

At Kochi University, we offer a range of financial support to graduate students as follows:

financial support offered from the 2022 academic year

- Enrollment fee waivers

From the 2023 academic year onward, enrollment fees will not be charged to students enrolled in a doctoral course.

(Up to and including the 2022 academic year, enrollment fees were not charged to continuing students at Kochi University who completed a master's course and went on to a doctoral course.)

- Tuition fee waivers (for academically outstanding students)

From the 2022 academic year onward, tuition fees will be waived for one academically high-achieving student in each year of each program in a master's course*, professional degree course, or doctoral course (apart from in the cases of the Science and Technology Program, the Agriculture and Marine Science Program, and the Medicine Program, where tuition fees will be waived for two students in each year).

(Up to and including the 2021 academic year, tuition fees were waived for only one student in the final year of each program in each course.)

* The TOSA Innovative Human Development Programs (Green Science Education Program) are excluded.

- Academic grant

From the 2022 academic year onward, a grant of up to 100,000 yen per student will be awarded to academically outstanding students. (Students in the final year are not eligible. The size of the grant varies depending on the budget.)

Other financial support that is usually available

- Enrollment fee waivers (for students in financial difficulties)

Graduate school (master's course and professional degree course):

Students who are financially struggling to pay their enrollment fees and who are recognized for their academic excellence are eligible for an enrollment fee waiver. If a student meets the household income criteria and academic criteria set by the University, such student's enrollment fee will be waived within budgetary limits.

For more information, please visit http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/campus/life/hukuri/nyugaku_genmen.html

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- Scholarships

- The main scholarships available to graduate students are repayable scholarships offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

For more information, please visit <https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/about/taiyo/index.html>

- In addition to the scholarships offered by JASSO, scholarships from businesses, local governments, and other organizations are also available. The application periods of scholarships and the application terms and conditions vary from organization to organization. As soon as the University receives information on scholarship application, it will be published on KULAS > oshirase > category "shogakukin"

- A range of other scholarships aimed at international students is available.

For more information, please visit <https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/prospective-students/intl-student-scholarships.html>

- Kochi University Research Award Program (Graduate Student Research Encouragement Award)

Graduate students at Kochi University or graduate students at the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University who engage in research under a faculty member of Kochi University as their main academic advisor are invited to apply. Those graduate students who are recognized by the president to have carried out an original or unique research project are given a research grant of 50,000 to 100,000 yen per project. Research projects by award recipients in the 2018 academic year and subsequent years can be found on <https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/research/seminar/>

- Kochi University Education and Research Revitalization Project (Support for promoting the publication of research findings)

Young researchers and graduate students are invited to apply. Costs are subsidized with regard to publishing research findings (travel expenses and registration costs incurred in presenting a paper at an academic conference etc. (excluding costs and expenses incurred by graduate students in presenting a paper or research findings at an overseas academic conference), submission fees, publication fees, translation fees, proofreading fees, separate printing costs, etc. incurred in publishing a paper).

- Teaching Assistant Program

The Teaching Assistant Program allows academically excellent graduate students to serve as teaching assistants while receiving educational support and to be paid for their work. The purpose of the program is to offer attentive teaching in undergraduate and graduate education and to provide graduate students with an opportunity to train to be a faculty member or a researcher.

- Research Assistant Program

To improve and strengthen the research support system, which contributes to the further promotion of academic research, and to develop and secure young researchers, the Research Assistant Program allows our academically excellent doctoral students to participate as research assistants in research projects carried out at Kochi University and to be paid for their work. The purpose of the program is to effectively promote research activities, improve the research system, and develop young researchers' research capabilities.

- Working graduate students wishing to enroll in the extended enrollment program

The extended enrollment program allows graduate students who would experience financial hardship if the standard program duration were to be exceeded to pay the total fees they must pay in two years, in installments within the period permitted for systematically extended enrollment. Under the program, changes in students' circumstances (e.g. gaining employment, job transfers) are accommodated and changes to the extended enrollment period (reductions or further extensions) may also be permitted in certain situations.

Other information

- Kochi University Student Consultation System
https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/_files/00173827/gakuseisoudan_English.pdf
- Kochi University International Exchanges webpage
<https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/>
- Information on harassment
http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/_files/00075695/151006stop_all_harassment.pdf