

At Kanazawa University, we are in charge of the Division of Socio-Cognitive-Neuroscience of the United Graduate School of Child Development. This division is made up of five areas: (i) Social Cognitive Bioscience, (ii) Human Communication Science & Intervention, (iii) Higher Brain Functions & Autism Research, (iv) Coordination Movement Science, and (v) Socio-Neuroscience. These areas extend from molecular and cellular neuroscience to imaging of brain activities and individual social behaviors. This multidisciplinary research environment, we believe, enables graduate students to gain a comprehensive view of child mental development and its related issues.

To respond to social request, we are cultivating researchers specialized in children's mental issues and developmental brain science, training specialists with an interdisciplinary background, and creating a tight and worldwide network among these specialists. This graduate school offers a 3-year doctoral course. So far, diverse students have come over here and graduated; they have different nationalities, ages, and academic backgrounds. We are also intending to develop more effective education and research programs for both Japanese and overseas students, thereby establishing an international hub for social brain research here in Kanazawa.

Kanazawa is a traditional castle town and nice place to live in. A wealth of Japanese cultures, including beautiful townscapes, art crafts, and foods are attracting domestic and international tourists through all seasons. Located in the center of Japan, Kanazawa is now easily accessible from main big cities; both Tokyo and Osaka are 2.5 hours away by train. As its town area is medium-sized and compact, there is no need of long-distance commuting.

We are looking forward to your participation and sharing exciting days of academic pursuits.

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