

Kochi University of Technology (KUT), Japan, would like to introduce you our Special Scholarship Program below taking this opportunity for the students in your esteemed institution.

## University Outline

KUT, established in 1997, was originally a private university. Founded by the Kochi prefectural government, KUT ambitiously set its sights in becoming a world class university through the pursuit of unique excellence. Despite its relatively small scale, KUT has had a strong presence with its distinctive character and progressive education system. Notably, KUT took the lead in Japan in adopting a quarter system to enable intensive learning. In 2009, KUT became a public university corporation as the first case in Japan. With its solid financial position thanks to the support of the Kochi prefectural government, KUT could operate innovatively since it gained the know-how needed for independent and autonomous operation through its experiences as a private university. KUT serves 2,224 undergraduate students, 228 master students and 74 doctoral students (as of May 1, 2017).

# Special Scholarship Program

The Special Scholarship Program is a 3-year English-medium doctoral program designed for highly capable doctoral students from all around the world. Successful applicants are entitled to receive following benefits:

- 1. Exempted from all the required student fees
- 2. 150,000 yen per month for research project work
- 3. 150,000 yen for travel and initial living cost (given only to international applicants who are living outside Japan)

The Special Scholarship Program recruits excellent doctoral students to take part in the research projects listed at:

https://www.kochi-tech.ac.jp/english/admission/ssp/past\_data/ssp\_research\_project\_list.html

The details of Special Scholarship Program and admission guidelines are at:

https://www.kochi-tech.ac.jp/english/admission/ssp/outline 1.html

Application Deadline for October 2018 enrollment and April 2019 enrollment: March 16th 2018

	Undergraduate	Master's Program	Doctoral Program	Non-degree Students	Total
China	1	6	12	7	26
Thailand		2	11		13
Vietnam			6		6
Bangladesh			4		4
Indonesia			3		3
Spain			1	2	3
Iran			2		2
Nepal			2		2
USA			1		1
Colombia			1		1
Sri Lanka			1		1
Germany				1	1
Russia			1		1
Total	1	8	45	10	64

# Campuses

### Main Kami Campus:

School of Systems Engineering

School of Environmental Science and Engineering

School of Information

School of Economics & Management (for first year undergraduate students)

### Eikokuji Campus:

School of Economics & Management (for second to fourth year undergraduates and graduate students)

# On-campus accommodation "International House"

KUT opened its on-campus accommodation called "International House" in Kami campus to provide a high quality research and study environment for both overseas and Japanese students. International students can enjoy this living-learning environment while developing a better understanding of Japanese culture through daily life with Japanese students.

Please find the details in the enclosed leaflet or at:

https://www.kochi-tech.ac.jp/english/campus life/housing/international house.html

\*International students at Eikokuji campus can receive assistance in finding accommodation. The information about corporate-contact apartments for Eikokuji students is at:

https://www.kochi-tech.ac.jp/english/campus\_life/housing/apartments.html

## Students Voice

### Ms. Nguyen Thi Tam from Vietnam

I was given a very good opportunity to come to Japan when I was selected as a Special Scholarship Program (SSP) student in Kochi University of Technology (KUT). KUT is a young university with a 20-year history in education – YOUNG and ENERGETIC, YOUNG and ACTIVE, YOUNG and FULL OF VITALITY. I was impressed by the research projects which have been conducted in KUT. All fields are very modern and follow global trends in the development of technology. My research field is Environmental & Infrastructure Management. I have been studying Waste Management, looking particularly at the connection between authorities and community in waste management policy. With my passion of working with the community and effective management, I hope my research results will contribute to the development of a scientific career as well as practical application in waste management.

KUT is located in Kochi Prefecture, on the island of Shikoku in Japan. Kochi is famous for the beautiful nature and the fresh, delicious seafood, one of my favorite kinds of food. The weather is quite comfortable, not too cold in the winter and not too hot in the summer. I believe that all the things I learn and experience at KUT will be valuable and will contribute to my future work as well as my colorful life. I'll enjoy my PhD life with all my passion, my love of science and my hard-working style. No pain, no gain! It's the right time to start a brighter future here – KUT and now –2017!

#### Mr. Nipat Puthipad from Thailand

Ever since I got my masters degree, I have wanted to take a doctoral program to gain knowledge and experience for supporting my goal as being a part of sustainable development. Through its SSP scholarship program, KUT has given me a valuable opportunity to do interesting research in Japan, with support for living expenses.

Currently, I am a third year D.Eng. candidate, doing a research project on self-compacting concrete. During the course, with excellent research facilities and valuable advice from my competent supervisor, my knowledge and skills in research have developed noticeably.

Living in KUT is pleasurable as KUT has provided a comfortable dormitory for international students (International House), which is located within the university campus and is therefore only a short walk from the faculty buildings. KUT also organises various tours and activities for students to enjoy and gain new experiences. Furthermore, there is a warm and friendly atmosphere at KUT that all the people at KUT, including faculty members and students, contribute to.

In addition to the enjoyable life inside KUT, Kochi has numerous attractions and activities to experience throughout the year. These include enjoying the Yosakoi dance, kayaking through the Shimanto river, and watching stunning fireworks.

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We sincerely hope you find this informative and helpful to find the best option for your students!!