

# Changes to Enrollment and Tuition Fee Exemption System

As announced in June 2025, in conjunction with the expansion of tuition and fee exemptions under the national “New System for Support of Higher Education Studies (hereinafter referred to as the “New National System”), we have reviewed our existing “Tuition Fee Exemption System” (hereinafter referred to as the “University’s original System”), which the University has previously administered independently. and will revise the University’s student fee exemption system effective from the 2026 academic year. However, the 2026 academic year will serve as a transitional period for the revisions, and the full transition to the new system will take effect starting in the 2027 academic year.

[ Undergraduate] “Students Enrolling in the 2026 Academic Year”: The revised system will apply.

“Students Enrolling in the 2025 Academic Year or Earlier”: The current system will continue to apply.

[Graduate] Both "Students Enrolling in the 2026 Academic Year" and "Students Enrolling in the 2025 Academic Year or Earlier" will continue to be subject to the current system.

## OMajor Changes Due to the System Revision

1. “Exemption System for Undergraduate Students,” exemptions will be implemented solely under “New National System”. However, under the University’s original system, we will implement two types of exemptions: (1) exemptions limited to students with “special circumstances” (effective from the 2026 academic year: refer to Attachment 1-1) and (2) exemptions to support outstanding students (effective from the 2027 academic year: refer to Attachment 1-2).
2. “Exemption System for Graduate Students” will continue to be implemented under the University’s original system, but will be divided into two categories: (1)exemptions based on financial need (“Financial”) and (2) support for outstanding students (“Academic”) (refer to Attachment 2-1 , 2-2 and Appendix ).
  - “Financial” : Regarding eligibility criteria and required documents, we will apply mutatis mutandis the household income assessment methods and document requirements established under New National System for undergraduate students.  
Eligibility is generally limited to Japanese students (including foreign nationals with permanent residency status, etc.).
  - “Academic” : Support for current doctoral programs (recipients of JSPS, SPRING, etc.) will continue to be categorized as “Academic I.”  
In addition, we are establishing a new category, “Academic II,” to support outstanding students, including international students.  
\*Note: Applicants may not apply for both the “Financial” and “Academic” categories simultaneously.
3. “Deferment for Enrollment Fees,” for students who are not eligible for enrollment fee exemption, the d deferment period will be changed to the end of July for students enrolling in April and the end of January for students enrolling in October. (Refer to Attachment 3)
4. “Exemption of Enrollment and Tuition Fees in Connection with Large-Scale Disasters, etc.” the exemption period for disasters eligible for support will be revised. (Refer to Attachment 4)

## OEnrollment and Tuition Fee Exemption Systems for Each Program in FY 2026 and 2027

Program	Eligible Students	FY 2026		FY 2027
Undergraduate Students	Japanese**	<b>(Current Students)</b> • <b>New National system</b> (Generally, for Japanese only • <b>Cannot apply concurrently with the university’s original system</b> )	<b>(New Students*)</b> *Including transfer students • <b>New National system</b> (Generally, for Japanese only • <b>Cannot apply concurrently with the university’s original system</b> )	• <b>New National system</b> (Generally, for Japanese only • <b>Cannot apply concurrently with the university’s original system</b> ) • <b>University’s original system (Financial)*</b> *Available only to students with "special circumstances" • <b>University’s original system (Academic)</b>
	Self-Supporting International Students	• <b>University’s original system*</b> *Only the following students are eligible to apply • Students who were allowed exemption under original system in the FY 2025 • Students with “special circumstances”	• <b>University’s original system*</b> *Only students with “special circumstances” may apply	
Graduate Students	Japanese**	• <b>University’s original system</b> (Financial review based on household income and support for doctoral program students) *As currently implemented		• <b>University’s original system (Financial and Academic)</b> * <b>Cannot apply concurrently</b>
	Self-Supporting International Students			• <b>University’s original system (Academic)</b> * <b>Cannot apply “Financial”</b>

\*\*Including foreign with permanent resident status, etc.

There is also an “Enrollment Fee Deferment” system available for students (both Japanese and international) who are ineligible for exemption applications but are unable to pay the enrollment fee at the time of enrollment due to delays in receiving scholarship funds or educational loan.

This information is current as of March 2026. Please check the Kyushu University website for details and the latest information before applying.

We plan to publicise the “Application Guidebook for Enrollment Fee Exemption (Deferment) and Tuition Fee Exemption Spring Semester 2027” around winter 2026.



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## 1-1. Exemption System for Undergraduate Students (Financial Reasons: "Financial")

### [New National System: Exemption from Enrollment and Tuition Fees]

(1) Eligibility:

For Japanese undergraduate students (including foreign nationals with permanent resident status, etc.), enrollment and tuition fees will be waived based on the support categories of the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) grant-scholarships.

\*Self-Supporting international students and graduate students are not eligible.

(2) Application Period:

During the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship application period.

(Applies only for the first time; thereafter, an annual renewal procedure (enrollment report) is required.)

Household income and academic eligibility are reviewed annually.

(3) Implementation Period and Exemption Amount:

**Full, 2/3, or 1/3** exemptions are available for the spring and fall semesters.

\* Only those who do not qualify for the "New National System" and who fall under special circumstances (within six months [within one year for new students]: (1) death of the primary breadwinner or (2) natural disaster) may apply for the university's original exemption system described in **2-1** below.

## 1-2. Exemption System for Undergraduate Students

### (Support for Outstanding Students: "Academic") [NEW]

#### [University's original system: Exemption from Tuition Fee]

(1) Eligibility:

Tuition exemption are granted to students in their 2nd through 4th years of undergraduate study (5th and 6th years for 6-year programs) who are recognized as academically outstanding, in order to reduce their financial burden and allow them to concentrate on their studies and research. (Cannot be combined with other exemption programs.)

(2) Implementation Period and Exemption Amount:

Eligible students will be notified. **2/3 of the fall semester tuition fee will be exempted.**

## 2-1. Exemption System for Graduate Students (Financial Reasons: " Financial")

### [University's original system: Exemption from Enrollment and Tuition Fees]

(1) Eligibility:

In principle, Japanese students (including foreign nationals with permanent residency status, etc.) who have difficulty paying enrollment or tuition fee due to financial hardship and are recognized as academically outstanding, or those who have difficulty paying enrollment or tuition fee due to special circumstances, are eligible for enrollment and tuition fee exemption.

\* Due to changes in the household income criteria, applications will be reviewed based on the documents submitted for the JASSO Grant Scholarship (for the applicant and both parents [Parent1 and Parent 2]), so, generally, you cannot apply as a financially independent student.

\* Students eligible for "Academic I" or "Academic II" are not eligible to apply for tuition exemption.

However, they may apply for enrollment fee exemption.

(2) Application Period:

Applications are accepted year-round (spring and fall semesters) as usual.

(3) Implementation Period and Exemption Amount:

**Full, 2/3, and 1/3** exemptions will be offered for both the spring and fall semesters.

#### (4) Household Financial Review and Criteria:

The Household Budget Assessment Method and required documents from the new national system for undergraduate students (JASSO Grant Scholarship) will be applied.

Applications are generally accepted year-round (spring and fall semesters), and determined based on the most recent income verification document.

#### **Kyushu University's new exemption criteria**

**(Providing exemptions based on category, including for those with multiple children)**

<b>Category I (JASSO): Full exemption</b>	⇒ <b>Kyushu University: Full exemption</b>
<b>Category II (JASSO): 2/3 exemption</b>	⇒ <b>Kyushu University: Full exemption</b>
<b>Category III (JASSO): 1/3 exemption</b>	⇒ <b>Kyushu University: 2/3 exemption</b>
<b>Category IV (JASSO): 1/4 exemption</b>	⇒ <b>Kyushu University: 1/3 exemption</b>
<b>Outside Categories, Families with multiple children (Outside Categories)</b>	⇒ <b>Kyushu University: No Exemption</b>

#### **\*Asset Requirements:**

**Even if income limits are met, students with assets of 50 million yen or more are ineligible for support.**

**\*Even if you meet the criteria, the above results may not necessarily apply due to budgetary constraints.**

[Reference]

[Japan Student Services Organization \(JASSO\) Scholarship Simulator \(Japanese only\)](#)

You can check a rough estimate of your income.

(Select "Grants for Undergraduate Students" and "Selected During Enrollment")

<https://shogakukin-simulator.jasso.go.jp/>



## 2-2. Exemption System for Graduate Students

**(Support for Outstanding Students: "Academic")**

**[University's original system: Exemption from Tuition Exemption]**

► **Support for Outstanding Students "Academic I"** (Continuation of the current system)

### (1) Eligible Recipients:

Tuition exemption is provided to outstanding doctoral students selected for the following programs to alleviate their financial burden and enable them to focus on their studies and research.

Doctoral Program Name	Semester	Support Details (Tuition)
[Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)] Research Fellows (DC1/DC2)	Spring Semester Fall Semester	<b>Full exemption</b>
[Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)] Kyushu University Program to Cultivate Innovative Ph. D.s for a Better Future (K2SPRING)		Current: 1/2 exemption → <b>New: 2/3 exemption</b>
[Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)] Kyushu University Synergetic Supporting Program for AI-Related Doctoral Students" (K-BOOST)		
Kyushu University Graduate Program of Mathematics for Innovation (GPMI)		

## ► Support for Outstanding Students "Academic II" 【NEW】

### (1) Eligible Recipients:

Tuition exemption is provided to outstanding graduate students for academic and research (for Master's students, those intending to advance to the Doctoral Program at Kyushu University) in order to alleviate their financial burden and enable them to devote themselves fully to their studies and research.

\*Exclusions from eligibility

- Students on leave of absence at the time of application
- Government-sponsored international students and government-dispatched international students
- Students who have exceeded the minimum standard period of study, excluding periods of leave of absence.

However, in cases where the delay is due to reasons related to academic progress or personal development, applications are accepted only for those whose period of extension does not exceed one year.

- Students who were exempt from the "Financial" in the spring semester or the "Academic I" in either the spring or fall semester.

※Generally, concurrent applications with the "Financial" exemption are not permitted.

However, students whose application was "denied" in the spring semester may apply.

### (2) Application Period:

Around August–September; each school will set its own application period.

(Notification of Results: Late December–Late January)

### (3) Implementation Period and Exemption Amount:

**2/3 of the fall-semester tuition fee will be exempted**

### (4) Selection Method:

Each school will select recipients based on academic performance and research achievements.

(Refer to [Appendix: Selection Criteria and Eligibility for Academic Review "Academic II"](#)) 

## 3. Deferment of Enrollment Fee

### [University's original system: Deferment of Enrollment Fee]

#### (1) Eligibility:

Students (both Japanese and international) who do not qualify for tuition exemption but are unable to pay the enrollment fee at the time of enrollment due to delays in receiving scholarship funds or educational loans.

(Cannot be applied for concurrently with an exemption application)

#### (2) Application Period:

Submit a pre-application during the Enrollment Procedures as usual, and submit the formal application after enrollment.

#### (3) Grace Period:

Changed to the end of July for April enrollment and the end of January for October enrollment.

## 4. Financial Support for Students Disaster-Affected by Large-Scale Disasters, etc.

### [University's original system: Exemption from Enrollment and Tuition Fees]

Regarding financial support for cases where the Academic Expenses Supporter (for international students, the student themselves or parents residing in Japan, etc.) has been affected by a large-scale disaster designated by Kyushu university, generally, the eligible disaster period has been **changed to within one year of the disaster occurring**.