2015
KYUSHU DENTAL UNIVERSITY
Graduate School of
Oral Health Science
Faculty of Dentistry (MA Program)

Admission Guidelines for Applicants
(including those not currently enrolled in university)
Educational Objectives and Policies

Educational Objectives

1. To train dental practitioners who can contribute to society, making use of their broad scientific knowledge, as well as their creative, logical research abilities and high-level clinical skills
2. To promote lifelong education for dental practitioners, while opening our doors to society at large and providing a wide arena for both education and research
3. To promote leading-edge, creative research in dentistry, and to educate dental practitioners who will actively take part at the forefront of international dentistry

Admission Policies – The Type of Graduate Student Kyushu Dental University Is Looking For

1. Those who have a strong interest in life sciences research, particularly in the area of dentistry, and who have the desire to actively undertake their own research
2. Those with the dedication to acquire the high-level specialized knowledge and skills needed by clinicians, educators, and researchers
3. Those who want to undertake research in connection with the local community
4. Those with an international perspective, who want to undertake world-class research
5. Those with the desire and ability to engage actively in dental research, working side by side with their fellow members of society

Curriculum Policies – The Type of Education Kyushu Dental University Provides

1. Through seminars and lectures in established research areas, we provide instruction at a high level of specialization.
2. Through seminars and lectures which reach beyond the frameworks of particular specialties, we provide instruction in comprehensive life sciences as well as clinical knowledge and techniques.
3. We provide seminars and lectures concerning a broad range of the life sciences and the necessary methodology to engage successfully in research.
4. For the purpose of applications in both research and clinical dentistry, we provide seminars and lectures connected with medical engineering.
5. In order to advance international awareness, we provide seminars and lectures which
nurture the abilities to write academic papers and give presentations in foreign languages.

6. We provide seminars and lectures by top-level specialists in many areas, not only by our own faculty but also by guest lecturers.

Graduation Policies – The Type of Graduates We Aim to Foster

1. Graduates who are equipped with the comprehensive abilities needed to carry out their own self-directed research, and who have mastered a wide range of knowledge in the life sciences

2. Graduates who as highly skilled dental practitioners have developed the abilities needed to contribute in a clinical setting to the development of the most advanced treatments

3. Graduates who have obtained through their education in dentistry multi-faceted yet specialized knowledge, which will enable them to become leaders in the world of dentistry

4. Graduates who have gained the abilities to contribute to the local community, by doing advanced research in their academic and research fields, research which is relevant to community needs

5. Graduates with an international perspective and effective communication skills, who can communicate research results in dentistry to others in society

6. Graduates with abilities allowing them to devote themselves throughout their professional lives to creative, high-level research in dentistry and oral health care
1. **Area of Specialization and Admission Limits**

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**Note 1** Those potential applicants who are not currently enrolled in university may be eligible for a special admissions process, even if at the time of intended enrollment they will be already employed or are planning to seek employment.

Such students, who are granted special permission for enrollment, may make special arrangements in advance with a supervising professor and other instructors of desired classes in order to take those classes outside the normal time schedule.

2. **Qualified Applicants**

(1) Graduates from university (excluding junior colleges)

(2) Applicants who, in accordance with the School Education Law (Legislative Act 26 enacted in 1947, hereafter referred to as the Education Law) Section 104 Item 4, have received a Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited degree-granting university or educational institution

(3) Applicants who have completed 16 years of formal education in an overseas educational system

(4) Applicants resident in Japan who have completed 16 years of education, which includes correspondence courses offered by overseas educational institutions

(5) Applicants (including only those who have completed 16 years of formal education from an overseas educational system) who have completed a foreign university program at an institution in Japan which has been authorized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

(6) Applicants who have completed a specialized course of study at a technical school which has received approval by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (and which includes only courses of study of four years or more, which also meet other standards of the Education Ministry)
(7) Applicants authorized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

(8) Applicants who have, in accordance with the School Education Law Section 102 Item 2, previously entered a graduate school and who afterwards are determined by Kyushu Dental University Graduate School to have the necessary qualifications for study at this graduate school

(9) Applicants 22 or more years old, who in the judgment of this graduate school, based on a separate assessment of qualifications, possess qualifications equal or superior to those of a university graduate

(10) Applicants enrolled in a university for three years or more (and including those considered by the Education Ministry to be of an equivalent level) who are determined by Kyushu Dental University to have received excellent grades in indicated required courses (specifically, having taken 80% or more of the courses required for graduation by the conclusion of the third year and having received excellent marks in 90% or more of those completed courses)

(11) Applicants who plan to meet a qualification described above by March 31, 2015

3. Verification of Qualifications for Submission

Qualifications of those who wish to qualify for application under categories (8), (9), or (10) above will be verified in advance, and therefore during the indicated submission period (September 29, 2014 to October 6, 2014) these applicants should submit the necessary documents described below to the address listed in Sub-section 5 (2) of Section 5, Submission Procedures below. After receiving verification of the qualification for application, application should be made for the second examination.

Furthermore, applicants who have previously been determined to meet the submission qualifications may shorten the formal procedures for verification of application status by submitting the examination identification card or the official notice of qualification for application.

(1) Materials for Submission

① Application for Entrance Examination and Verification of Submission Status (Form supplied by Kyushu Dental University)

② Record of educational history, employment history, research history, etc.: (Form supplied by Kyushu Dental University)

③ Materials for verification of qualifications: copies of licenses or certificates, etc.

④ Verification of period of employment, as related to the record of employment history submitted (Form supplied by Kyushu Dental University)

⑤ Diploma or graduation certificate prepared by the president of the last educational institution attended (junior college or technical college)

⑥ Transcript of grades prepared by the president of the last educational institution attended (junior college or technical college)
7. Applicants qualifying under section (8) should submit the following materials instead of items ③ to ⑥: a transcript of undergraduate grades, prepared by the president (or dean of faculty) of the university attended, as well as a certificate indicating the period of graduate study and a transcript of graduate school grades received, prepared by the dean of the graduate school attended.

8. Applicants qualifying under section (9) should submit a record of research publications, research conference presentations, etc.

9. Applicants qualifying under section (10) should submit the following materials instead of items ③ to ⑥: a transcript of undergraduate grades, prepared by the president (or dean of faculty) of the university attended,

10. A return envelope 23.5cm×12cm should be included with your submission.

The applicant’s name and address should be clearly written on the envelope and ¥512 postage should be affixed (standard postage of ¥82 yen plus ¥430 for registered mail).

(2) Official notification of the results of the verification of qualifications will be sent to the applicant by mail by November 10, 2014.

(3) In the event of concerns about qualifications for submission, contact the University at the address listed below in Sub-section 5 (2) of Section 5, Submission Procedures.

4. Application Period, Test Dates, etc.

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5. Submission Procedures

(1) Methods of Submission

In person: from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, weekdays only.

By mail: must arrive by registered express mail (書留速達) during the indicated application period. “Application Materials Enclosed (Graduate School MA Course)” should be written in red on the submission envelope.
(2) Contact Information for Submission Procedures

Address:

Kyushu Dental University
Educational Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Dentistry
2-6-1 Manazuru, Kokura-ku, Kitakyushu 803-8580
Telephone: (093) 582-1131 ext. 7243
Fax: (093) 582-6000
Email: kyoumu@kyu-dent.ac.jp

(3) Materials to Be Submitted

① Application Form (Form supplied by Kyushu Dental University)
② Official Transcript of Grades, prepared and submitted in a sealed envelope by the president or dean of faculty of the university attended
③ Diploma (or Graduation Certificate) or Certification of Pending Graduation, prepared by the president or dean of faculty of the university attended
④ Photograph (for attaching to examination ID card): a front-facing photo, bare-headed, 4 cm tall by 3 cm wide, taken within the last 3 months
⑤ Receipt of Payment of ¥30,000 for the Application Fee
   Payment should be made with the payment transfer form provided by Kyushu Dental University, and then a copy of the receipt should be included with the application materials.
⑥ Statement of Purpose: a statement concerning the applicant’s plans for the future, research aspirations, and the fields of study of greatest interest (use A4 paper, no specified format)
⑦ Certification of Health Examination: Have a physician fill in the form provided by the University.
⑧ A return envelope (23.5cm×12cm) should be included with your submission, for receipt of the examination ID card.
   The applicant’s name and address should be clearly written on the envelope and ¥512 postage should be affixed (standard postage of ¥82 yen plus ¥430 for registered mail).
⑨ Applicants for the special application process for those not currently enrolled in university should also submit a Certification of Employment or Certification of Intended Employment.
⑩ Applicants who have previously been determined to meet the submission qualifications may shorten the formal procedures for verification of application status by submitting the examination identification card or the official notice of qualification for application.

(4) Sending of the Examination Identification Card

When the application materials have been received, an examination identification card will be sent to the applicant. If the examination identification card has not been received by the date 7 days before the examination, contact the Kyushu Dental University Educational Affairs Section at this telephone number: (093) 582-1131 ext. 7243.
6. Special Note for Physically Challenged Applicants

Since special measures may need to be taken both at the time of the entrance examination and during university attendance, applicants for admission to this University who are physically challenged (as defined in the indicated standards for physical disability in the School Education Legal Directive, Section 22 Item 3) should submit the following additional application form and consult with the Educational Affairs Section.

- An Application Form (A4, no pre-determined format), which includes these items:

  ① Applicant’s name, address, telephone number, etc.
  ② Name of the university from which the applicant graduated
  ③ Statement of the type and degree of the applicant’s physical disability (If currently under treatment, attach a physician’s Health Examination Certificate.)
  ④ Indication of any desired special measures when taking the entrance examination or attending university classes
  ⑤ Indication of special measures taken by the university previously attended
  ⑥ Statement of relevant circumstances of daily life

7. Dates and Sites of Entrance Examinations

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*For the English examination

(1) Dictionaries may be used, but not electronic dictionaries

(2) Those applicants who have, at the time of application, already submitted certification of either qualification ① or ② below, are exempt from taking the English examination:

  ① TOEFL score of 500 points or above (or a computer-based TOEFL score of 173 points or above, or an Internet-based TOEFL Test score of 61 points or above)
  ② TOEIC score or 650 points or above

*For the Research Field Examination, one of the following research areas should be selected: (1) Oral Health Care Sciences, (2) Oral Health Promotion, (3) Dental Medicine for Oral Treatment Rehabilitation, or (4) Life-stage Dentistry and Nutrition. Write the name of the selected Research Field on the application and the examination identification card.

Research Field Examination Content

(1) Oral Health Care Sciences (3 areas essential for employment as a dental hygienist: dental health care maintenance instruction, assistance in diagnosis, and prevention measures)
8. **Announcement of Application Results**

In addition to public announcement of the results by the University, each applicant will be notified of the result of their application. Inquiries by telephone, etc. about passing or failing in the application process will not be accepted.

9. **Procedures for Entering the Graduate Program**

Those applicants who have received notification of being accepted into the graduate school must complete the proper procedures, such as submitting the relevant documents, paying the entrance fees, etc., before the specified deadline. Details about these matters will be sent separately to applicants.

**Points for Reference**

1. **Entrance Fee:**
   - Residents of the Prefecture: ¥282,000
   - Non-residents: ¥520,000

2. **Tuition Fee (Annual):** ¥535,800
   (payable in two installments, in April and October)

Items (1) and (2) above have been determined according to the 2014 regulations of Kyushu Dental University concerning fees, etc., but specifics concerning the amounts due for 2015 and the payment methods will be posted in the “Guide for Entering Graduate School.” In the event that during the period of study tuition fees are changed, the newer fees will become applicable for subsequent payments. Furthermore, under no circumstances will entrance fees, etc. be refunded after payment.

* Concerning Determination of Residency in the Prefecture

(a) “Resident of the Prefecture” is defined as someone residing in Fukuoka Prefecture during the period from March 1 of the previous year until the date of the graduate school entrance procedures, and who is the primary provider of the livelihood of the person intending to enter graduate school (hereafter called the graduate student), which in some cases will be the graduate student himself or herself. Alternatively, if the person providing the primary livelihood of the graduate student is residing outside Fukuoka Prefecture for reasons of work, etc. but the majority of that person's family (including the graduate student) reside in the prefecture, the status of the applicant is defined as “Resident of the Prefecture.” Verification of the residence status of the applicant will be
determined based on whether the official Certificate of Residence indicates residence in the prefecture during the indicated period.

(b) “Non-resident of the Prefecture” is defined as anyone not meeting the stipulations in definition (a) above.

10. Scholarship System

(1) JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) (formerly the Japan Scholarship Association)

(2) The Nagamatsu Scholarship Foundation

(3) Other Sources

11. Cautionary Notes

(1) On both the graduate school application forms and the examination identification card, be certain to enter clearly the name of the examination subject for the examination in your chosen research specialty.

(2) Under absolutely no circumstances will inquiries be accepted concerning already submitted application materials or the status of their evaluation.

(3) Personal information obtained during the application process will be used for the purpose of selecting graduate students, communicating the results of the application procedures, and for the admission procedures for entering the graduate school. In addition, when applicants have been accepted into the graduate school, such information will be used by the Educational Affairs staff (for enrollment procedures, etc.), by the Student Affairs staff (for health matters, determination of tuition and fees, scholarship applications, etc.), and as necessary for surveys and research concerning fee payments etc. (in order to improve the entrance exams and gather data for analysis concerning trends among applicants). Personal information will not be used for any other purposes or provided to third parties without obtaining the permission of the graduate student.

(4) Those who have been accepted into the graduate school on the basis of three or more years of undergraduate study with excellent grades will withdraw from undergraduate study. Therefore, such applicants should be careful of this point if they intend to qualify for various national examinations, etc., since if graduation with an undergraduate degree is a necessary pre-requisite for an examination, they will not qualify.

(5) Concerning the long-term enrollment system

For those who are currently engaged in regular employment, there is a system by which such graduate students may complete the educational program during a planned, fixed period of study which goes beyond the standard number of years for graduate study.

As for tuition fees applicable for this system, the sum total of the standard annual tuition fees will be proportionately divided for payment according to the planned, fixed period of study undertaken.

Consult with graduate school representatives for further specifics concerning time limits for extended, long-term enrollment, and other such matters.
### Professors

**Oral Health Care Sciences Research Specialty:** Katsumi Hidaka, Sumio Akifusa, Hiromasa Inoue, and Hisako Hijiki

### Major Research Topics

- Research about present problems of community dental health by investigating status of dental diseases and dental health care administrations in some organizations like community health centers, schools, works, hospitals or institutions for aged.
- Study of lifelong oral health care management to prevent dental disease, the theory of health care measures, communication practices in health care, and practical research from the dental hygienist’s point of view concerning care of those with physical, cognitive, or activity impairments.
- Bacteriological and epidemiological research concerning adherence mechanisms of oral microbes, host response to microbe colonization, infection and microbial pathogenicity, prevention of infection by removal of colonization microbes, etc.
- Research aimed at clarifying the molecular mechanism in diseases of the oral cavity including hard and soft tissues.
- Research using technique of molecular cellular biology or epidemiology to investigate change in immune response according to energy exchange disorder, such as metabolic syndrome, particularly in terms of the influence of various types of adipokines on immune system.
- Compilation and arrangement of information concerning eating activities, and research into the role of the cerebral cortex in the initiation and performance of movement, or memory and learning, etc., using non-invasive methods which take into consideration the particular person involved.
- Research focused on the effectiveness of SPT and maintenance for periodontal disease and oral health care, and on the resulting effects on psychology, overall body function, and nutritional status.
- Clinical and fundamental research, as well as epidemiological research using databases of dental and medical examinations of local residents, in order to clarify the circumstances of and relationships between systemic health conditions such as arteriosclerosis, diabetes, etc. and oral health conditions such as periodontal disease, the number of residual teeth, chewing ability, etc. *
- Establishing the dental hygiene system including oral diagnosis, treatment and care, for oral medical diseases *
- Clinical, practical research making use of field studies, life-stage studies, and life-style studies, and focused on the improvement of oral function and rehabilitation for food intake.
and swallowing *

- Fundamental research using techniques of molecular biology, clinical practice making use of epidemiological methods, and epidemiological surveys to investigate topics necessary for preserving dental, oral, and general health, such as the following: development, maintenance, and restoration of eating function; caries prevention; prevention of life-style diseases which lead to impairment of chewing and swallowing, and which thus result in a need for health care; the prevention of oral health problems resulting from dietary deficiencies, etc.*
Documents to Be Submitted by International Applicants

Items marked with an asterisk (*) should use the University’s specified form.

* (1) Kyushu Dental University Graduate School of Dental Research Application Form
* (2) Examination Certificate (with attached photograph of the applicant)
   The photograph should be 7 cm tall by 5 cm wide, should include the upper half of the body, bareheaded, full-face, and should have been taken within 3 months before application.
(3) Academic Transcript (official record of grades received)
(4) Diploma or Graduation Certificate from most recent academic institution attended
(5) Identification: a copy of identification and photo page(s) from passport
* (6) A certified record of a recent medical checkup
* (7) A Letter of Recommendation from the president of the applicant’s present university or the university from which the applicant graduated
(8) Certification of passing the state or national dentists’ examination in the applicant’s home country
* (9) Documentation of financial support for living expenses, etc. for the 2 years of planned study