

October 2015 Guidelines for Applicants
Special Selection Prior to Arrival in Japan
Doctoral Program, Yokohama National University
Graduate School of Urban Innovation

1. Introduction

Yokohama National University's Graduate School of Urban Innovation offers applicants living outside Japan the opportunity to take the entrance examination for its doctoral program without coming to Japan. We are currently seeking students for matriculation in October of 2015.

If you wish to apply for enrollment, please read these guidelines carefully, make sure that you accurately understand the necessary information, and then correctly carry out the application procedures.

This graduate school is composed of four fields, and the number of applicants that can be accepted in each field is different. Therefore, applicants should find the field in which they want to major, consult with the academic advisor in charge of that field, and then proceed with the application. Moreover, classes in this graduate school are as a rule conducted in Japanese, but some of our faculty members are able to provide academic supervision in English, so please check with the academic advisor in charge of your preferred field about the level of Japanese proficiency required.

You may contact the faculty member in charge of academic affairs in the department/course to which you intend to apply. You may send your inquiries by e-mail in either Japanese or English.

Contact Information

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2. Overview of Doctoral Program

The Department of Urban Innovation has been set up for the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation. We are committed to developing professionals through our Doctoral Program who are capable of addressing urban and community issues globally. Toward that end, we facilitate growth of individuals who can wield expertise in the realms of technology, society, culture and history, with practical abilities to conceive, design and build social hardware in terms of space, infrastructure and cultural foundations. At the same time, we aim to give rise to professionals competent at providing ongoing and pragmatic leadership and support in also giving rise to social software, in terms of academic, cultural, artistic and citizenship realms of cities and localities.

3. Academic Advisors, Research Fields, and Language Requirements

Please visit the following websites.

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/exam/professors.html>

4. Application Requirements

Applicants must be individuals who reside outside of Japan at the time of application, and who have earned an academic degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree outside of Japan or who expect to do so by September 30, 2015.

*An applicant who expects to earn an academic degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree outside of Japan by September 30, 2015 and passes the entrance examination but then is unable to obtain the degree by September 30, 2015 will be denied admission.

5. Number of Openings for New Incoming Students in October 2015

Department of Urban Innovation: A few

6. Application Procedures

- (1) After selecting the faculty member that you would like to have as your academic advisor after you enroll in this graduate school, contact that teacher directly by e-mail or some other means and obtain permission to apply. To see which faculty members are available to serve as academic advisors and their research fields, visit the appropriate website, which you can access via the link in Section 3 above. To find your preferred advisor's contact information, please search the list of faculty members on the following website.

<http://er-web.jmk.ynu.ac.jp/>

*If your preferred advisor's contact information is unavailable, please request it from the appropriate faculty member in charge of academic affairs in the field to which you intend to apply mentioned on the list in Section 1.

When consulting with your prospective academic advisor, please submit, as directed, your resume, a list of your past achievements, your intended research plan, your foreign language test results (TOEIC, TOEFL, Japanese Language Proficiency Test, etc.), and any other necessary information.

- (2) Together with the entrance examination fee, please mail the documents mentioned below, by international express mail or some other service that allows mail to be tracked, so that they arrive from November 17(Monday), 2014 to December 12(Friday). Moreover, if the undermentioned certificate and transcript of grades are in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach an English or Japanese translation to them.

*The forms necessary for applying can download.

- a. Application for Admission: prescribed form (Form 1)
- b. Intended Research Plan: prescribed form (Form 2)
- c. Photograph: One taken in the 3 months prior to application, height 4.5 cm x width 3.5 cm. Please affix it to the Application for Admission.
- d. Certificate of completion, or certificate of expected completion, from last graduate school attended
- e. Transcript of grades
- f. Record of Research Achievements: A prescribed form on which to include an abstract of your master's thesis and a list of your published papers and other achievements. (Attach offprints and a summary of your achievements.) (Form 3)
- g. Documents that objectively indicate your linguistic abilities (Only if requested)
 - A TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS score certificate or score sheet (This must be submitted by applicants whose native language is not English and who have been asked to submit it by their academic advisor, and must have been issued within the 24 months prior to application.)
 - Japanese Language Proficiency Test score certificate (This must be submitted by applicants whose native language is not Japanese and who have been asked to submit it by their academic advisor.)
- h. Letter of recommendation: This must be from someone who is at least the equivalent of the applicant's academic advisor or graduate school dean at the university, etc., which

the applicant attends or attended.

- i. A copy of a personal ID containing a photograph of the applicant

For example, a passport (the page with your name, nationality and photograph), a driver's license, etc.

- j. Entrance examination fee: 30,000 yen [International students on Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) are not required to pay this fee, but must include a MEXT scholarship certificate with application documents.]

Please pay by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, MUFG, DC, UFJ, NICOS) or China UnionPay. For more information, please visit the following websites.

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/exam/graduate/payment/index.html>

<http://e-apply.jp/shutsugan/c/ynu-gs/>

Attach a printout of the email confirmation of payment to the prescribed form and enclose it with the submitted documents. If the entrance examination fee is not paid, or if the printout and prescribed form are not enclosed, the application will not be accepted.

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7. Method of Applicant Selection

The submitted documents will be reviewed, and a scholastic ability test (written test or oral test (including interview over the Internet)) will be carried out. Applicants will be directly notified at a later date of the test time, the method for carrying out the test, and other information.

8. Announcement of Acceptance

On March 6, 2015, the results from the selection process will be announced on the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website, and notifications will also be mailed to the applicants.

9. Necessary Tuition and Fees at the Time of Enrollment

[International students on Japanese government [MEXT] scholarship will not be assessed the fee]

(1) Enrollment fee: 282,000 yen (currently)

(2) Tuition: Annual amount: 535,800 yen (currently)

[Note 1] Please note that enrollment fee and tuition fee are subject to revision. If tuition is revised while you are attending the university, the new tuition fee will apply to you.

[Note 2] Information about the payment method will be sent together with documents on the enrollment procedures if your application is accepted.

10. Financial Aid

A post-enrollment financial aid program has been established, and provides for enrollment fees and tuition waivers, scholarships and other such forms of assistance. For further details, check the scholarship and tuition/enrollment fee waiver section of the Student Affairs and International Relations Department, Student Support Division website. <http://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/>

11. Procedures for Coming to Japan Following Notification of Acceptance

The following procedures are necessary before coming to Japan.

(1) Obtaining a Passport

A passport is something issued by the government of one's country. Without a passport a person cannot leave or enter a country. If you are obtaining a passport for the first time, you may need a certificate of enrollment or test-taking, and it may take some time to receive the passport. Please check the situation before applying for a passport. In case you need a certificate, please ask for one when applying for admission.

(2) Obtaining a Visa

The residence status of foreign students at this university is "student". When you first enter the country for the purpose of study at this university, it is absolutely necessary that you do so with a "student" visa. You can obtain a "student" visa by submitting, to your local Japanese consulate or legation, a Certificate of Eligibility for Residence in Japan, issued by Japan's Immigration Bureau. This certificate can be applied for only by 1) a parent or sibling living in Japan, 2) a scholarship provider, or 3) an academic advisor.

Changing from another visa status (except for "family stay") to "student" requires an extremely complicated procedure, and the change may not be allowed, so please obtain a "student" visa before entering the country. Students who have a different type of visa will not be regarded as foreign students and will thus be unable to apply for foreign student scholarships or obtain services intended for foreign students.

(3) Securing a Residence

Through an agent or another foreign student from your country who is living in Japan, please arrange for a residence where you can live once you come to Japan. In this connection, please visit the following websites.

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/campus/institution/index.html>

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/international/accept/guidebook.html>

12. Points to Heed

- (1) The documents submitted in the application procedures cannot be changed after the procedures are complete.
- (2) Your application documents will not be accepted if required information has been omitted from them or if they contain other deficiencies.
- (3) Once the entrance examination fee is paid and documents are submitted, they will not be returned for any reason.
- (4) After the enrollment procedures, the enrollment fee will not be refunded for any reason.
- (5) To obtain “student” residence status, you must be able to demonstrate that you possess the economic resources to support your daily life as a foreign student in Japan.

13. Handling of Personal Information

In addition to being used for the applicant selection process, the personal information entered in an applicant’s entrance examination results, application documents and so on may be used in materials related to welfare measures applied for by the student – such as the waiving of the enrollment fee – or in surveys and research conducted by the school. However, if survey and research results are published, this will be done in a way so that individuals cannot be identified from them. Personal information will not be used or provided for any other purpose.