

# Application Guidelines for 2026 Master's Program

## Graduate School of Design

### Kyushu University

#### Admission by Personal Merits (October 2026 Admission)

##### Application Period

- If preliminary screening of application qualifications is not required Monday, May 18 – Thursday, May 21, 2026
  - If preliminary screening of application qualifications is required Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23, 2026
  - If special assistance and requirements are needed for taking the examination By Thursday, April 23, 2026
- Date of Examination (Second round screening) Saturday, July 4, 2026
- Announcement of Results Thursday, July 23, 2026

\* Dual application of Admission by Personal Merits (October 2026 Admission) and Personal Merits (April 2027 Admission) is NOT allowed.

All times listed in the Application Guidelines are Japan Standard Time (JST, UTC+9).

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### Maximum Number of Enrolled Students

Department	Courses	Enrollment Quota
Department of Design	Strategic Design Course	A few
	Environmental Design Course	
	Human Life Design and Science Course	
	Design Futures Course	
	Media Design Course	
	Acoustic Design Course	

\*For the outline of the Department of Design, Graduate School of Design, introduction of each course, list of major subjects and list of faculty members, please visit the website of the Graduate School of Design at <https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/home/> for further information.

# I Admission Policy of the Department and Courses

The Master's program under the philosophy of "humanization of technology" aims to develop world-class designers who create innovative solutions to enrich our lives, and at the same time, acquire leadership skills to empower them to succeed in the future. The Graduate School of Design is looking for applicants who have the following qualities:

- Have knowledge encompassing the humanities, society, and nature; the ability to think logically; and have artistic sensitivity in order to acquire a high level of specialized knowledge related to design, to discover and raise social issues, and to acquire the ability to achieve resolutions and put them into practice.
- Have curiosity and consideration for diversity and an international viewpoint, as well as tolerance and the flexibility necessary to acquire the ability to solve problems from a broad perspective, while cooperating and having an interdisciplinary approach with people who have different expertise, values and cultures.
- Have the ability to analyze oneself and society, flexible thinking and responsiveness, creative ambition, and the ability to take action necessary to effectively utilize one's own strengths, experience, and specialized knowledge to develop and lead in new design fields.
- In addition to the above, the following students are sought for each course.

## ■ Strategic Design Course

- Have an interest in the long-term visions of society and culture.
- Have the ability to think creatively based on an understanding of people and the environment.
- Have empathy for diverse stakeholders and a desire to promote co-create value.
- Have an interest in collaborating with individuals who can implement value proposals in society.
- Have communication skills that enable one to be active on a global scale.

## ■ Environmental Design Course

- Have a strong desire to make one's own judgments about how to propose solutions to diversifying environmental issues, taking into account the vast size and historical aspects of spaces.
- Have the sufficient specialized knowledge and academic abilities necessary to acquire advanced expertise in architecture, urban design, regional design, and landscape design,
- Have the ability to observe the environment and objects in a specialized manner and creative sensitivity necessary to acquire the ability to closely analyze and understand the environment, social research skills, scientific thinking skills, expressive skills, and analytical skills.

## ■ Human Life Design and Science Course

- Have an interest in human beings in terms of how they live and have a foundation for elucidating their physiological, structural, behavioral, and psychological characteristics.
- Have an interest in human sensitivity (*kansei*) and creativity, and an interest in the visualization of the processes of these senses and design applications.

- Have scientific and engineering knowledge to make people's lives safe, secure, and appealing.
- Have a desire to solve various social problems and create value based on the characteristics of human beings in terms of how they live their lives and the latest science and technology.

#### ■ Design Futures Course

- Have a desire to live a fulfilling life together with other people, animals and plants, past and future generations that have previously been difficult to examine.
- In order to create devices, works, systems, technologies, and ways of thinking for the field of Design Futures, students should have the desire to open up new design possibilities by explaining their own pursuits to others in an understandable manner and by communicating effectively with knowledge and skills in other fields, while building on the basic abilities they developed individually in their undergraduate courses.
- Students should have the basic knowledge of art, humanities, social sciences, and science necessary for this, as well as the basic abilities for investigation, thinking, creation, and expression.

#### ■ Media Design Course

- Have sufficient basic academic skills to receive an education in the Media Design Course.
- Have a clear intention to pursue the Media Design Course.
- Self-driven and have a strong desire to learn, and are able to tackle various challenges sincerely.
- Aspire to become advanced professionals, researchers, and educators based on media design, and have the desire to conduct explorations and practices that contribute to the well-being of humanity.

#### ■ Acoustic Design Course

- Understand the phenomena and principles of the fundamentals of acoustics, and have the ability to explain the phenomena and presentations from the perspectives of natural science and humanities using acoustics theory.
- Have acoustic sensitivity necessary for a specialist in acoustic design, as well as specialized knowledge in representative fields related to acoustics such as acoustic culture, acoustic environment engineering, and acoustic information science.
- Have the ability to integrate and apply the above to solve various problems related to acoustic design.
- Have the ability to open up new fields of art, science and engineering related to acoustics through multifaceted approaches to design targets from perspectives of acoustics-related culture, environment, and information.

## II Application Qualifications

- (1) Applicants who have graduated from universities or colleges set forth in Article 83 of the School Education Act or are expected to graduate from such universities or colleges by September 30, 2026.
- (2) Applicants who have bachelor's degrees awarded pursuant to the regulations of section 7, Article 104 of the School Education Act or are expected to be awarded bachelor's degrees by September 30, 2026.
- (3) Applicants who have completed 16 years of formal education in their home countries or are expected to complete their education by September 30, 2026.
- (4) Applicants who have completed 16 years of formal education in foreign countries by taking correspondence courses offered in Japan or are expected to complete the aforementioned by September 30, 2026.
- (5) Applicants who have completed formal education at foreign educational institutions in Japan which are positioned by the school system of such foreign countries as facilities that have curricula equivalent to universities (those who completed the education must be regarded to have completed 16 years of formal education in those countries) and specified as such institutions by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or are expected to complete the education by September 30, 2026.
- (6) Applicants who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded by September 30, 2026 degrees equivalent to bachelor's degrees by completing the courses with the period for completion of three years or more at foreign universities or foreign schools (assessed by the foreign governments or accreditation organizations of such countries or specified as equivalent to such educational institutions by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (The completion of the courses includes completion of the courses in Japan through correspondence courses provided by foreign educational institutions and completion of formal education at foreign educational institutions in Japan which are positioned by the school system of such foreign countries as facilities that have curricula equivalent to universities and specified as such institutions by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as prescribed in the preceding item.)
- (7) Applicants who have completed specialist courses of colleges of technology (only those courses which satisfy all the requirements set by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology including the period for completion being four years or more) after the date designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or are expected to complete such courses by September 30, 2026.
- (8) Applicants who are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (under the Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 5 of 1953).
- (9) Applicants who were admitted to graduate schools under section 2, Article 102 of the School Education Act and are recognized by the Graduate School of Design to have appropriate academic abilities for receiving education provided in the graduate school.

- (10) Applicants who are recognized to have academic abilities equivalent to those who graduated from universities by means of a qualification screening conducted by the Graduate School of Design and are at least 22 years of age as of October 1, 2026.
- (11) Students who fall under any of the following and are recognized as having earned the credits specified by the Graduate School of Design with excellent grades.
- a. Applicants who have been enrolled for at least three years at the universities or colleges set forth in Article 83 of the School Education Act by September 30, 2026.
  - b. Applicants who have completed 15 years of formal education in foreign countries.
  - c. Applicants who have completed 15 years of formal education in foreign countries by taking correspondence courses offered in Japan.
  - d. Applicants who have completed formal education at foreign educational institutions in Japan which are positioned by the school system of such foreign countries as facilities that have curricula equivalent to universities (those who completed the education must be regarded to have completed 15 years of formal education in those countries) and specified as such institutions by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

### III Admission by Personal Merits (October 2026 Admission)

#### 1 Purpose of Admission by Personal Merits

The Department of Design is seeking individuals with unique capabilities who have the basic qualities to lead the field of design in the future. For the Admission by Personal Merits, we expect applicants who have achieved results through meaningful study, research, and creative activities, in their career during their undergraduate studies and other experiences prior to their admission to the Graduate School of Design. These students are selected based on document screening, and interviews.

#### 2 Enrollment Period

October 1, 2026 (Fall Admission)

#### 3 Maximum Number of Enrolled Students

Department	Courses	Enrollment Quota
Department of Design	Strategic Design Course	A few
	Environmental Design Course	
	Human Life Design and Science Course	
	Design Futures Course	
	Media Design Course	
	Acoustic Design Course	

#### 4 Application Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements of (1)-(3).

- (1) Applicants must fulfill the requirements of “II Application Qualifications”
- (2) Applicants must fulfill one or more of the following requirements for the Admission by Personal Merits.
  - a. Excellent academic performance (GPA) in the bachelor’s program and achievements in the desired field.
  - b. Actively engaged in research activities, such as presentations at academic conferences in the desired field.
  - c. Actively involved in creative activities in the desired field, such as participating in exhibitions, winning awards at public exhibitions or competitions.
  - d. Have made outstanding achievements for society in the relevant field.  
(Not only for working adults)
  - e. Has achieved outstanding experience, academic performance, or accomplishments in pursuing studies and research in their desired field, and can contribute to the internationalization of this university.

(3) Applicants must be able to assure that they will enroll in the program if they are accepted.

※Applicants should contact their desired academic advisor before the application period begins and thoroughly discuss their study plans and research content.

## 5 Application Procedure

(1) Application period: Monday, May 18, 2026 to Thursday, May 21, 2026 (9 am to 4 pm, JST)

Applications are accepted from 9 am to 4 pm if you would like to submit your application in person. Applications submitted by mail must arrive no later than Thursday, May 21. Applications from within Japan should be sent by registered mail with “Application for Admission to the Master’s Program of Graduate School of Design” written in red on the front of the envelope. If you are applying from outside Japan, please send the application by EMS or other trackable means, and submit a copy of the mailing record or the tracking number by e-mail (refer to the (2) Mailing Address and Contact Information below). Please allow plenty of time for delivery, as it may take some time. Please keep a copy of all submitted documents for your records before sending.

Furthermore, applicants who apply in accordance to the qualifications (9)-(11) will be screened in advance, so the application period is from Monday, April 20 to Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 4 pm. If you send your application by mail, it must arrive by Thursday, April 23. Applicants will be notified of the results of the screening by Friday, May 15. Applicants who have passed the qualifications screening must follow the procedure for payment of the application fee as described on page 13, and submit proof of payment of the application fee by Thursday, May 21. The application documents will be officially accepted upon receipt of the proof of payment of the application fee.

(2) Mailing Address and Contact Information

Student Affairs Division, Administrative Office of Design

Kyushu University

4-9-1 Shiobaru, Minamiku, Fukuoka, 815-8540, Japan

Email Address: gkggakusei@jimukyushu-u.ac.jp

## 6 Application Documents

Application Documents	Notes
Proof of Payment of the Application Fee	Please submit proof of payment attached to Appendix 1 prescribed by the Graduate School of Design. For details, please refer to “IV-1 Application Fee and Payment Methods.” Applicants who apply in accordance with the qualifications (9)-(11) must pay the application fee after passing the preliminary screening and submit the payment proof separately.

Certificate of English Language Proficiency Tests	<p>Score report for the TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL iBT test at a test center) or IELTS (Academic Module)</p> <p>A score of TOEFL-iBT Band Score 3 or higher (44 points or higher) or IELTS Academic Module 4 or higher is required for application.</p> <p>For details on how to submit score reports, please refer to “IV-2 English Language Proficiency Tests.”</p> <p>*Applicants who have completed a bachelor’s degree and graduated from a university where English is the language of instruction are exempted from submitting a score report upon submission of an official Certificate of English as a Medium of Instruction issued by the university.</p>
Application Form	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Changes in the desired course are not permitted after applying.</p>
Examination Slip and Identification Slip	<p>Appendix 3</p>
Photographs	<p>Photographs of the applicant’s face including the upper body, without headwear (except when used for medical or religious reasons), facing front, taken within three months prior to application, must be attached to the Examination Slip and Identification Slip(Appendix 3). The size of the photograph must be 4 cm long × 3 cm wide.</p>
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	<p>This certificate should be prepared by the president or head of the school of the university from which the applicant graduated. If the language is not Japanese or English, please attach an English or Japanese translation. Applicants who fall under (9) of “II Application Qualifications” are required to submit a certificate of enrollment. Applicants who fall under (10) of “II Application Qualifications” are excluded.</p>
Certificate of Bachelor’s Degree or Certificate of Expected Completion	<p>Applicants who fall under (2) of “II Application Qualifications” must submit a certificate issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education. However, applicants who expect to complete a postsecondary course at a junior college or specialist courses of colleges of technology must submit a certificate of expected completion and a certificate (issued by the head of the institution) of the plan to apply for the award of a degree/ diploma.</p>
Transcripts	<p>Please submit an official transcript issued by the university you graduated from (copies are not acceptable). If the transcript is in a language other than Japanese or English, please provide an English or Japanese translation. Please note that applicants who apply with “a. Excellent academic performance (GPA) in the bachelor’s program and</p>

	<p>achievements in the desired field” among the items listed in the “Purpose of Admission by Personal Merits” must submit a transcript with their GPA or a document proving their excellent grades in addition to the transcript. If you are a transfer student, please submit the transcript for the institution you attended before transferring.</p>
Research Proposal	<p>Appendix 4</p> <p>Please describe the details of research that you would like to conduct at the graduate school in approximately 400 words on a single A4 page and you may not write on the back.</p>
Personal Statement	<p>Appendix 5</p>
Summary of Achievements	<p>Appendix 6</p> <p>If only “a. Excellent academic performance (GPA) in the bachelor’s program and achievements in the desired field” applies to you among the items listed in the “Application Requirements,” you do not need to submit this. Please attach proof of your achievements. Also note that you may be asked to submit new materials and works, after you have submitted your application.</p>
Enrollment Pledge	<p>Appendix 7</p>
Educational Background	<p>Appendix 8</p> <p>Non-Japanese applicants are required to submit.</p>
Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope for Examination Slip	<p>Applicants residing in Japan are required to submit an envelope (23.5 cm long × 12 cm wide) with their name, address, and postal code with postal stamps equivalent to 410 yen attached.</p> <p>Applicants residing outside Japan are not required to submit the envelope.</p>
Mailing Labels	<p>Appendix 9</p> <p>Please fill in your postal code, address, and name on the form provided by the Graduate School of Design (for notification of acceptance and for sending documents for enrollment procedures).</p>
Photocopy of Residence card or Passport	<p>Non-Japanese applicants residing in Japan must submit a copy of their Residence Card (both sides in color). Applicants residing outside Japan must submit a copy of the identification page of their passport.</p>
Application Form for Preliminary Screening of Application Qualifications	<p>Appendix 10</p> <p>Applicants who apply in accordance with (9)-(11) of “II Application Qualifications” are required to submit this form. Please attach academic papers/dissertation or other documents allowing confirmation of their content.</p>

Note: For documents written in languages other than Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation in addition to the original or a copy of the original. Please submit original transcripts, certificates, and other documents (no photocopies). If any falsification is identified in the transcripts or other documents, admission will be revoked even after enrollment.

## 7 Admission Selection Method

Applicants will be selected based on the first and second round screening.

### First round screening

The first round screening will be evaluated and selected based on the submitted documents (including Certificate of English Language Proficiency Tests). The results of the first round screening will be sent by mail around mid to late June 2026.

### Second round screening

In the second round screening, applicants will be evaluated and selected based on an interview. The documents submitted in the first round screening will be used as materials evaluation in the interview.

#### a. Examination Date and Format for the second round screening

Date	Format	Time (Japan Standard Time)
Saturday, July 4, 2026	Interview	10:00 - 18:00 Start time will be announced separately to the successful applicants of the first round screening.

#### b. Interview

- In principle, the interview will be conducted remotely (online) using the Internet. Presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and oral examinations will be conducted remotely and evaluated by multiple interviewers.
  - Please make a presentation based on the content of your research proposal and a personal statement.
  - A computer and Internet connection that can support teleconferencing are required. Please prepare them yourself.
  - Presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and oral examinations will be conducted in Japanese or English. Please select the desired language in the application form.
- \* For other details regarding the interview, please refer to the interview guide (for applicants) that will be sent to the e-mail address stated in the application form for successful applicants in the first round screening.

## 8 Notes

- Applicants should contact their desired academic advisor before the application period begins and thoroughly discuss their study plans and research content. In doing so, please ascertain which Course the prospective academic supervisor belongs to.
- After the application procedures have been completed, the submitted documents cannot be changed or returned, and the application fee cannot be refunded. However, if you do not apply after paying the application fee, or if the application documents are not accepted, the paid application fee will be refunded.

In addition, if you are unsuccessful in the first round screening (documentary examination), 23,000 yen of the entrance examination fee will be refunded.

- You will be asked to show your examination slip during the interview. Please have it ready to show before the interview.
- Please correctly fill in the “Mailing label for notification of acceptance” and “Mailing label for sending documents for entrance procedures,” as these will be used as the mailing address for the respective documents.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## 9 Announcement of Results

- (1) The results will be announced on the notice board of Ohashi Campus, Kyushu University (next to the Administration Office) around 10 am on Thursday, July 23, 2026, and successful applicants will be notified in writing.
- (2) The examinee number of successful applicants will also be announced on the Graduate School of Design website (URL: <https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/home/>) as a means of providing information, and the official announcement of acceptance will be made as described in (1) above. Please note that telephone inquiries regarding admission results will be declined.

## IV Other information related to the entrance examination

### 1 Application Fee and Payment Methods

#### ■Application Fee

JPY 30,000

#### ■Payment Methods

Please pay the application fee by using one of the following methods (A), (B) or (C) on or after Friday, May 1, 2026. Payment must be made by the last date of the application period.

##### (A) Payments by Credit Card

- (1) Payment can be made through Visa, Master Card, JCB, American Express, Union Pay, and Alipay.
- (2) Credit card payment can be done directly on the website at <https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>
- (3) For details of paying by credit card, refer to page 14.
- (4) At the website above, first select “Kyushu University (Graduate Schools)” in the School Selection page. Then select “Graduate School of Design” at the next page.

##### (B) Payments at Convenience Stores (available only in Japan)

- (1) Payment can be made at Seven-Eleven, Lawson, and Family Mart.
- (2) For details of paying at convenience stores, refer to the Application Guidelines in the Japanese version on page 12.

##### (C) Payments by Bank Transfer

Transfer the application fee to the following bank account. Fill in your desired course, code: **2DS** and your name in the box marked “name” on the bank transfer order form.

1. Transfer must be made in Japanese yen.
2. All necessary expenses for the bank/ telegraphic transfer shall be borne by the remitter.
3. Beneficiary:

Name	Kyushu University
Address	744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan

4. Beneficiary's Bank Account:

Bank Name	SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION
Branch Name	FUKUOKA BRANCH
Address	1-1-1 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka 812-0011, JAPAN
Account Type	Saving Account
Account Number	7119240
Swift Code	SMBCJPJT (it is essential for telegraphic remittance)

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## How to make the Payment for the Application Fee by Credit Card, Union Pay.

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You can pay the Application Fee by using Credit Card, Union Pay.



Access

<https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>



Online Transaction

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| 1. Top Page   | Click "Examination Fee".   |
| 2. Terms of Use and Personal Information Management | Please read the Terms of use and Personal Information Management. Click "Agree" button located in the lower part of this page if you agree with these terms. Click "Not agree" button located in lower part of this page if you do not agree with these terms. |
| 3. School Selection                                 | Select "Kyushu University (Undergraduate Schools)" or "Kyushu University (Graduate Schools)."  |
| 4. School Information                               | Read the information carefully and click "Next".   |
| 5. Category Selection                               | Choose First to Fourth Selection and add to Basket.  |
| 6. Basket Contents                                  | Check the contents and if it is OK, click "Next".  |
| 7. Basic Information                                | Input the applicant's basic information. Choose your credit card and click "Next".   |

### Paying at Credit Card

Input Credit Card Number (15 or 16-digits), Security Code and Expiration date.

All of your application information is displayed. Check and Click "Confirm".

Click "Print this page" button and print out "Result" page.

### Paying at Union Pay

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the card payment.

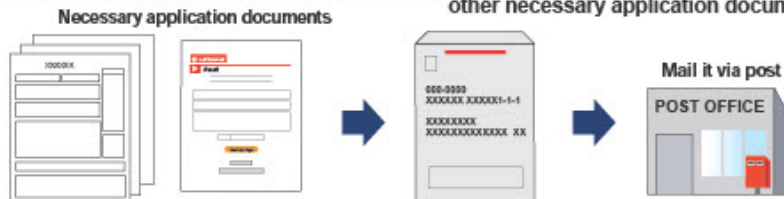
Please click the "Application Results" button in the upper part of this site (e-shiharai.net).

Please write down the "Receipt Number" given when you complete your application, and enter your "Payment Method", "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date". Please make sure your printer is ready.

Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

Application

Enclose the printed "Result" page in an application envelope with other necessary application documents.



### [NOTICE/FAQ]

- You can make a payment anytime, during the payment period mentioned in the application instructions. Please refer to the application instructions and complete payment in time.
- Please complete payment by 11:00 pm Japan time, on the last date of the payment period.
- Please note that refund is not possible once you have made a payment of Application fee.

- A fee is added to Examination fee. For further info, please visit our website.
- It is possible to use a card which carries a name different from that of the applicant. However, please make sure that the information on the basic information page is that of the applicant him/herself.
- If you did not print out "Result" page, you can check it later on Application Result page. Please enter "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date" to redisplay.
- Please directly contact the credit card company if your card is not accepted.

For questions or problems not mentioned here, please contact:

**E-Service Support Center Tel : +81-3-5952-9052 (24 hours everyday)**

## 2 English Language Proficiency Tests

### (1) About the Scores

- Applicants with a TOEFL-iBT band score below 3 (below 44 points) or an IELTS Academic Module score below 4 are not eligible to apply.
- The score is only valid for the test taken within two years from the date of the entrance examinations.
- Please note that a passport is required to take the TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL iBT test at a test center) or IELTS Academic Module though, if you do not have a passport, other IDs may be acceptable. So please check the details of the Identification Requirements for the test by yourself.
- Please fill in the Test Date score and test date on the application form.
- If both TOEFL-iBT and IELTS scores are submitted, the score with the higher evaluation will be adopted.
- If any falsification is found in the submitted score report, admission will be revoked even after enrollment.

### (2) Submission of TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL-iBT) Scores

(a) Please complete both of the procedures outlined in ① and ② below.

① For the TOEFL-iBT (test center-administered TOEFL-iBT test), when applying for the test, use the following DI (Institute Code) and Department code to arrange for your scores to be sent directly online to the Graduate School of Arts and Design, Kyushu University. Take the test no later than two weeks prior to the start date of the application period for the Graduate School of Design. (If you arrange direct score reporting after taking the test, ensure scores reach the Graduate School of Design and Engineering before the start of the application period.)

**DI Code: C984    Department Code: 15 Fine Arts, Art, Design**

② Submit a printed copy of your Test Taker Report along with your application documents.

(b) Important Notes

- The score must be Test Date Score. MyBest™ score is not accepted.
- TOEFL-iBT Home Edition tests and TOEFL-ITP tests are not accepted.

### (3) Submission of IELTS Academic Module Scores

(a) Submit the original score report. Alternatively, request the IELTS testing center to send your scores directly to the Graduate School of Design, Kyushu University, and submit a copy of the score report with your application documents.

(b) Important Notes

- Scores of One Skill Retakes are not accepted.
- IELTS Online scores are not accepted.
- The time required from taking the IELTS test to obtaining your score report varies depending on the test method. Please take the test well in advance to ensure your score arrives in time for your application.

### 3 Applicants with Disabilities or Special Requirements (Request for Assistance Needed for Taking Examinations)

Kyushu University provides consultation for applicants with disabilities who may require special arrangements during the entrance examinations or in classes after enrollment. For those who require special arrangements during the entrance examination should submit the following documents to the Student Affairs Division of Administration Office of Design by Thursday, April 23, 2026, as it may takes extra time to decide on the arrangements depending on the situation.

Category	Eligible People	Examples of Examination Support
(1) Visual Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who receive education in Braille</li> <li>• People whose corrected visual acuity in both eyes is generally less than 0.3, or those with severe visual impairment other than visual acuity and for whom visual recognition of normal letters, figures, etc., is impossible or extremely difficult even with the use of a magnifying glass, etc.</li> <li>• Visually impaired persons other than the above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Braille answers</li> <li>• Distribution of enlarged text examination question booklets</li> <li>• Extension of examination time (1.3 times)</li> <li>• Bringing their own magnifying glass or similar object to use in the examination</li> <li>• Assignment of a brightly lit seat near a window</li> <li>• Bringing their own lighting equipment to use or preparation of equipment in the examination room</li> </ul>
(2) Hearing Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People whose hearing loss is 60 decibels or above in terms of hearing level.</li> <li>• Hearing impaired persons other than the above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment of sign language interpreters, etc.</li> <li>• Written communication of precautions</li> <li>• Assignment of seats to the front row</li> <li>• Use of hearing aids or cochlear implants</li> </ul>
(3) Physical Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who are unable or have difficulty maintaining a seated position due to functional impairment of the torso</li> <li>• People with significant functional disabilities in both arms</li> <li>• People with physical disabilities other than the above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictated answers (answers written by a scribe)</li> <li>• Extension of examination time (1.3 times)</li> <li>• Accompaniment by an attendant up to the entrance of the examination room</li> <li>• Arrangement of a personal assistant</li> <li>• Assignment to an examination room on the first floor or one accessible by elevator</li> <li>• Taking the examination in a room close to the restroom</li> <li>• Bringing and using a wheelchair, cane, or specially designed desk/chair, or preparation of such equipment by the examination site</li> <li>• Entry to the examination site by private vehicle</li> </ul>
(4) Health Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with chronic respiratory illnesses, heart disease, kidney disease,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment to an examination room on the first floor or one</li> </ul>

	gastrointestinal disease, or other conditions that require continuous medical care or lifestyle regulation, or people with similar conditions	accessible by elevator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment of a seat near the entrance of the examination room</li> <li>• Provision of a separate examination room</li> </ul>
(5) Assistance for Developmental Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People requiring assistance due to autism spectrum disorders (autism, Asperger's, pervasive developmental disorders), localized learning disorders (learning disabilities), or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of examination time (1.3 times)</li> <li>• Distribution of enlarged text examination question booklets</li> <li>• Written communication of precautions</li> <li>• Provision of a separate examination room</li> </ul>
(6) Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People other than those in categories (1)~(5) who require special consideration, including consideration related to speech during interviews or presentations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking the examination in an examination room near the restroom</li> <li>• Assignment of a seat near the entrance to the examination room, etc.</li> </ul>

#### ■ Pre-Consultation

Please download the Pre-Consultation Application Form<sup>\*1</sup> for Kyushu University Entrance Examination and Medical Certificate<sup>\*2</sup> on the website of Kyushu University (Contents in Japanese only: <https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ja/admission/entrance/jizensodan>) and submit together with the application. If you are the holder of a certificate for persons with disabilities, please submit a copy of the certification with the application.

The Medical Certificate (in the format provided by Kyushu University) should indicate the name of the diagnosis, the dates of the first and last medical consultations, the specific symptoms and their progress after onset, the degree of obstacles in daily life, especially in studying, problems anticipated when taking examinations and any support thought to be necessary.

<sup>\*1</sup> Pre-Consultation Application Form

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/f/54449/Pre-Consultation%20Application%20%28Graduate%20School%29.pdf>

<sup>\*2</sup> Medical Certificate

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/f/54451/Medical%20Certificate.pdf>

#### **4 Use of Personal Information**

- (1) Personal information included in the application documents will be used in selecting applicants for admission, and the name and the address of successful applicants will be used to inform them of enrollment procedures.
- (2) Personal information included in the application documents will be used for work related to university enrollment of persons who have been accepted by the university after the admission selection.
- (3) Results of the entrance examination and other personal information can be used as material for recommendation for scholarships, and as material for selection for exemption from enrollment and tuition fees in the first year.
- (4) Personal information used in the entrance examination will be used anonymously as data in surveys and research on admissions selection at Kyushu University.
- (5) Personal information included in application documents and results of the entrance examination etc., shall not be used for purposes other than the above four, except in cases stipulated in the Act on the Protection of Personal Information. In addition, we will not provide the acquired personal information to a third party without the consent of the person, except when permitted by the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" and other related laws and regulations.

※Please refer to the following URL for the privacy policy of Kyushu University.

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy>

## V Enrollment

### 1 Enrollment Procedures

Documents related to the admission procedure will be sent to the successful applicants in late August 2026.

### 2 Fees Required at the Time of Enrollment

Enrollment Fee	JPY 282,000 (subject to change)
Tuition Fee (per each semester)	JPY 267,900 (JPY 535,800 per annum, subject to change)

Note: The tuition fee may be liable to change during the period in which the student is enrolled in the Graduate School of Design. In this case, the revised amount will be applied to the tuition fee at the time of revision.

### 3 Extension of the Period of Study

The Graduate School of Design allows students with jobs or other such circumstances who request that they complete the program according to a predetermined schedule over an extended period beyond the normal period of the curriculum to do so according to the stipulations of the Graduate School of Design.

If you are approved to extend the period of study, the amount of tuition to be paid per year will be the amount of tuition for the normal period of the curriculum (2 years) divided by the number of years (3 or 4 years) that the student is allowed to take the course as planned until the completion of the course.

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