



Kyushu Dental University



Kyushu Dental University Charter

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1. Preface

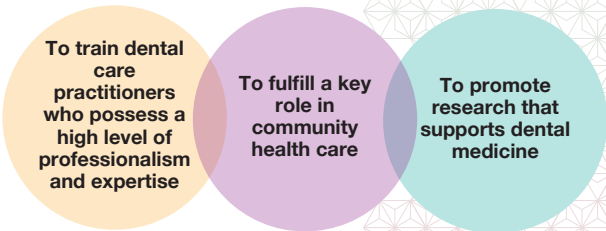
Marking our 100th anniversary in 2014, Kyushu Dental University renews its dedication to expanding our holistic dental and medical education activities, as we enter the next 100 years of educating practitioners that can provide patient-centered dental care.

The Kyushu Dental University Charter has been established as the first step towards creating a university that fulfills this vision.

All students, teaching staff, and personnel at Kyushu Dental University are committed to, and aspire to, fulfill the mission of the KDU.

2. Mission

The mission of Kyushu Dental University is to train dental care practitioners who possess a high level of professionalism and expertise, fulfill key roles in community health care, and promote research that supports dental medicine. This mission explains the kind of professional training, social contributions, and research that we strive to achieve.



To train dental care practitioners who possess a high level of professionalism and expertise

To fulfill a key role in community health care

To promote research that supports dental medicine

3. Education and Research Goals

Kyushu Dental University engages in the following types of educational and research activities to fulfill our mission.

- 1) Training for dental care practitioners that are highly professional, broadly educated, and possess a high level of expertise and skills
- 2) Training for dental care practitioners that can correctly interpret scientific information and undertake dental care activities based on scientific evidence
- 3) Training for dental care practitioners that can provide dental care from the perspective of holistic health and adapt to changes in society, such as demographic changes
- 4) Training for dental care practitioners that can coordinate with people in other professions and support the local and regional communities through dental care
- 5) Training for dental care practitioners who can strengthen international cooperation and exchange and undertake dental care activities from a global perspective
- 6) To develop and conduct international research that can contribute to the development of the local and regional communities in cooperation with other disciplines

Tuition Fees and Other Expenses

(Yen, every year)

Application Fee	30,000
Matriculation Fee	520,000
Tuition Fee	535,800

The fee is subject to change at any time. In this case, students are required to pay the revised fee.

In addition expenses such as for research activities or student life may be necessary.

Scholarship System

There are various scholarships for foreign students, such as a scholarship from the Morita Ikueikai. After studying abroad at KDU, please ask your instructor.

Living Expenses and Housing

Monthly expenses, excluding tuition fees, in Kokurakita Ward, Kitakyushu City are approximately 60,000~80,000 yen.

Kitakyushu City

Kyushu Dental University is located near downtown Kokura in the center of Kitakyushu city. It is located in an areas with many other academic institutions and has easy access from Yahata. The verdant Itouzu No Mori Park is nearby, as well as many stores that are convenient for everyday life. Please use public transportation when visiting Kyushu Dental University.



Message

Tatsuji Nishihara, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Chairman and President
Kyushu Dental University

Kyushu Dental University has made major contributions to the advancement of dental medicine and dental care with its long history and tradition as the only public university out of 29 dental universities and faculty of dentistry at universities. In 2014, we celebrate the centenary of the university's founding with the intention of further improving and developing our educational, research, and clinical activities as a university of oral medicine.

In today's medical and dentistry educational systems, more value may be placed on just producing professional practitioners. However, here at Kyushu Dental University, we make changes to meet the demands of our times because we are determined to train our students to be dental care practitioners who are truly professional and possess a sense of humanity.



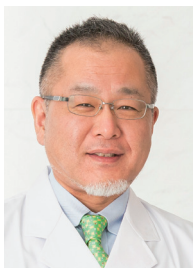
Message

Chiaki Kitamura, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Dean, Graduate School of Dentistry
Kyushu Dental University

At the Graduate School of Dentistry, Kyushu Dental University, we aim to nurture talented dentists and oral hygienists who will play leading roles in education, research, and dental care, and contribute to the development of dentistry, through academic research.

We have a doctoral course (PhD program, four years) in the Department of Dental Medicine, and a master's course (MA program, two years) in the Department of Oral Health Science under the University Mission. Degree recipients are expected to contribute to human welfare in the next generation.

We always provide our graduate students with leadership ability through the acquisition of the highest knowledge and research activities. Please join us and pursue new possibilities through experience of state-of-the-art oral medicine, oral health care, and life science.



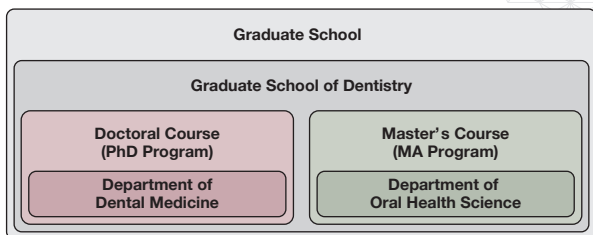
Graduate Schools

We are committed to developing research leadership skills through research and the acquisition of advanced knowledge and technical skills.

The Graduate School is committed to developing a student's leadership skills in research. During the graduate program, students dedicate a majority of their time to research in order to produce good research results, as they acquire advanced knowledge and technical skills in dental medicine. After completing the four-year program for doctoral degrees and the two-year program for master's degrees, graduate students are required to submit dissertations (or theses for master's degrees) that caps the four years (or two years) of research and summarizes the knowledge and findings gained through the research. If the dissertations (or theses) are accepted after review, a student will be awarded a PhD degree in dentistry or a master's degree in oral health sciences.

Since the school's establishment in April 1966, we have accepted more than 800 graduate students, including graduates from other universities.

The doctoral degree program of the Graduate School of Dentistry was established in April 1966 to train researchers who have the advanced research skills required for independent research in the field of dental medicine, and who have sufficient academic knowledge that serves as the foundation for such research. Through academic research focused on dental medicine, this program aims to contribute to advancements in dentistry and improvements in human welfare by developing human resources who can take on leadership roles in the fields of dental education, research, and treatment. Starting in 2014, the school offers a master's degree program in Oral Health Sciences. In collaboration with dental practitioners, the program trains human resources in more advanced dental treatment and educates future oral health care specialists who can contribute to the development and improvement of local medical care, health, and welfare that support livelihoods through diet and rehabilitation related to dysphagia.



Research Area

Department of Dental Medicine

Clinical Education Development and Research
Comprehensive Dental Research
Endodontics and Restorative Dentistry
Periodontology
Occlusions and Maxillofacial Reconstruction
Oral Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
Biomaterials
Anatomy
Physiology
Molecular Signaling and Biochemistry
Oral Pathology
Infections and Molecular Biology
Applied Dental Pharmacology
Clinical Epidemiology
Community Oral Health Development
Comprehensive Internal Medicine
Oral Functional Development
Orofacial Functions and Orthodontics
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
Maxillofacial Surgery
Oral Medicine
Dental Anesthesiology
Special Needs and Geriatric Dentistry
Surgery
Oral Health Sciences
Social Dentistry

Department of Oral Health Sciences

Oral Health Care Sciences

How Do You Choose Your Specialty?

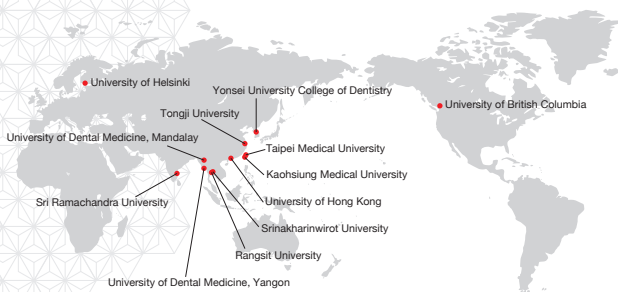
After having chosen the main subject, the graduate student chooses a vice-subject depending on the research theme.

The choice of subject is decided while discussing it with a professor.

International exchange

As part of the activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our university, we established a new brand goal for the university, "Global and Local Collaborative Dental Education". To realize this goal, the university has entered into academic exchange agreements with 10 overseas universities since 2013 and is actively promoting international academic exchange with foreign universities.

The Kyushu Dental University Global Scholarly Exchange Program (KDU-GSE Program) has assisted undergraduate students in short-term placements and accepted overseas students since 2015. This program is designed to help students broaden their global perspective and acquire international communication skills.



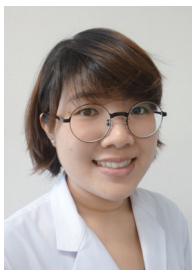
Overseas Partner Institutions

Country	University	Date Agreement Concluded
South Korea	Yonsei University College of Dentistry	January 15, 1992
China	Tongji University	May 29, 2001
Myanmar	University of Dental Medicine, Yangon	March 22, 2013
Myanmar	University of Dental Medicine, Mandalay	March 22, 2013
Thailand	Srinakharinwirot University	August 19, 2013
Finland	University of Helsinki	August 27, 2013
Taiwan	Kaohsiung Medical University	September 16, 2013
Canada	University of British Columbia	November 18, 2013
Hong Kong	University of Hong Kong	November 25, 2013
India	Sri Ramachandra University	December 25, 2013
Thailand	Rangsit University	March 25, 2015
Taiwan	Taipei Medical University	May 11, 2016

From a Student

Wichida Chaweewannakorn (Thailand)

2nd grade of Doctoral Course (PhD Program)
Department of Dental Medicine



Studying at KDU is one of the greatest experiences that I have ever had. Although Kitakyushu is not a resplendent city like Tokyo, it is peaceful and easy to live in. The people are very kind. I always get a lot of help from friends, staff, and teachers. By studying here, I acquire not only academic knowledge and research skills but also Japanese cultural experiences. The classes at KDU are very interesting. We have plenty of time for discussion with competent teachers that results in a very enriching learning environment. For my research study, I evaluate the biological effects of enamel-related gene products on bone remodeling. Thank you everyone who has made my study life in Japan one of the best times of my life.

Chatchaphan Udombatanakorn (Thailand)

1st grade of Doctoral Course (PhD Program)
Department of Dental Medicine

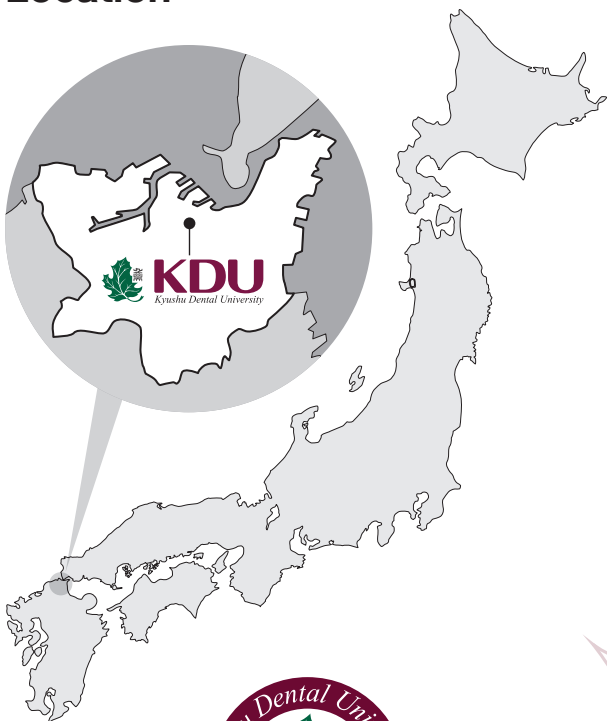


My name is Chatchaphan Udombatanakorn, or you can call me Boat. I come from Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand. For the last two years, I have been at KDU as an exchange student. I was impressed by the warm welcome from everybody here, so I decided to study here as a PhD student in the oral pathology field. Now, I am learning to diagnose a lot of specimens of oral diseases with kind and professional teachers. Moreover, I am going to conduct research on biomarkers for diagnosis of precancerous lesions. Life at KDU is very good with many delicious Japanese foods as well as convenient transportation. I believe that when I graduate from KDU, I can bring my knowledge to development of the dentistry field in Thailand, both in the research and educational spheres.

Career Paths after Graduation

After taking a degree, they work as a teacher at a university, work as a general dentist who has a specialty, or continue their research abroad as a post-doctoral fellow.

Location



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