complete the enrollment procedure during this period, you will lose your place.

Entrance fee and tuition fees

Entrance fee: 282,000 yen

Tuition fees: 267,900 yen for half a year (Annual amount 535,800 yen)

*All fees are waived for Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) students.

*All fees shown here are subject to change.

7. Use of Personal Information

- i. Your personal information is only used for the application process, admission procedure and data collection.
- ii. Your personal information is protected under Japanese Personal Information Protection

8. Applicants with Disabilities

The University provides consultation for applicants with disabilities who may require special arrangements during the entrance examinations or in classes after enrollment.

Please contact the following office prior to the application process as soon as possible as it sometimes takes extra time to decide on the arrangements depending on the situation.

9. False Statements in Application Documents

If false statements or forgeries are discovered in the application materials, your admission may be retroactively revoked, even after you have been accepted or enrolled.

Contact Information:

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E-mail: ijgsigaku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

Photograph (4×5 cm)	Examinee Number	
	Application Form To: Dean of the Graduate School of Dentistry, Kyushu University	
	Surname/Family Name	First Name(s)
	Date of Birth: (^{dd} / ^{mm} / ^{yy})	
	Sex (<input type="checkbox"/>) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
	Marital Status (<input type="checkbox"/>) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married	
	Field of Specialization, Research Area and Supervisor	
First choice	Field of Specialization	
	Research Area	
	Supervisor	
Most recent university	(^{dd} / ^{mm} / ^{yy}) <input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> will complete	
Home Address	Postcode: Tel:	Nationality
	Email:	Passport Number
Correspondence Address (if different)	Postcode: Tel:	
Guarantor	Name (Relationship)	()
	Address	Postcode: Tel: Email:

Photograph (4×5 cm)	Examinee Number	
	Examination Card	
	Most Recent University:	
	Surname/First Name(s):	
The International Doctoral Program of Graduate School of Dentistry, Kyushu University		

Education (since graduating high school)	
(dd/mm/yy)	
Employment	
(dd/mm/yy)	
Professional Qualifications (e.g. Dental License Registration Number)	
(dd/mm/yy)	

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Examination Rules

1. Candidates cannot enter the examination room without their examination card.
2. Candidates must sit in the seat allocated to their examinee number and display their examinee card on their desk during the exam.
3. Candidates can bring pencils (not colored pencils), erasers and pencil sharpeners into the examination room. All other materials are not permitted.
4. Additional information will be given prior to the start of the examination

Name in Alphabet	
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Curriculum Vitae: Educational Background

Category	School Name	Location (City/Country)	Period of Schooling	Period of Attendance (dd/mm/yy)
Elementary Education				
Secondary Education (Junior High School)				
Secondary Education (High School)				
University (Undergraduate Level)				
University (Postgraduate Level)				

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Name in Alphabet	
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Curriculum Vitae: Employment Record

Name of Organization	Location	Period of employment (dd/mm/yy)	Position	Type of work

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yy)
