

Kyushu University Emergency Student Support Plan to Mitigate the Impact of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Kyushu University is urgently pressing ahead with measures to provide comprehensive aid to students adversely impacted by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including students whose guardians are facing economic hardship and those who have experienced a decrease in income due to having to stay home from part-time work.

1. Emergency Tuition Fee Exemption (University-Sponsored Aid)

With many households seeing a decrease in income due to the impact of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), students who meet the university criteria will be eligible for an emergency tuition fee exemption if they are not covered by the New Learning Support System for Higher Education offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). (Undergraduate and graduate students, including international students, are eligible to apply)

2. Emergency Student Support Fund (University-Sponsored Aid)

Kyushu University will provide ¥30,000 to students in need of financial assistance upon application to relieve anxiety surrounding their studies. Students who have been adversely impacted by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)—including students whose guardians are facing economic hardship and those who have experienced a decrease in income due to having to stay home from part-time work—are eligible to apply. (Undergraduate and graduate students, including international students, are eligible to apply)

3. Establishment of a Relief Fund (University-Sponsored Aid)

Kyushu University will provide additional financial assistance to students experiencing extreme financial difficulties beyond the Emergency Tuition Fee Exemption and Emergency Student Support Fund outlined above. As the university continues to put its financial resources to work, the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Student Relief Fund has been established within the Kyushu University Fund to cover the deficit. Any financial support from university faculty, staff, alumni, and the wider community is greatly appreciated.

4. Utilizing National Support Programs

- (1) Support from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
The university is offering support to apply for aid from MEXT and JASSO for students whose households have seen a decrease in income due to the impact of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
 - 1 Applying for tuition fee exemptions and benefit-type scholarships under the New Learning Support System for Higher Education
(Undergraduate students with Japanese nationality are eligible to apply)
 - 2 Emergency and temporary applications for Category 1 Loans (interest-free loans) and Category 2 Loans (interest-bearing loans)
- (2) Informing students of special flat-rate subsidy (tentative name)
Thoroughly disseminate information throughout the university related to the Japanese government's plan to distribute a ¥100,000/person special flat-rate subsidy (tentative name)

5. Other Related Initiatives

- (1) Effective utilization of TAs
Even with courses moved online, the university will continue to enrich its educational support by proactively engaging teaching assistants (TAs) and other student workers.
- (2) Student mental health and well-being services
The university will publish updates as the situation develops to address students' mental health concerns, and the Counseling and Health Center will remain open for students experiencing anxiety.

*Details regarding Emergency Tuition Fee Exemption and Emergency Student Support Fund applications will be shared as soon as they are available.