

Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality, Kyushu University
2025 Academic Year

1st Gender Research Encouragement Program for Students
(Former: Research Scholarship Program for Students Engaged in Gender Studies)

Application Guidelines

Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality, Kyushu University

1.Purpose

1. Gender studies and gender perspectives are pursued in multiple academic fields. Kyushu University offers this program to provide students interested in gender studies with university-wide research support.
2. Students from various schools, faculties and graduate schools who are motivated and interested in gender studies may receive a scholarship to pursue research and share findings on various gender issues in society, and in doing so, enrich knowledge of gender equality at Kyushu University.
3. Scholarships are awarded to provide students at Kyushu University with opportunities to consider and pursue various gender-related issues, and to cultivate the ability to play active roles and exercise leaderships in the future in support of a society where all genders can coexist.

2.Application

1. Application qualifications

Applicant must meet one of the following ①~③ and also he/she needs to be engaged in the preparation of a graduation thesis, graduation research, master's thesis, doctoral thesis, etc., on a theme that includes gender-related considerations, and is receiving the necessary research guidance from a supervisor at their faculty or graduate school.

- ① Students in their fourth year or higher at Kyushu University's undergraduate
- ② Graduate students enrolled in Kyushu University's master's program
- ③ Graduate students enrolled in Kyushu University's doctoral program

※You can apply as many times as you like, but you can only receive support twice.

※You cannot apply while you are on a leave of absence.

2.Number of students who are going to receive the scholarship and the amount

- ① Approximately 2 undergraduate students 60,000 yen/year
- ② Approximately 4 master's students 90,000 yen/year
- ③ Approximately 4 doctoral students 120,000 yen/year

The scholarship will be transferred to the student's bank account by the University. This is a scholarship that is paid to the student, and in principle there is no obligation to repay.

3. Example of usage

You can use it for the following purposes at your discretion.

Travel expenses: Research travel expenses for surveys and collecting materials, expenses for participating in academic conferences and study groups, etc.

Purchase of goods: Purchase of reference materials (including books), expenses for consumables, etc.

4. Application form

Please submit the application form (including the pledge and recommendation letter by the academic advisor) and research plan. In addition, the application form should be no more than two pages in length, and the bibliography list should be no more than one page in length. We will not accept files attached to the application form, such as papers, for review.

5. How to apply

Please send your application materials via email to the following section.

Submission: General Affairs Section, Student Affairs Planning Division, Student Affairs Department

Email: gagsomu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

6. Application deadline

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

7. Screening method

Examination of documents (Schedule, etc. to be announced at a later date.)

8. Selection criteria

Please note that evaluations will be based on the following.

- 1) Whether or not the research is in line with “Gender Studies” as described in the application guidelines.
- 2) Whether or not the research theme, content, methodology, plan, and any features or original characteristics of the research are appropriately presented, based on previous research.

9. Student obligations (*Details to be provided to the relevant students.)

- 1) Meetings to present research findings will be held. In principle, all scholarship

recipients are required to participate.

- 2) Research findings will be published. Scholarship recipients are required to report their research findings (6 to 10 pages). Once submitted, no changes may be made.
- 3) Abstracts (A4 size, one page or less) will be published in “Polymorfía,” the PR magazine published by the Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality.
- 4) The name and affiliation of the scholarship recipient as well as the research title and abstract (for publication in “Polymorfía”) will be uploaded to the website of the Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality.

10. Returning the scholarship to the University

If a student falls into any of the following categories during the academic year, Kyushu University may request that the student to return the scholarship.

- 1) If a student does not fulfill 9. Student obligations above
- 2) If there is a significant change that deviates from the purpose of this program
- 3) If the student takes a leave of absence
- 4) If the student loses their student status due to graduation, withdrawal or expulsion
- 5) If the student's academic performance or conduct is no longer appropriate for a student

11. Notes

- 1) If, after being accepted, you make any major changes to your research plan that deviate from the objectives of this program, please notify General Affairs Section, Student Affairs Planning Division, Student Affairs Department immediately.
- 2) It is possible to receive this scholarship in conjunction with other grants or scholarships. However, please make sure that you receive this scholarship within the rules of the other grant or scholarship.
- 3) For domestic and overseas surveys, please check the “Guidelines for Safety in Education” and take the necessary procedures at your faculty or graduate school.
<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ja/faculty/safety>

12. Inquiries: General Affairs Section, Student Affairs Planning Division, Student Affairs Department

TEL: 092-802-5924

Email: gagsomu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

(If you receive no email from Student Affairs Department within one week to confirm receipt of your application, please contact at the

above to confirm.)

FAQ

Q1. What areas are included within the scope of “Gender Studies” as the term is used here?

A1. “Gender Studies” here refers to the exploration of preconceived ideas and issues related to gender differences in our society and consciousness, as well as research into the functions of gender differences and differences due to gender differences in various fields and situations.

As examples, this includes issues in working environments, recruitment opportunities, private lives, and the field of welfare; the history of women’s attitudes and actions in response to these issues; as well as reconsiderations of men’s way of life. It also encompasses the question of how differences between genders function (or have functioned) within the context of culture, education, media, etc. There are also various issues that need to be clarified, such as the social and political situation surrounding the body, which has been the basis for arguments about gender differences and is therefore fraught with problems, and the structure of gender differences that has been incorporated into academic knowledge. This includes research in the fields of social science and the humanities, as well as research that uses the methods of the natural sciences to explore how gender differences manifest themselves.

Q2. In what format will research findings be presented?

A2. We plan to hold open research presentations in which other students and faculty members may freely participate. It is our hope that this will facilitate consideration and discussion of the research findings funded by this scholarship, while also further expanding the scope of exchange in gender studies at Kyushu University in the future.

Q3. Can I apply more than once?

A3. Yes, you may apply any number of times, but you may only receive the scholarship twice.

Q4. Do I have to participate in the meeting to present research findings?

A4. In principle, all scholarship recipients must participate.

Q5. I was previously a recipient of Research Scholarship Program for Students Engaged in Gender Studies. AM I eligible to receive support again?

A5. You can receive support up to a maximum of two times under the old program, “Research Scholarship Program for Students Engaged in Gender Studies” and this program.