

Kyushu University recognizes the importance of the university providing educational training opportunities for students and has been implementing a new teaching assistant (TA) system since October 2019.

Under the new system, TAs are divided into three tiers according to their educational abilities in order to provide them with opportunities to play an active role in their respective fields. The three tiers are as follows;

○Teaching Fellow (TF)

【Qualifications】

Those who have the qualifications of ATA (see below), have completed the Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFFP) conducted by the university, and have been approved by the Promoting Organization for Future Creators based on the recommendation of the department to which the student belongs.

【Operations】

Supporting students of the undergraduate and graduate levels through teaching assistantships and teaching experiences at the master's and doctoral levels.

Independently gives some lectures in Bachelor courses.

○Advanced Teaching Assistant (ATA)

【Qualifications】

Those who are excellent students enrolled in the fifth year or above of an undergraduate course or a graduate course with a duration of six years, or who are excellent research students, special auditing students, or special research students belonging to a graduate school of the university, and who have taken the basic TA training course and academic skills training course (core subjects) conducted by the university.

【Operations】

Supporting bachelor's and master's students in their studies and learning through the experience of teaching assistantship at the bachelors and masters level.

○Basic Teaching Assistant (BTA)

【Qualifications】

Those who are excellent students in their third or higher year of undergraduate study at the university (excluding the fifth and fifth years in the case of six-year undergraduate study) and who have taken the basic TA training course offered by the university.

【Operations】

Support primarily for early-year students, in their studies and learning through the experience of teaching assistantship at the bachelors level.

○Kyushu University TA Portal

Kyushu University has established a TA portal site (<https://ta-support.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>), where faculty members can recruit or search for TA positions.

This site allows students to register the history of the courses they have taught, the fields they are available to teach, the languages they speak, etc. The site also shows the TA categories (ATA, BTA, etc.) that students have. This website is useful when a faculty member is looking for a TA for a lecture, or when searching for a TA with the necessary skills for a lecture.

Want to know more

- Kyushu University Teaching Assistant Handbook "Kyushu University Moodle (<https://moodle.s.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>)"
- "Promoting Organization for Future Creators Course"

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