

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)

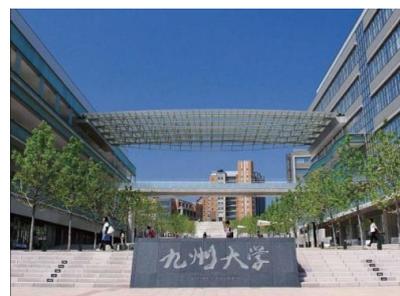
◆ **Address:**

744 Motooka Nishi-ku Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan



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 2,088 and the administrative 2,351
Student enrollment: Bachelor 11,679, Master 3,981, Doctor 2,602 and Specialized 304

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 1,642 of which 988 are undergraduate and 654 graduate students (as of October, 2020). More than 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 268 of which the number of full-time academic researchers is 181 including 59 full-professors, 65 associate professors, 57 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 Kimoto 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 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 for 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

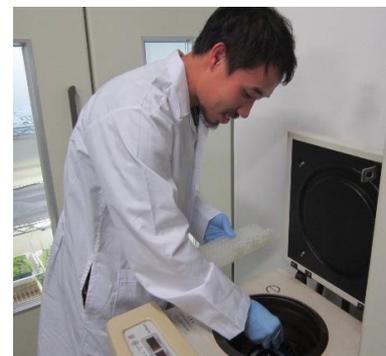
Features of the Program <http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/>

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.



**Soudthedlath 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.

I. International Seminar

We invite well-known researchers from all over the world. This is a great opportunity to hear about their research, and also a good chance to discuss it with them personally.

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

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 as survey methodology, writing skills, and presentation practice.

III. International Agricultural Frontier Education Program

We are also a partner program of JICA Program with Universities for Development Studies (JProUD), and offer two subjects of Japan development model on agro-technological innovation and system. The program to offer participants programs to learn both (i) good 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 basically managed in the part of existing master/doctor courses of universities. The above "Partnership" expect 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. We have visited the marine product and research center, a strawberry farm, rice farmers and an agricultural engineering site. This is an exciting opportunity to get to know and see the leading technology in agriculture or marine production as a future technological leader in your home countries.

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 in Kyushu University

Kyushu University enjoys its international academic atmosphere; more than 10 per cent of the students are from overseas. Academic life is intense as well as warm and welcoming. One of the best experiences of your two years academic life will be the farewell party held by the Agricultural Faculty, including your supervisors, at the end of your program. JDS Fellows celebrate their hard work, and enjoy the last BBQ at Kyushu University.

VII. Post program activities

Guidance of the journal article submission

Supervisors will continue to guide you and support you to submit 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 skill for academic meeting

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-

Agricultural Science

Animal & Marine Biosciences

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

Construction of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Development of Asian Agriculture

AgriBio Advanced Technology and International Contribution

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.

<http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/files/FacultyMembers.pdf>

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

1st year Fall, Winter (October – March)

Entrance ceremony (October)

Welcome party

Fall core subjects

International Seminar

Academic English Writing Skills module

1st year Spring, Summer (April – September)

Spring core subjects

2nd year Fall, Winter (October – March)

International Seminars

Field trip

2nd year Spring, Summer (April – September)

Defending your master's thesis

Oral presentation (July)

Graduation ceremony (September)

Facilities

- International Student Exchange Division at Kyushu University-

When you need to prepare documents and submit them to public offices in order to study in Japan, including those needed for the Immigration Bureau, want to rent an apartment, or need help with any other documents or procedures, the International Student Exchange Division at Kyushu University always stands by to help you. Please visit the International Student and Researcher Support Center website for more information:

(before your arrival) <https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/invitation/support/>

(before your arrival) <https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/news/19625.html>

-Student support tutoring system

A team of Kyushu University students is assigned to new international students as supporters. This team will be your guide to your new environment and will support you in adjusting to life in Japan. The supporters will meet you at the dormitory when you arrive in Kyushu, take you shopping, show you around the campus and the city, introduce you to friends and teachers, and teach you basic information about Japanese living. They will serve as your personal advisers.

-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

-University Central Library-

The University Library consists of three general libraries, the largest of which is located right across the road from the International Student Center. The International Salon on the second floor is equipped with 40 personal computers for the use of students and staff use. In the International Corner on the third floor, satellite broadcasting in Chinese, Korean and English is also available. Computers and Internet access is possible from 9:00am to 5:00pm on weekdays in the computer room. Computer facilities are also available in the Central Library.

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

-Center for Health Sciences & Counseling-

Counseling & Health Center offers physical and psychological care service, 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 on the Course are guaranteed a furnished single room with a private bathroom and balcony at the Kyushu University International Students House (KUIISH) or rooms provided by other institutions, with whom the university has an accommodation agreement, for the first 6 months after arrival at Kyushu University. More detailed information on housing is available at the following website:

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Message for Applicants

More than 20 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 current 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.