

## ***Kyushu University (National)*** ***Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences***

### ◆ Program name

International Graduate Program

### ◆ Degrees:

Master of Science

### ◆ Credit and years needed for graduation:

30 credits, 2 years

### ◆ Note:

Compulsory subjects consist of 3 subjects out of 9 core subjects; 2 subjects out of 9 advanced subjects; 2 PBL subjects; thesis (12 credits) and laboratory seminars (4 credits)

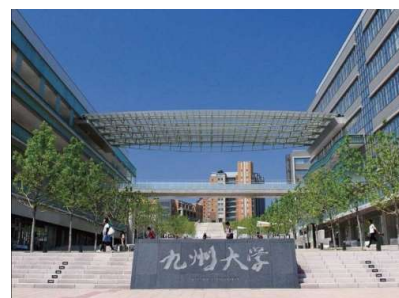
### ◆ Address:

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## ***Features of University*** <https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Faculty of Agriculture at Kyushu University (formerly Kyushu Imperial University) was established in February 1919 and has since then been remarkably progressed in the academia while making great strides in the fields of agricultural science and technology research and education. The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences is aimed at conducting researches and education related to the maintenance of a stable supply of food and food-oriented materials indispensable to life, machinery and facility development, the preservation of wildlife and the environment, and the health and welfare of mankind in the world.



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The number of teaching staff at the entire University is 2,143 and the administrative 2,455  
Student enrollment: Bachelor 11,683, Master 3,984, Doctor 2,600 and Specialized 293

## ***Features of Graduate School*** <https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/education/graduate/igp/>

The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences consists of 4 departments, each of which comprises 2 to 3 divisions including over 70 laboratories covering various fields of agriculture, forestry, fishery, animal science, and agricultural economics.

The current enrollment of the students is 1,644 of which 963 are undergraduate and 681 graduate students (as of May, 2022). Nearly 250 international students, mostly graduate students, have come to study from various countries. Currently, the total number of the faculty members and staff members is 265 of which the number of full-time academic researchers is 173 including 55 full-professors, 64 associate professors, 54 assistant professors. In addition, a number of institutes in Kyushu University, but independent from the Faculty of Agriculture, have also merged with the Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences; namely, the Biotron Institute, the Institute of Tropical Agriculture (in part), and the Bio-Architecture Center.



Lao students in Kimono with cherry blossom

The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University, is proud of its global top level of international education system for agricultural sciences, and the International Graduate Program (IGP) for the Master students has been running in the Graduate School since 1991. In this Course, all the classes and theses are conducted in English. The JDS Program for the Master's has been with us in the Course since 2001. The faculty consists of specialists in agriculture such as in production, infrastructural development of farmland, organization of various facilities, conservation of environment, and management of forest resources. At our School, we have had two to three JDS Fellows from Laos every year since the 2006 program, and our professors have been working hard to provide them with affluent academic knowledge and pragmatic experiences, so that the JDS Fellows can contribute to further development of Laos when they go back home after their graduation.

#### **-Departments**

<https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/website2020/education/graduate/igp/research/>

Bioresource Sciences, Agro-environmental Sciences, Agricultural & Resource Economics, Bioscience & Biotechnology

#### **-Attached Organizations**

<https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/facilities/#farm>

University Farm, University Forest, Fishery Research Laboratory, Institute of Biological Control, Institute of Genetic Resources, Aqua-Bioresource Innovation Center, Center for Promotion of International Education and Research, Innovative Bio-Architecture Center, Insect Science and Creative Entomology Center, Center for Advanced Instrumental and Educational Supports, Hikosan Biological Institute, Fisheries Research Institute of Karatsu Department of Joint Research

#### **-Relating Organizations**

<https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/facilities/#tropical-agr>

Institute of Tropical Agriculture Department of Joint Research, Material Management Center, Biotron Application Center, Plant Frontier Research Center

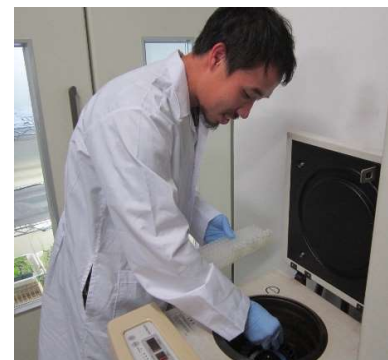
### **Features of the Program** <http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/>

#### **1) Common features of the program**

IGP aims to build on the capacity of the various individual fields for international students from developed and developing countries whose aim is to contribute to worldwide sustainable development in overall food, agriculture, and environmental sciences. The Master's program emphasizes the acquirement of synthetic and practical abilities.

IGP is conducted under a 2 semester system, starting in October with the autumn term and followed by the spring term. On completing the courses, students will be awarded a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree. The common features of the Master's programs are as follows:

- (1) All the thesis works are conducted in English. A research topic for the thesis is determined over the discussion with your major supervisor.
- (2) In the end of their course work, specifically in the spring term of their second year students are required to present their research results and submit their master theses to the examination committee of the Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences. The committee evaluates overall performance, and the students with satisfactory performance are awarded the Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree.



**Soudthelath Khamsalath  
(Laos) at his laboratory**

#### **2) A Special program for JDS fellows**

In addition to the Master's Program, a special coursework is prepared for JDS Fellows to enhance their knowledge on both academic and cultural experience at Kyushu University. It filled with a number of academic activities that inspire you academically while allowing you to explore Japanese culture and to enjoy campus life during your study.

Since 2017, IGP of Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University and International Development and Cooperation (IDEC), Hiroshima University with other development programs in western Japan have formed a partnership in hosting annual JASID Western Japan Research Meeting. This provides an opportunity for JICA scholars across disciplines to share ideas and grasp lesson learnt from their peers who are future leaders of their countries. It took place at Kumamoto University, Kyushu on August 29, 2017, held at Hiroshima University in 2018 and Kyushu University hosted the academic meeting in 2019.



**2017 JASID Western Japan Research Meeting, Kumamoto, Kyushu**

#### **I. International Seminar**

We invite well-known researchers from all over the world. It is an excellent opportunity to hear about their research and also a good chance to discuss it with them. In addition, our faculty organizes an international conference called AFELISA (International Symposium on Agriculture, Food, Environmental and Life Science in Asia) with three Korean Universities. You have a chance to present your research work at the international conference.

#### **II. Research Skills Seminar**

Many of the new JDS Fellows are just starting their research. We will help you get started on your research as smoothly as possible. We have several research seminars such on survey methodology, writing skills, and presentation practice.

#### **III. International Agricultural Frontier Education Program**

We are also a partner program of the JICA Program with Universities for Development Studies (JProUD), and offer two subjects about Japan development model on agro-technological innovation and system. The program to offer participants programs to learn both (i) lessons and challenges of the Japan's modernization (in the regional and other countries' context), and (ii) experience including lessons from both success and challenges of Official Development Assistance (ODA) of Japan's government to the world. These programs are managed as part of universities' existing master/doctorate. The above "Partnership" expects participants to be future top leaders in the respective fields/sectors and contribute significantly to development in countries, after completion of programs.

#### **IV. Research Trip**

Based on the student requests, we organize research trips and visit research centers or farmers. For example we have visited the marine product and research center, a strawberry farm, rice farmers and an agricultural engineering site. It is an exciting opportunity to get to know and see the leading agriculture or marine production technology as a future technological leader in your home country.

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April: Ooki circulation center (biomass energy plant)

May: Planting rice in terraced paddy fields (Ukiha town, Fukuoka)

July: Integrated rice and duck farming (Mr. Takao FURUNO's farm, Keisen town, Fukuoka)

A two-day trip to Aso Volcano areas to learn about agricultural activities.

#### **V. Follow-up Seminar**

Another two years of hard work, your supervisors will be your important research co-workers. We organize follow-up seminars in your home countries, where you can have another opportunity to discuss and inspire your further research. Follow-up seminars were held in Viet Nam in 2016, Laos in 2018, Myanmar in 2019.

#### **VI. Life at Kyushu University**

Kyushu University enjoys its international academic atmosphere; more than 10 per cent of the students are from overseas. Academic life at Kyushu University is intense as well as warm and welcoming.

#### **VII. Post program activities**

##### **Guidance of the journal article submission**

Supervisors will continue to guide you and support you in submitting a journal article based on data and analysis conducted during the program.

### **Network building**

The graduate of JDS Project at Kyushu University continue to get updated information of activities as well as that of alumina via JDS Kyushu University homepage <http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JDS-at-Kyushu-University-441849815879864/>.

### ***Necessary Curriculum to Obtain the Degrees***

<https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/education/graduate/igp/curriculum/>

#### **-Special Research Subjects**

Master's Thesis Research I  
Master's Thesis Research II

#### **-Practicum Subjects**

Seminar in a Specified Field I  
Seminar in a Specified Field II  
Teaching practice  
Presentation skill for academic meeting I  
Presentation skill for academic meeting II  
International presentation skills for academic meetings  
Internship

#### **-Core Subjects**

Basic Statistics  
Advanced Statistics  
Biological Resources: Utilization and Conservation  
Soil and Water Environment  
International Rural Development  
Advanced Technology in Agriculture  
Food Science and Food System  
Fundamental Research Skills  
Rural Survey Research Methods

#### **-PBL Subjects**

Agricultural Problem-Based Learning I  
Agricultural Problem-Based Learning II

#### **-Advanced Subjects**

Agrobiological Science  
Cross-Cuttings Themes in Animal & Aquatic Sciences  
Forest and Forestry Sciences  
Bioproduction Environmental Sciences  
Sustainable Bioresources Science  
Advanced econometrics  
Molecular Bioscience I  
Advanced in Bioresource Technology  
Advanced Food Quality

#### **-International Frontier Program in Agriculture (Minor program)**

English for AgriBio Leaders I  
English for AgriBio Leaders II  
Development of Asian Agriculture and Technology I  
Development of Asian Agriculture and Technology II  
Current Topics in Agriculture and Biotechnology  
AgriBio Global Exercise I  
AgriBio Global Exercise II  
AgriBio Global Exercise III  
AgriBio Overseas Short-term Program  
AgriBio Overseas Program

## ***List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows***

In principle, all professors and associate professors are capable of supervising JDS Fellows.

Here is a list of professors and associate professors who are capable of supervising JDS Fellows.

<https://hyoka.ofc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/search/organization/04170000/english.html>

The supervising professors for JDS Fellows are determined in April.

We read their report and discuss which laboratory is suitable for each JDS Fellows and decide his/her laboratory and supervising professor.

## ***Academic Schedule***

1<sup>st</sup> year Fall, Winter (October – March)

Entrance ceremony (October)

Welcome party

Fall core subjects

International Seminar

Academic English Writing Skills module

1<sup>st</sup> year Spring, Summer (April – September)

Spring core subjects

2<sup>nd</sup> year Fall, Winter (October – March)

International Seminars

Field trip

2<sup>nd</sup> year Spring, Summer (April – September)

Defending your master's thesis

Oral presentation (July)

Graduation ceremony (September)

## ***Facilities***

### **-Student Support**

Global Gateways Kyushu University (International Student Exchange Division) International Student Exchange Division supports international students, including CoE, dormitories admission, resident registration, opening a bank account, and finding an apartment.

<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/page-019/>

### **-International Student Association (KUFSA)**

The Kyushu University Foreign Students Association (KUFSA) is an organization that represents all foreign students enrolled at Kyushu University (Kyudai). Through KUFSA, students can take part in excursions, sports, and other fun activities. Join KUFSA's page on Facebook.

[https://www.facebook.com/KUFSA/photos\\_stream?tab=photos](https://www.facebook.com/KUFSA/photos_stream?tab=photos)

### **-University Central Library**

The University Library consists of five general libraries, of which the largest, the Central Library is located right across the road from the International Student Center in Ito campus. Each floor has comfortable reading spaces and study rooms equipped with various materials, and features a range of services and content to support students' learning.

<https://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/libraries/central>

### **-Center for Health Sciences & Counseling**

Counseling & Health Center offers physical and psychological care services, the counseling, and guidance of all students and staff members of Kyushu University.

<https://www.chc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~webpage/english/>

### **-Accommodation**

Students enrolled in this course may apply for a furnished student dormitory (with a private bathroom and balcony).

More detailed housing information can be found on the following website.  
<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/housing>

## ***Message for Applicants***

More than 40 students from Laos have been chosen through highly competitive selection procedures and enrolled in our MA degree since 2006. In this Program, some scientific tours for the JDS Fellows have been offered from time to time during the two year Master course period for each fellow. The aims of these tours are to promote a greater understanding of policies, circumstances, and technologies in Japanese agriculture. Our program has proven successful and has been acknowledged by the academic and research institutions of our students' home countries. Research in the individual laboratories in our graduate school as well as opportunities of exploring fields and of presenting their research at international conferences enrich their experiences. Our educational excellence is also evidenced by the fact that our graduates are highly sought after by academic institutions and industries alike.



**Lao Team at KUFSA soccer tournament**

Also, Kyushu University provides many opportunities for international students to explore Japan as well as to find life-time friends through activities such as day excursions and sports. The following message from our former JDS Fellow, Mr. Phouthivong Khamsay from Laos depicts one of such events, a soccer tournament.

“After the arrival, many activities were provided to enhance familiarity and friendship among students in Kyushu University. The KUFSA Soccer Tournament, a famous activity for international students, is held in October by the Kyushu University Foreign Student Association known as KUFSA. Only 10 teams were selected to join the competition, and the Lao student team was luckily accepted to step onto the field. Actually, football is the most popular sport in Laos and perhaps across Southeast Asian countries, so we were all excited, especially me who had never been involved in any event like this. During the tournament, our team surprisingly won two matches before losing to penalty goals at the semi-final match against a team. The most important thing we gained from this tournament was the happiness, friendship and the great memories we made with Japanese students as well as other students from many parts of the world.”

Hope his message inspires you to be one of our MA students at Kyushu University. Thank you for your interest in our programs and look forward to meeting you at Kyushu University.