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It was a pleasant experience pursuing my doctoral studies at Shimane University. The university's facilities—such as internet access, journal subscriptions, a clinic, and a sports centre—greatly facilitated my studies. In addition, field trips organized by the university helped students gain a better understanding of Japanese culture.

The dormitory facilities were especially helpful since they were more affordable than renting an apartment. I was pleasantly surprised by the presence of a halal cafeteria on campus, which allowed me to eat without worry. There was also a prayer room available for Muslims. Overall, the enjoyable learning environment at Shimane University supported the progress of my studies.

## Message from an alumni from Indonesia



**Arief Anthonius Purnama** (Indonesia)

Shimane University Alumni 2025

Research student (2021)

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Looking back on my time at Shimane University, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for the education and experiences that have profoundly shaped my life. It was an incredible honor to receive a prestigious scholarship from the Japanese Government (MEXT) to pursue my Doctoral studies at Shimane University, an opportunity that has been truly life-changing.

My academic journey at Shimane University was both enriching and enjoyable, supported by exceptional professors whose guidance and expertise were invaluable. The university's well-equipped research facilities, dedicated and helpful staff, and accessible campus resources created an ideal environment for learning and discovery.

Beyond academics, studying at Shimane University was a transformative journey of personal growth, friendship, and unforgettable memories. The warm, inclusive campus culture allowed me to connect with humble and collaborative peers, fostering an atmosphere of mutual support and shared learning.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Shimane University and sincerely hope the institution continues to thrive, attracting more international students and fostering global collaborations, especially with universities in Indonesia.