

Welcome to the Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan

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We recruit highly capable new students from all over the world into the Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan. We started the Okinawa Global Health Science Program since October 2015. We are offering the Master's and Doctoral programs that are designed for both international and Japanese students to study "Global Health Science" in English. Students who complete the program are expected to work as researchers or leaders in universities, hospitals, institutes and international organizations.

The Graduate School of Health Sciences aims to train leaders and researchers with a high degree of research capacities in the field of health sciences. Our graduate school consists of two educational research fields, "International Island Health" and "Human Health Development". We conduct unique educational research in various fields, such as health-related states and the longevity on Okinawa, the physical, psychosocial and cultural factors that influence health, the development of health resources, advanced healthcare technologies, and island health in Asia-Pacific region.

Okinawa located in subtropical region in Japan, is only one prefecture that has a history of eradicating tropical diseases. Even today, we are facing the similar challenges on health issues as low- and middle-income countries, such as poverty and difficulty in accessing health services in remote islands. One of the strengths of learning global health in Okinawa is that there are fields where these experiences can be observed. The Graduate School of Health Sciences has a strong collaborative relationship with JICA Okinawa Center and is engaged in educational activities. We hold training courses for government officials around the world on maternal and child health, infectious diseases control, lifestyle-related diseases control, and evidence-based public health planning. Graduate students can also attend these courses as auditors to learn more practical global health in English.

This is an excellent opportunity to study and have many exciting experiences on our beautiful island, Okinawa. We look forward to receiving your application for our program.



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