JASSO program for ICAST 2013 Kumamoto

This program offers opportunities for students from overseas universities and Kumamoto University to work together in the student organizing committee, so they will actively participate in preparation and management of ICAST. Through these activities students are expected to gain international experiences as well as academic exchanges and grow mutual understanding among those coming from different backgrounds and cultures. Students from overseas universities will also have a chance to visit labs in their related fields in Graduate School of Science and Technology. The program is conducted in English.

We recruit 15 graduate students from overseas partner universities as student organizing committee members, who will be provided with JASSO scholarship.

**Schedule:**

Dec 8 Sun 16:00~17:00 Welcome and guidance

9 Mon Student organizing committee meeting, visit to the labs in related fields

10 Tue Student organizing committee meeting, visit to the labs in related fields

11 Wed Student organizing committee meeting, visit to the labs in related fields

12 Thu ICAST (AM-opening session, PM-oral presentation, student exchange party)

13 Fri ICAST (AM-oral presentation, PM-poster presentation, closing ceremony)

14 Sat Field trip (Mt. Aso etc)

15 Sun 10:00~12:00 Review session and closing

**Scholarship: 80,000 yen per student**

\*Travel expenses between student’s country and Kumamoto are not provided.

**Estimated costs for the stay in Kumamoto**

Accommodation: ~6000 yen per night at a budget hotel (breakfast included)

Transportation between hotel and university: 150~300 yen /one way by bus/tram

Meals: 1000~2000 yen per day

\*Meals are not included in the program.

**Requirements for JASSO scholarship applicants:**

(1)GPA of the former grade must be superior than 2.30 based on the calculation method below. If the student does not have an academic record of the former grade, s/he must figure out by the former semester’s record. In the case that a transcript cannot be calculated by the method below, comments to prove that the student is excellent enough and equivalent to 2.30 must be described in a letter of recommendation.

Calculation method (must be round to two decimal places)

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| Type of  evaluation | Obtained score | | | | |
| Pattern 1 |  | 優 | 良 | 可 | 不可 |
| Pattern 2 |  | A | B | C | F |
| Pattern 3 |  | 100～80 p | 79～70 p | 69～60 p | 59 p～ |
| Pattern 4 | 100～90 p | 89～80 p | 79～70 p | 69～60 p | 59 p～ |
| Pattern 5 | S | A | B | C | F |
| Pattern 6 | A | B | C | D | F |
| **Grade Point** | **3** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** |

After calculating the grade points, apply them to the following calculating formula.

Calculating method:

(Units of GP3×3)+ (Units of GP2×2)+ (Units of GP1×1) +(Units of GP0×0)

All the registered units

If your grading system is not based on units, it can be replaced to the number of subjects.

(2)Be able to communicate in English and participate in the above program.

Please submit an official score of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

(3)Give presentation either in Research Session or General Session in ICAST.

When completing the program successfully, students will receive a transcript for the subject ‘Special Presentation’ (1 credit). The credit may be approved at a home university according to the student exchange agreement.

**Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2013**

Regarding the call for papers for ICAST is in Kumamoto’s web site at

<http://www.gsst.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/icast/callforpapers.html>