

**[Summer Admission]**  
**Guidelines for Applicants to the Oct. 2026**  
**Master's Program**  
**Graduate School of Urban Innovation**  
**Yokohama National University**

The Graduate School and Faculty of Urban Innovation is committed to providing practical training geared toward developing highly-specialized future professionals, grounded both in architectural science and civil engineering, as well as in the humanities and social sciences, international social science, culture and the arts. Toward that end, we offer a multidisciplinary research environment that enables students to learn across numerous fields of study. Our ultimate aim is to educate global leaders of the next generation who are capable of drawing on diverse approaches in the realm of urban innovation.

[Important] These guidelines target applicants intending to enter the Master's program in October 2026. Applicants intending to enter the Master's program in April 2027 are to refer to the Guidelines for Applicants for the April 2027 Master's Program.

- **In the event of unforeseen circumstances that make it difficult to conduct the examination according to the prescribed schedule due to public transportation disruptions, natural disasters, man-made disasters, epidemics, infectious diseases, etc., the methods of conducting the examination may be changed after the announcement of the Guidelines for Applicants.**

**For the latest information, please refer to the "Admissions" page on our Institute of Urban Innovation website. (<https://www.urban.ynu.ac.jp/english/admission/index.html>)**

## 1. Enrollment Capacity

### (1) Regular Admission

Check respective description of specializations for details about entrance examinations. (pp.16~21)

Apply using Form 1-1 and Form 1-2

Department	Specialization	Oct. 2026 Enrollment Capacity	Description of specialization
Department of Architecture and Urban Culture	Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture (Urban Culture Field Only)	A few students	Page16
	Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC)	A few students	Page 17
Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society	Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society	A few students	Page19
	Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)	A few students	Page21

### (2) Special Admission for International Students

Check respective description of specializations for details about entrance examinations. (pp. 16~21)

Apply using Form 2-1 and Form 2-2

Department	Specialization	Oct. 2026 Enrollment Capacity	Description of specialization
Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society	Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society	A few students	Page19
	Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)	A few students	Page21

Note: Candidates to the Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture [Urban Culture Field] or the Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC) have to take the regular admission.

## 2. Application Requirements

You are eligible to apply for admission as a Master's degree student in the Graduate School of Urban Innovation if any of the following apply:

- (1) You are a university graduate pursuant to Article 83 of the School Education Act, or expect to have graduated by September 30, 2026.
- (2) You hold a Bachelor's degree as set forth under Article 104 (7) of the School Education Act, or expect to have earned such a degree by September 30, 2026. (Note 1)
- (3) You have completed a 16-year program of formal education overseas, or expect to have done so by September 30, 2026.
- (4) In Japan, you have completed a 16-year formal education curriculum through a correspondence course operated by an overseas school, or expect to have done so by September 30, 2026.
- (5)-1 In Japan, you have completed a program of an overseas university that is an accredited institution in that country's formal education system (you must have completed a 16-year formal education curriculum of the overseas school), and is designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology ("Minister of MEXT"), or you expect to have done so by September 30, 2026.
- (5)-2 At the relevant university or other overseas school (limited to institutions accredited by the party recognized by the country's government or relevant institutions, or those designated to be such by the Minister of MEXT, in regard to comprehensive education and research activities), you have received a degree corresponding to a Bachelor's degree through the completion of three or more years of study (including the completion of the relevant study in Japan of correspondence courses from the relevant overseas schools and the completion of coursework at academic institutions positioned in the education system of the relevant country designated in the preceding item). (Note 3)
- (6) You have completed a specialized program of a vocational school (completion of which must require at least 4 years, and must satisfy additional requirements defined by the Minister of MEXT) designated separately by the Minister of MEXT, on or after the date stipulated by the Minister.
- (7) You have been designated as eligible by the Minister of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Proclamation No. 5, February 7, 1953).
- (8) You have completed three or more years of university as of September 30, 2026 and have been deemed to have received outstanding marks in credits designated by the Graduate School. (Note 3)
- (9) You have completed 15 years of coursework in overseas education and you expect to graduate by September 30, 2026, and you are deemed to have received outstanding marks in credits designated by the Graduate School. (Note 3)
- (10) You have completed 15 years of coursework in the relevant overseas education through the completion of coursework in Japan in a correspondence course conducted by an overseas school and expect to graduate by September 30, 2026, and you are deemed to have received outstanding marks in credits designated by the Graduate School. (Note 3)
- (11) You have completed the relevant coursework in Japan at an academic institution positioned in the education system of the relevant country that has the coursework of an overseas university (limited to graduates who have completed 15 years of coursework in academic education in the relevant country) and has been designated separately by the Minister of MEXT and expect to graduate by September 30, 2026, and you are deemed to have received outstanding marks in credits designated by the Graduate School. (Note 3)
- (12) You have been recognized as demonstrating academic proficiency of no less than university graduate equivalency through individual assessment by the Graduate School of Urban Innovation, and are at least 22 years of age as of September 30, 2026. (Notes 2 & 3)

**Note 1:** To be deemed eligible to apply for admission on the basis of Application Requirement (2) as an individual expecting to acquire a Bachelor's degree by September 30, 2026, you must

expect to complete your major field of study at a certified junior college or tertiary college that has satisfied the requirements defined by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, on the basis of Article 6-1 of rules governing degrees. You must also have submitted an application to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education for conferral of the degree by April 2026

**Note 2:** You may seek eligibility to apply for admission on the basis of Application Requirement (12) only if you do not satisfy criteria set forth in any of the Application Requirements (1) through (11). You must be recognized as demonstrating academic proficiency of no less than university graduate equivalency through individual assessment by the Graduate School of Urban Innovation, and must have reached at least 22 years of age as of September 30, 2026. (Applies especially to: graduates of junior colleges, tertiary colleges, vocational schools, and other academic institutions or those who do not have university graduate qualifications, or graduates of overseas national universities that do not require 16 years until university graduation, who, after completion of education, are engaged as research students, researchers, or the like for a year or more, or those expecting to be engaged for a year or more by September 30, 2026, at a Japanese or overseas university, inter-university research institute, or any other equivalent institution.)

**Note 3:** If you intend to apply for admission on the basis of Application Requirement (5)-2 and (8) through (12), you must gain authorization for eligibility to make such application. To do so, you must first consult with a faculty member of the relevant department for which you seek admission, and then submit the seven documents listed below (documents 1 to 7) between the dates April 27, 2026 (Monday) and April 30, 2026 (Thursday) at 17:00, by postal mail to the Graduate School of Urban Innovation. Emailed applications will not be accepted. The university will notify you of assessment results by postal mail, sent out on May 20, 2026 (Wednesday). If deemed eligible to apply for university admission, you must complete the application process during a specified period by page 9 "4. Application Procedures". (When applying for enrollment, you need not re-submit documents you have already provided to the university.)

1. Application to be granted eligibility to seek enrollment (Form 3)
2. Description of academic background to be granted eligibility to seek enrollment (Form 4)
3. Certificate of graduation (or expected graduation) from last school attended, or certificate attesting to dates of attendance (or expected attendance)
4. Academic transcript from last school attended
5. Record of Research Achievements (Form 5)
6. Research Proposal (Form 6)
7. Self-addressed stamped envelope (410 yen stamp for express delivery) for returning documents (standard-size envelope, 12cm x 23.5cm)

**Note:** Application documents can be downloaded from the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website. Print out all pages of the application form on white A4 paper, one side only. If you make a mistake, put a double line through the incorrect information and write the correct information in the margin.

### 3. Selection Process

Regular Admission and Special Admission for International Students are administered in order to select students for enrollment through the Written Exam Selection process. See the Description of Specializations on page 16 onwards for details regarding the test content.

#### \*[Foreign Language Proficiency Exams]

The foreign language testing component of the admissions score is calculated on the basis of either the TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS English-language proficiency exam (1). However, if you opt to focus on Humanities and Social Sciences Field through the Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society of the Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society, depending on your choice of a research subject you may choose an alternate foreign language in lieu of English as detailed in section (2) which follows.

#### (1) English language proficiency tests (TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS scores)

##### ◆Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture, Urban Society (Humanities and Social Sciences Field)

Test	Certificate of Proficiency to be submitted
TOEIC L&R	Official Score Certificate : Items mailed to your home, Digital Official Score Certificate. Items printed at home are not acceptable. However, Items printed at home that can be identified by the QR code may be submitted.
TOEFL (iBT)	Test Taker Score Report : Items mailed to your home. Items printed at home are not acceptable. Please note that candidates who take the exam on or after January 21, 2026, must submit printed copies of their documents themselves.
TOEFL (iBT) Home Edition	Test Taker Score Report : Items mailed to your home. Items printed at home are not acceptable. Please note that candidates who take the exam on or after January 21, 2026, must submit printed copies of their documents themselves.
IELTS (Academic Module)	Test Report Form : Items mailed to your home. ※If you have taken IELTS Online, please download and print out a PDF of the Test Report Form (Test Report Form for Candidates) from the Test Result Confirmation page and submit it.

- 1) You must submit a Certificate of Proficiency showing test score results from one of the foreign language proficiency tests listed above (original only with your photograph attached, photocopies not accepted) with application documents or before the start of Academic Exam I. as required by the exam supervisor, etc. The examination date on the certificate should be within two years prior to the day of the Academic Exam. You will be deemed ineligible for admission if you fail to submit a qualified foreign language Certificate of Proficiency. The Graduate School will return the submitted Certificate of Proficiency at the time of your interview.
- 2) The Graduate School does not recognize scores of institutional program tests such as the TOEIC-IP or TOEFL-ITP, nor does the university recognize the TOEIC Bridge or TOEIC S&W tests.
- 3) Means of converting respective foreign language assessment test scores into the equivalent foreign language test score for admissions are detailed as follow. The decimal score rounds it off.

### TOEIC score

The foreign language (English) component of the graduate school admissions score is worth 100 points. TOEIC scores are accordingly converted to fit the 100-point scale for the admissions score as shown below.

TOEIC	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
More than 800	100	100
500 ~ 800	$(\text{TOEIC} - 500)/6 + 50$	50 ~ 100
350 ~ 500	$(\text{TOEIC} - 350)/3$	0 ~ 50
Less than 350	0	0

### TOEFL score

The foreign language proficiency score is calculated by converting the TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL (iBT) Home Edition to fit the 100-point scale using the score conversion table below.

TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency
90~120	100	76	85	64	69	53	53	43	24
88~89	99	74~75	82	62~63	66	52	52	41~42	21
86~87	97	72~73	80	61	64	51	47	40	15
84~85	95	71	79	59~60	63	49~50	43	39	12
83	93	69~70	75	58	61	48	40	38	9
81~82	90	68	74	57	60	47	38	36~37	2
79~80	88	66~67	73	56	56	45~46	34	0~35	0
77~78	87	65	71	54~55	55	44	28		

- Note :
- The score is rounded to the nearest whole number.
  - For Summer Admission, Graduate School of Urban Innovation does not recognize “MyBest scores” written on “Test Taker Score Report”.

### IELTS score

IELTS scores are accordingly converted to fit the 100-point scale for the admissions score as shown below.

IELTS	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
7 or higher	100	100
4 ~ 7	$(\text{IELTS} - 1) \times 50/3$	50 ~ 100
3 ~ 4	$(\text{IELTS} - 3) \times 50$	0 ~ 50
3 or lower	0	0

### ◆Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society (Urban Infrastructure Field) and Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)

Test	Certificate of Proficiency to be submitted
TOEIC L&R	Official Score Certificate : Items mailed to your home, Digital Official Score Certificate. Items printed at home are not acceptable. However, Items printed at home that can be identified by the QR code may be submitted.
TOEFL (iBT)	Test Taker Score Report : Items mailed to your home. Items printed at home are not acceptable. Please note that candidates who take the exam on or after January 21, 2026, must submit printed copies of their documents themselves.
TOEFL (iBT) Home Edition	Test Taker Score Report : Items mailed to your

	home. Items printed at home are not acceptable. Please note that candidates who take the exam on or after January 21, 2026, must submit printed copies of their documents themselves.
IELTS (Academic Module)	Test Report Form : Items mailed to your home. ※If you have taken IELTS Online, please download and print out a PDF of the Test Report Form (Test Report Form for Candidates) from the Test Result Confirmation page and submit it.

- 1) You must submit a Certificate of Proficiency showing test score results from one of the foreign language proficiency tests listed above (original only with your photograph attached, photocopies not accepted) with application documents or before the start of Academic Exam I. as required by the exam supervisor, etc. The examination date on the certificate should be within two years prior to the day of the Academic Exam. You will be deemed ineligible for admission if you fail to submit a qualified foreign language Certificate of Proficiency. The Graduate School will return the submitted Certificate of Proficiency at the time of your interview.
- 2) The Graduate School does not recognize scores of institutional program tests such as the TOEIC-IP or TOEFL-ITP, nor does the university recognize the TOEIC Bridge or TOEIC S&W tests.
- 3) Means of converting respective foreign language assessment test scores into the equivalent foreign language test score for admissions are detailed as follow. The decimal score rounds it off.

#### **TOEIC score**

The foreign language (English) component of the graduate school admissions score is worth 50 points. TOEIC scores are accordingly converted to fit the 50-point scale for the admissions score as shown below.

TOEIC	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
More than 800	50	50
500 ~ 800	$[(\text{TOEIC} - 500)/6 + 50]/2$	25 ~ 50
350 ~ 500	$[(\text{TOEIC} - 350)/3]/2$	0 ~ 25
Less than 350	0	0

#### **TOEFL score**

The foreign language proficiency score is calculated by converting the TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL (iBT) Home Edition to fit the 50-point scale using the score conversion table below.

TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency	TOEFL -iBT	Foreign Language Proficiency
90~120	50	76	43	64	35	53	27	43	12
88~89	50	74~75	41	62~63	33	52	26	41~42	11
86~87	49	72~73	40	61	32	51	24	40	8
84~85	48	71	40	59~60	32	49~50	22	39	6
83	47	69~70	38	58	31	48	20	38	5
81~82	45	68	37	57	30	47	19	36~37	1
79~80	44	66~67	37	56	28	45~46	17	0~35	0
77~78	44	65	36	54~55	28	44	14		

## **IELTS score**

IELTS scores are accordingly converted to fit the 50-point scale for the admissions score as shown below.

IELTS	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
7 or higher	50	50
4 ~ 7	$[(\text{IELTS} - 1) \times 50/3]/2$	25 ~ 50
3 ~ 4	$[(\text{IELTS} - 3) \times 50]/2$	0 ~ 25
3 or lower	0	0

## **(2) Other languages — German, French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Korean**

If you elect to focus on Humanities and Social Sciences Field through the Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society of the Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society, you may select one of the foreign languages listed above in lieu of English for admissions scoring. If you intend to do so, you need to first contact a faculty member who you wish to act as your academic advisor, and then select one of the foreign languages listed below for admissions scoring when application documents are submitted. (You must write the respective foreign language on the application documents.) However, if your native language is stated above, you may not choose your native language as a foreign language.

- 1) If you select either German, French, Russian, or Spanish, for the foreign language admissions component, you must submit the exam results (certificates of proficiency showing test scores of one of the exams listed below) subject to admissions scoring (original Certificates of Proficiency only, no photocopies accepted) during your application period or the day of your first departmental exam (You must pass it before the exam starts as required by the exam supervisor, etc.). You will be deemed **ineligible for admission** if you fail to submit a foreign language Certificate of Proficiency with a passing score, issued within five years prior to the day of the departmental exam. The submitted Certificates of Proficiency will be returned at the time of your interview.
  - German: Zertifikat Deutsch, Goethe-Zertifikat, TestDaf, TELC, etc.
  - French: DALF, DELF, TCF, etc.
  - Russian: TRKI, etc.
  - Spanish: DELE, Evaluación del Conocimiento de La Lengua Española (Seiken), etc.
- 2) If you select Chinese or Korean for the foreign language admissions component, you must submit the exam results (certificates of proficiency showing test scores of one of the exams listed below) subject to admissions scoring (original Certificates of Proficiency only, no photocopies accepted) during your application period or the day of your first departmental exam (You must pass it before the exam starts as required by the exam supervisor, etc.). You will be deemed **ineligible for admission** if you fail to submit a foreign language Certificate of Proficiency with a passing score, issued within two years prior to the day of the departmental exam. The submitted Certificates of Proficiency will be returned at the time of your interview.
  - Chinese: Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)
  - Korean: TOPIK II, Korean Language Proficiency Test
- 3) Scores of foreign language proficiency tests with CEFR score equivalents are converted to a score for the foreign language component of graduate school admissions based on the table below.

Conversion Method (Standard Value of CEFR Score)	Foreign Language Proficiency
A1	10
A2	40
B1	70

B2	90
C1, C2	100

- 4) Chinese proficiency exam (Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)) score conversion  
As above 3), the level will be converted to a score for the foreign language component of graduate school admissions.

Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
Level 1	A1	10
Level 2	A2	40
Level 3	B1	70
Level 4	B2	90
Level 5 or 6	C1, C2	100

- 5) Korean proficiency exam score conversion

• Korean Language Proficiency Test

As above 3), the level will be converted to a score for the foreign language component of graduate school admissions.

Korean Language Proficiency Test	Conversion Method	Foreign Language Proficiency
Level 4	A1	10
Level 3	A2	40
Level pre-2	B1	70
Level 2	B2	90
Level 1	C1	100

• TOPIK II

Score will be converted to fit the score of the graduate school admissions score foreign language component as shown below.

(Score obtained+40) divided by 3. Decimal would be rounded off to the nearest integer.

Score over 250 would be equal to 100 points.

The university is not currently accepting TOPIK I.

#### 4. Application Procedures

- (1) Application documents must be sent by registered mail and must arrive at the Graduate School during the period specified. Hand-delivered applications and those sent by email will not be accepted.
  
- (2) Application documents may be submitted during the following periods.  
Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture, Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society, Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI);  
From May 29, 2026 (Friday) and June 4, 2026 (Thursday)  
However, applications sent by registered express mail and postmarked on or before June 3, 2026(Wednesday) will be accepted even if they arrive after the deadline.
  
- (3) Send applications to:  
Graduate School of Urban Innovation, Yokohama National University  
79-5 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama 240-8501, JAPAN  
(Applications should be mailed in a standard-sized 24cm × 33.2cm envelope with the university-designated label affixed.)

Note: If you reside overseas, you will need to enlist an individual based in Japan to send the application documents to the Graduate School by postal mail on your behalf. However, if you absolutely must send the application documents from an overseas location, send them by international express mail or some other service that allows mail to be tracked, so that they arrive not later than June 4, 2026 (Thursday). If posting from outside Japan, they must arrive before the deadline even if the postmark date noted in (2) above is within the deadline, or your application documents will not be accepted. If you provide a self-addressed return envelope with a foreign address, you must also include an IRC (International Reply Coupon) sufficient to cover the cost of EMS delivery.

- (4) The Graduate School will send out the exam admission slip by special delivery mail to applicants as follows.  
Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture, Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society, Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI);  
The Graduate School will send out the exam admission slip during July.

## 5. Documents to Submit

Submit the following documents at application procedure. Your application documents will not be accepted if required information has been omitted from them or if they contain other deficiencies. Application documents can be downloaded from the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website. Print out all pages of the application form on white A4 paper, one side only. If you make a mistake, put a double line through the incorrect information and write the correct information in the margin.

Application documents	Submitted by	Details	Form no.
Application label	All applicants	<b><u>The label is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website. Print out the label and affix to a standard-sized 24cm × 33.2cm envelope, then mail the documents listed below by registered mail.</u></b>	12
Documents to Submit Check List	All applicants	<b><u>The checklist is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website. Application documents should be arranged in the order as specified in this checklist.</u></b>	0
Entrance examination fee	All applicants  International students on Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) are not required to pay this fee, but must include a Certificate of Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship student with application documents.	<p><b><u>The form is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b></p> <p>(1) <b>Entrance exam fee: ¥30,000</b> (All fees associated with payments are to be paid by the individual seeking admission to the university.)</p> <p>(2) Pay the Entrance exam fee by a deadline for the application.</p> <p>(3) Pay the Entrance exam fee by either method of next ①~③</p> <p><b>①[Applicants who are Japanese nationals and international students residing in Japan]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment can be made at 7-Eleven, Lawson, Ministop and FamilyMart convenience stores.</li> <li>• Refer to the guidelines on payment of entrance examination fees.</li> </ul> <p><b>②[Applicants residing overseas and international students residing in Japan]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The university accepts payment by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, MUFG, DC, UFJ, NICOS) and by China UnionPay (CUP).</li> <li>• Further details are available on the entrance examinations and school admissions page of the YNU website. <a href="https://www.ynu.ac.jp/exam/graduate/payment/index.html">https://www.ynu.ac.jp/exam/graduate/payment/index.html</a></li> </ul> <p><b>③[Applicants residing overseas]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can pay by credit card or bank transfer using “Flywire”, an international money transfer service for educational institutions, at the following URL: <a href="https://www.flywire.com/pay/ynuni/">https://www.flywire.com/pay/ynuni/</a></li> <li>• When using this service, please check the Flywire website and contact the support desk if you have any questions. Flywire homepage: <a href="https://www.flywire.com">https://www.flywire.com</a> Flywire Support Desk: <a href="https://www.flywire.com/support">https://www.flywire.com/support</a></li> </ul> <p>*You will be responsible for any additional payment fees that are required at the time of payment. *In the Student ID/Examinee’s number field, enter “0” for payment of the entrance examination fee.</p> <p>(4) Attach to the space provided on Form 11 a certificate showing a certificate of payment or a hard copy of E-mail notification of full payment received or a hard copy of receipt (Family Mart) and send Form 11 along with the rest of the application documents.</p>	11

		*Waiver of entrance examination fee for affected people in the area subject to the Disaster Relief Act and the like YNU waives the entrance examination fee for applicants affected by disasters to ensure they have the opportunity to seek admission. For more details, please visit our website ( <a href="https://www.ynu.ac.jp/exam/">https://www.ynu.ac.jp/exam/</a> ).	
Application Form	All applicants	<b><u>The form is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b> Provide two ID photographs of your face and upper body with no hat on, height 4 cm x width 3 cm, taken within three months of application submission. Attach the photograph to the Enrollment Application. Photographs cannot be modified. Do not use the erasable marking pen.	1-1 or 2-1
Exam Admission Slip	All applicants	<b><u>The slip is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b> Provide two ID photographs of your face and upper body with no hat on, height 4 cm x width 3 cm, taken within three months of application submission. Attach the photograph to the Exam Admission Slip. Photographs cannot be modified. Do not use the erasable marking pen.	1-2 or 2-2
Self-addressed envelope label	All applicants	<b><u>The label is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b> Write down your name, address and zip code on the envelope with the university-designated label affixed. (This will be used by the Graduate School for communications other than the Exam Admission Slip.)	13
Self-addressed envelope	All applicants	Standard-sized 12cm × 23.5cm envelope with your name, address, zip code and an attached 410-yen stamp to cover express postage. (This will be used to mail out the Exam Admission Slip.)	

Certificate of graduation (or expected graduation)	All applicants	<p>(1) The certificate must be an original prepared by your university of origin (home institution), no photocopies accepted. However, international students applying for admission may furnish a photocopy of the original certificate out of necessity, but must then show the original to Graduate School of Urban Innovation Section prior to sending application documents.</p> <p>(2) If you have graduated from an overseas university, your application documents must include degree certificates or other documents noting your academic credentials. (Such documentation is not needed if certificates submitted enable verification of academic credentials. Include an English or Japanese translation of documents rendered in other languages. Photocopies of certificate originals will not be accepted.)</p> <p>(3) If you are applying for admission on the basis of Application Requirement (2) and you have already earned a Bachelor's degree, then you must submit a certificate of the degree issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation. Otherwise, if you have not yet earned a Bachelor's degree but expect to do so, you must submit a certificate attesting to your expected graduation issued by the head of your home institution.</p>	
Academic transcript	All applicants	<p>(1) Document must be prepared by the president or an academic dean of the university of origin (home institution). Photocopies of originals will not be accepted.</p> <p>(2) Provide a Japanese or English translation if documentation is in another language.</p>	
Research Proposal	Required applicants	<p><b><u>The form is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b></p> <p>Research proposals must be no longer than one A4-size page, and should specify your name, your desired specialization, and the name of a faculty member who wish to act as your academic advisor.</p> <p>Note: You do not need to submit a research proposal if you are applying for admission to the Architectural Field of the Specialization in Architecture.</p>	6
Curriculum vitae for international students	Non-Japanese applicants only Not required of those applying on the basis of Application Requirement (1)	<p><b><u>The form is available for download on the How to Apply (“Admissions”) page of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website.</u></b></p> <p>Use the CV template furnished by YNU. It must be completed in Japanese or English.</p>	10
Certificate about residence status	Non-Japanese applicants only	<p>(1) Applicants who are non-Japanese citizens currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of the front and back of their residence card.</p> <p>(2) Non-Japanese citizens not currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of their passport.</p>	
Certificate of eligibility to apply for admission (copy)	Applicant on the basis of Application Requirement (5)-2, and (8) through (12)	Enclose “Certificate of eligibility to apply for admission (copy)” certified by Dean of Graduate School of Urban Innovation.	

You must submit the following documents with application documents or before the start of Academic Exam.

Documents	Submitted by	Details	Form no.
Foreign language proficiency test scores — Certificates of Proficiency	Required applicants	Please refer to page 4 for details. On the “Documents to Submit Check List” (Form 0) , indicate whether you are including the Certificate of Proficiency in your mailed documents or whether you will bring it on the day and submit it before the start of Academic Exam.	

## 6. Exam Dates and Venues

Exams will be held from August 20, 2026(Thursday) to August 21, 2026 (Friday). Schedules and venues for written exams and interviews will be posted on the Graduate School of Urban Innovation bulletin board and website between July 22, 2026(Wednesday) at 15:00 and the date of the exam.

## 7. Notes

- (1) You are required to be in possession of the Exam Admission Slip on the day of the entrance exam.
- (2) There is no clock in the examination room. If you need a watch, please bring your own. Watches with dictionary, calculator, terminal, communication, or other functions, clocks with or without such functions that are difficult to distinguish, clocks with a secondhand sound, kitchen timers, and large clocks are not allowed.
- (3) The following acts are misconducts. If there are any misconducts, you must stop to take the exam immediately and will be expelled. You will not be permitted to take our exams again. The exams that you have already taken will be invalidated.
  - a) Cheating. Assisting and giving the answers to other examinees.
  - b) Opening the questions sheet and answering the questions before the exam starts. Moreover, holding a pencil, etc. and continuing to answer the questions even if an exam supervisor tells the end of the exam.
  - c) Bring out the questions sheet and/or the answers sheet during the exam and after the exam.
  - d) Using electronic devices such as mobile phones, smart phones, wearable terminals, tablet terminals, earphones, etc. and auxiliary tools such as rulers, dictionaries, etc. during the exam. (※Except for permitted use.)
- (4) The following acts might be misconducts during the exam. If your suspicious activity is recognized, our judgement is the same as the above-mentioned (3).
  - a) Wearing or holding in the hand, without storing in your bag, of electric devices such as mobile phones, smartphones, wearable devices, tablets, earphones, and other electronic devices, rulers, dictionaries, and other aids during the exam. (※Except for permitted use.)
  - b) Acts that you disturb other examinees in the examination hall, examination room, or waiting room.
  - c) Acts that you do not follow instructions by the examiners in the examination hall, examination room, or waiting room.
  - d) Other acts that you may impair the fairness of the exams.
- (5) The Graduate School does not allow changes to submitted documents after completion of the application process, nor does it return such documents.
- (6) The Graduate School will provide immediate notification regarding updates and other changes to the entrance exams.
- (7) You will be deemed ineligible for admission if you fail to take even a single component of the entrance exam (foreign language exam, academic exam, interview, etc.) required by the respective Specializations. (If you fail to submit a qualified foreign language Certificate of Proficiency (TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, CEFR equivalents of foreign language proficiency test scores), you will be deemed ineligible for admission.)
- (8) When there was false mentioning on an application form, and/or misconducts during the exam was

recognized even after entering a school, the entrance is canceled. In addition, depending on the nature of the misconducts, we may submit a damage report to the police.

## 8. Announcement of Examination Results

- (1) The Graduate School will announce the Written Examination Selection results by posting exam registration numbers of successful examinees to the Graduate School of Urban Innovation website (<https://www.urban.ynu.ac.jp/>) on September 2 2026 (Wednesday) at around 15:00, and also via postal mail sent out on September 2 2026 (Wednesday).
- (2) When a vacancy occurs in the Enrollment Capacity, the Graduate School may supplement it with additional successful examinees. The Graduate School will notify applicants on the waiting list who are later accepted for enrollment by postal mail and telephone, via the addresses and telephone numbers specified on their respective Enrollment Applications. The Graduate School will not accommodate inquiries regarding the admissions waiting list.
- (3) The Graduate School will not accommodate inquiries regarding entrance exam pass-fail results by telephone, fax, e-mail or other means of contact.

## 9. Enrollment Procedures

- (1) If you receive notification of acceptance for enrollment, you must complete the required enrollment procedures during the following period. Applicants who fail to complete the required procedures by the deadlines set will be refused admission.  
October 2026 enrollment: From September 7, 2026 (Monday) to September 10, 2026 (Thursday).  
However, applications sent by registered express mail and postmarked on or before September 9, 2026 (Wednesday) will be accepted even if they arrive after the deadline.
- (2) Payment required at time of enrollment (International students on Japanese government [MEXT] scholarship will not be assessed these fees.)
  - (i) Enrollment fee: 282,000 yen (currently)
  - (ii) Annual tuition: 535,800 yen (currently)Please note that enrollment and tuition fees are subject to revision. If the tuition is revised while you are attending the university, the new tuition will apply to you.
- (3) Enrollment fees will not be refunded after completion of the enrollment process under any circumstances.
- (4) To obtain "Student" residence status, self-sponsored international students taking the entrance exam must be able to demonstrate that they possess sufficient economic resources to support themselves as a foreign student in Japan.
- (5) If you are currently employed by the government, a company or other such entity, you must submit a document indicating that you have approval of a manager or other representative of the employer to enroll in the university (format optional) during the enrollment process.
- (6) A post-enrollment financial aid program has been established, and provides enrollment and tuition fee 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 Strategy Department, Student Support Division website. (<https://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/expense/>)
- (7) If you wish to live in a student dormitory, you may need to apply for a residence before the dates set for the enrollment process. As such, be sure to check the campus residency application guidelines section of the Student Affairs and International Strategy Department, Student Support Division website, and accordingly complete the dormitory application process by the deadline. (<https://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/dormitory/>)

## **10. Contact Information for Administrative Inquiries**

Please make an inquiry below if you have any questions regarding the application requirements or application documents:

Graduate School of Urban Innovation Section, Yokohama National University,  
79-5 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama 240-8501, JAPAN

Tel. +81-45-339-3826

E-mail [ses.daigakuin-urb@ynu.ac.jp](mailto:ses.daigakuin-urb@ynu.ac.jp)

\*Office Hours : 8:30-12:45, 13:45-17:00

(Except Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, Summer Holidays (8/12-8/18) )

## 11. Description of Specializations

### ■ Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture Department of Architecture and Urban Culture (Urban Culture Field)

#### (1) Academic proficiency testing: Written Examination Selection

##### Written Examination Selection

When applying for a Specialization, you may opt to focus on either Architectural Field or Urban Culture Field on the Academic Exam I

Foreign language proficiency	100 points	English (screening on the basis of scores of either TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS)
Academic Exam I	300 points	<p><b>Urban Culture Field</b></p> <p>Those who wish to apply for Specialization in Urban Culture Field must select subjects from the following 13 subjects:</p> <p>a) Two (2) subjects from subjects 10) to 13) (<b>300 points for two subjects</b>); or</p> <p>b) One (1) subject from subjects 10) to 13) (<b>150 points for one subject</b>), and two (2) subjects from subjects 1 to 9 (<b>150 points for two subjects</b>), totaling three (3) subjects.</p> <p>1) Architectural history, 2) Architecture and planning; 3) Urban planning, 4) Urban environmental engineering; 5) Architectural environmental engineering; 6) Building materials and construction system, 7) Structural mechanics of buildings; 8) Structural planning of buildings, 9) Architecture and urban planning for disaster risk reduction, 10) Art theory and criticism A, 11) Art theory and criticism B, 12) Theory and culture A, 13) Theory and culture B</p>
Academic Exam II	200 points	<p><b>Urban Culture Field</b></p> <p>You are required to undergo interviews on specialized fields on the basis of your research proposals and other such pursuits.</p>

#### (2) Test content and dates

##### Written Examination Selection

##### Urban Culture Field

Dates	Subjects/Tests	Time
August 20 (Thu.)	Foreign Language Proficiency (English)	
	Academic Exam I	9:00 to 11:00
	Academic Exam II — interview	From 13:00

**\*Before submitting application documents, individuals applying for Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture must first consult with a faculty member whom they would like as an academic advisor or a faculty member who handles inquiries. If you wish to select an academic advisor marked with (\*) in the faculty members list on pp.22, be sure to contact them beforehand.**

##### [Notes]

- Examinees must enter the testing room at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the exam.
- Certificates of Proficiency showing TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS scores will be collected before the start of Academic Exam I as required by the exam supervisor, etc. (For applicants who submitted it with application documents, it is necessary.). Certificates of foreign language proficiency will be returned at the interviews.
- Examinees may bring non-programmable scientific calculators for use in the written components of Academic Exam I.
- International student applicants may use dictionaries. However, electronic dictionaries are not allowed.
- Dictionaries cannot be used other than by international student applicants.

**■ Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC)**

**Department of Architecture and Urban Culture**

**(1) Academic proficiency testing: Written Examination Selection**

Written Examination Selection

Foreign language proficiency	100 points	English (screening on the basis of scores of either TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS)
Academic Exam I	200 points	You must select two subjects from among thirteen subjects available. The subject of your study field must be included: a) Two (2) subjects from subjects 10) to 13) ( <b>200 points for two subjects</b> ); or b) One (1) subject from subjects 10) to 13) ( <b>100 points for one subject</b> ), and two (2) subjects from subjects 1 to 9 ( <b>100 points for two subjects</b> ), totaling three (3) subjects. 1) Architectural history, 2) Architecture and planning, 3) Urban planning, 4) Urban environmental engineering, 5) Architectural environmental engineering, 6) Building materials and construction system, 7) Structural mechanics of buildings, 8) Structural planning of buildings, 9) Architecture and urban planning for disaster risk reduction, 10) Art theory and criticism A, 11) Art theory and criticism B, 12) Theory and culture A, 13) Theory and culture B
Academic Exam II	300 points	Examinees submit a portfolio showing their past activities and plans going forward, and undergo an oral assessment in that regard. The portfolios should include the following components. 1) Proposal indicating plans for research and other activities in the Master's Program. (One single page) 2) Record of past activities, research and works created

Note: The “Portfolio” must be submitted in PDF format (30MB or less) via email to the desired faculty advisor at least two weeks prior to the selection for the written examination. Please clearly indicate the examination number on the cover page of the portfolio. For video and audio works, etc., please include the URL of a web page where they can be viewed in the portfolio.

**(2) Test content and dates**

Written Examination Selection

Dates	Subjects/Tests	Time
August 20 (Thu.)	Foreign Language Proficiency (English)	
	Academic Exam I	9:00 to 11:00
	Academic Exam II — oral assessment	From 13:00

\* **The Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC) concludes upon completion of student art and culture portfolios. Applicants opting to complete a thesis on arts and culture need to apply to the Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture (Urban Culture Field).**

\* **Those applying to the Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC) may also apply to the Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture (specialization involving completion of a thesis) as a second option.**

\* **Before submitting application documents, individuals applying for Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC) must first consult with a faculty member whom they would like as an academic advisor or a faculty member who handles inquiries.**

[Notes]

- Examinees must enter the testing room at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the exam.
- Certificates of Proficiency showing TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS scores will be collected before the start of Academic Exam I as required by the exam supervisor, etc. (For applicants who

submitted it with application documents, it is necessary.). Certificates of foreign language proficiency will be returned at the oral assessment.

- Examinees may bring non-programmable scientific calculators for use in the written components of Academic Exam I.
- International student applicants may use dictionaries. However, electronic dictionaries are not allowed.
- Dictionaries cannot be used other than by international student applicants.

## ■ Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society

Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society (Urban Infrastructure Field and Humanities and Social Sciences Field)

### (1) Academic proficiency testing:

Written Examination Selection

Academic Exam I is given on either Urban Infrastructure Field or Humanities and Social Sciences Field. Applicants opting for this Specialization must select either of those two fields when applying to the program.

**Examination for the Urban Infrastructure Field will be carried out as follows.**

Foreign language proficiency	50 points	English (screening on the basis of scores of either TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS)
Academic Exam I	250 points	Applicants electing to focus on Urban Infrastructure Field may opt for one mathematics segment, plus a total of four of the ten specialized subject segments (two each from the five fields of Structural Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Infrastructure Planning, and Concrete Engineering).
Academic Exam II	200 points	Examinees undergo an oral assessment relating to a specialized field on the basis of their Research Proposals and other such pursuits.

**Examination for the Humanities and Social Sciences Field will be carried out as follows.**

Foreign language proficiency	100 points	English (screening on the basis of scores of either TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS) Note: Applicants wishing to study Humanities and Social Sciences Field may, depending on their desired field of research, opt for one language from German, French, Russian, Chinese, Korean or Spanish. Please refer to page 7 for details.
Academic Exam I	200 points	Applicants wishing to study Humanities and Social Sciences Field may answer one question from among multiple questions in humanities and social sciences.
Academic Exam II	200 points	Examinees undergo an oral assessment relating to a specialized field on the basis of their Research Proposals and other such pursuits.

### (2) Test content and dates: Written Examination Selection

#### 1) Candidates opting to focus on Urban Infrastructure Field

Dates	Subjects/Tests	Time
August 20 (Thu.)	Foreign Language Proficiency (English)	
	Academic Exam I	9:00 to 11:00
August 21 (Fri.)	Academic Exam II — oral assessment	To be announced

#### 2) Candidates opting to focus on Humanities and Social Sciences Field

Dates	Subjects/Tests	Time
August 20 (Thu.)	Foreign Language Proficiency (English)	
	Academic Exam I	9:00 to 11:00
	Academic Exam II — oral assessment	To be announced

**\* Before submitting application documents, individuals applying for Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society must first consult with a faculty member whom they**

would like as an academic advisor or with a faculty member who handles inquiries.

**\* Those applying to the Urban Infrastructure Field concentration may also apply to the Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI) as a second option.**

**[Notes]**

- Examinees must enter the testing room at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the exam. For the examinees for Urban Infrastructure Field and Humanities and Social Sciences Field, if examinees are unable to enter the testing room by the time the oral examination begins, the examinees will be disqualified from the examination.
- Certificates of Proficiency showing scores of TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS scores, or such certificates showing CEFR equivalents of German, French, Russian, Chinese, Korean or Spanish proficiency tests will be collected before the start of Academic Exam I as required by the exam supervisor, etc. (For applicants who submitted it with application documents. Certificates of language proficiency will be returned at the oral assessment.
- Examinees may bring non-programmable scientific calculators for use in the written components of Academic Exam I.
- Examinees may use language dictionaries for tests other than language proficiency exams. However, examinees may not use electronic dictionaries.
- Applicants of the Special Admission for International Students can use English to answer the entrance examinations.

**■Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)  
Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society**

**(1) Academic proficiency testing:**

Written Examination Selection

Foreign language proficiency	50 points	English (screening on the basis of scores of either TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS)
Academic Exam I	250 points	Applicants electing to focus on Urban Infrastructure Field may opt for one mathematics segment, plus a total of four of the ten specialized subject segments (two each from the five fields of Structural Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Infrastructure Planning, and Concrete Engineering).
Academic Exam II	200 points	Examinees undergo an oral assessment relating to a specialized field based on their Research Proposals and other such pursuits.

**(2) Test content and dates**

Written Examination Selection

Dates	Subjects/Tests	Time
August 20 (Thu.)	Foreign Language Proficiency (English)	9:00 to 11:00
	Academic Exam I	
August 21 (Fri.)	Academic Exam II (— oral assessment)	To be announced

\* **In this program, lecture courses are offered in English, and both studio education and Master’s thesis supervision are conducted in English. The Master’s thesis must be written in English.**

\* **Before submitting application documents, individuals applying for Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI) must first consult with a faculty member whom they would like as an academic advisor or with a faculty member who handles inquiries.**

\* **Those applying to the Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI) may also apply to the Urban Infrastructure Field concentration of the Specialization in Infrastructure and Urban Society as a second option.**

[Notes]

- Examinees must enter the testing room at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the exam. If examinees are unable to enter the testing room by the time the oral examination begins, the examinees will be disqualified from the examination.
- Certificates of Proficiency showing TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS scores will be collected before the start of Academic Exam I as required by the exam supervisor, etc. (For applicants who submitted it with application documents, it is necessary.). Certificates of foreign language proficiency will be returned at the oral assessment.
- Examinees may bring non-programmable scientific calculators for use in the written components of Academic Exam I.
- Examinees may use language dictionaries for tests other than language proficiency exams. However, examinees may not use electronic dictionaries.
- Applicants of the Special Admission for International Students can use English to answer the entrance examinations.

## 12. Faculty Member

Academic advisors marked with ● in the following list will NOT recruit students this time.

Before submitting your application documents, please be sure to discuss the research content with the faculty member whom you would like as your academic advisor or a faculty member who handles inquiries about your desired course. For details of research fields, please see the YNU Researchers database (<https://er-web.ynu.ac.jp>) or the “Faculty” page of the Institute of Urban Innovation website.

### <Department of Architecture and Urban Culture>

#### ■ Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture

(advisor)

Specialization in Architecture and Urban Culture, Department of Architecture and Urban Culture

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#### 【Urban Culture Field】

Name	Title	Research Field
Norihisa Kurenuma	Professor	Philosophy of World History, Transhumanism (Issues of Biosphere, Mecosphere, etc.)
Masayasu Komiya	Professor	European cultural history. History of art (especially Western music), history of art and society.
Akiko Sugawa	Professor	Anime and Manga Studies, Audience Studies (Cosplay, 2.5D Musicals, Contents Tourism)
Tomohiro Hikoe	Professor	French literature (20th century); contemporary literature, literary theory. My research and teaching interests focus on how literature can bring heterogeneous viewpoints on society and history.
Katsushi Nakagawa	Associate Professor	Audible Culture Studies: Experimental Music, Sound Art, Sound Technology History
Kei Hirakura★	Professor	Specialize in Modern and Contemporary Art and Theory, with a particular focus on embodied and expanded thought processes in art-making.
Fabien Carpentras	Associate Professor	Cinema Studies, particularly Japanese movies of the 1970-80s. Filmic expression, Cinema and Society, Cinema and Ideology.
Nodoka Odawara	Assistant Professor	Sculpture Studies (along with perspectives on publicness, gender, and imperialism). Explore the relationship between society and art through research, artwork creation, publication, and critique.

#### ■ Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC)

(advisor)

Specialization in Culture (Y-GSC), Department of Architecture and Urban Culture

- Fabien Carpentras, Associate Professor ([carpentras-fabien-vf@ynu.ac.jp](mailto:carpentras-fabien-vf@ynu.ac.jp))

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- Humanities and Social Sciences Field:

Keiko Hirano Associate Professor ([hirano-keiko-ng@ynu.ac.jp](mailto:hirano-keiko-ng@ynu.ac.jp))

Name	Title	Research Field
Fumikazu Osuka	Professor	Philosophy (especially philosophy of language and ontology), Ethics (especially bioethics and social ethics)
Asato Saito	Professor	Political Economy of Urban Policy and Urban Planning Research Topic: Urban Regeneration, Gentrification, State Theory Area specialization: Europe, North America, and East Asia.
Takayuki Suzuki	Professor	Coastal engineering, Hydraulic engineering, Sediment transport, Beach topography change, Coastal disaster, Coastal environment
Shinji Tanaka	Professor	Research on traffic engineering; traffic control, operation and management; traffic simulation; utilization of existing transportation infrastructure; ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems)
Kenji Hasegawa	Professor	Modern Japanese History. My recent research has focused on social movements, nationalism, class and ethnicity, disasters, and collective violence.
Hideki Hasegawa	Professor	Contemporary Francophone Cultural Studies (Corsica), French Sociology
Park Sang Mi	Professor	Modern Japanese history, East Asian relations, colonial history, performance studies; Research interests in Showa Japan's cultural diplomacy and performance policies within a global context.
Kimitoshi Hayano	Professor	Geotechnical engineering (Transportation geotechnics, Ground improvement, Geowaste technology, Soil investigation)
Yoko Fujikake	Professor	Anthropology of Development, Gender and Development, Paraguay Studies, Qualitative Analysis
Chikako Fujiyama	Professor	Mechanics for reinforced concrete structure, pre-stressed concrete structure and steel-concrete composite structure, design and evaluation method of structural performance, i.e. bridge and wind turbine.
Akira Hosoda	Professor	Concrete engineering, durability and maintenance of concrete structures, construction management, design of infrastructure against earthquake and tsunami
Hisashi Matsumoto	Professor	Cultural Anthropology, My recent research topics are “culture and politics in contemporary African states” and “social network among African migrants in Japan”

Name	Title	Research Field
Mihoko Matsuyuki	Professor	Urban Planning, Community Development, Urban Studies in Developing Countries. Especially public participation into planning process, consensus making, environmental consideration in planning, housing and urban/community planning in Asian developing countries.
Ryosuke Abe	Associate Professor	Transportation planning and policy, Infrastructure planning. Particularly, modeling and forecasting of travel demand and behavior, empirical analysis, and policy evaluation, with a focus on new mobility, public transportation, and urban and local transportation.
Yuta Kamahara	Associate Professor	Political Science, Civil War Onset, Democratic Theory, Political Methodology.
Satoshi Komatsu	Associate Professor	Urban disaster mitigation and service-life extension of infrastructures. Especially, working on the solution of various issues in energy infrastructures based on the knowledge of seismic engineering and concrete engineering.
Ying Cui	Professor	Geotechnical engineering, Geomechanics, Tunnel engineering, River structure (e.g., conduit, river embankment), Geo-disaster
Hiroshi Tamura	Associate Professor	Fracture mechanics, Seismic engineering, Structural inspection and Bridge engineering
Hiroto Higa	Associate Professor	Research on modeling ecosystems and material cycles in coastal areas and lakes close to urban areas and developing water environment remote sensing methods using drones and satellites.
Keiko Hirano	Associate Professor	Gender Studies, Transnational Sociology. Conducting research on reproductive labor such as domestic work, care work, organizing migrant/ domestic workers. Recently focusing on gig economy from a feminist perspective.
Rinpei Miura	Professor	Urban sociology. My recent research topics are clarifying urban problems, and considering the conditions and issues to realize a better society. Main fields are urban redevelopment, community planning.
Itsuki Sato	Associate Professor	Geotechnical engineering, Slope flow disasters, Stability assessment of port structures, Improved soils, Crushable granular materials, Mechanical behavior, Laboratory testing, Numerical simulation, Disaster-resilient design
Shingo Nitta	Assistant Professor	Shingo Nitta is a scholar of social stratification and quantitative methodology, with special interests on old age. He investigates how social inequality changes across the life course by leveraging social survey data.
Jiaqi Wang	Assistant Professor	Structural Engineering, Bridge Aerodynamics, Aerodynamic Countermeasures, Wind-resistant Design, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Wind Tunnel Testing, Strong Wind Disasters

## ■ Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)

(advisor)

Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI) , Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society

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### 13. National Security-Related Export Controls

Yokohama National University has instituted its own rules for national security-related export controls based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and rigorously screens the admission of international students to control the transfer of goods obtained in Japan to other countries, provision of technology, and exchange of personnel. Any international students subject to export control regulations may have restrictions placed on their chosen research activities, or may be ineligible to receive education at the University. Prospective students should therefore consult their proposed academic advisor before submitting their application, or take other precautionary measures when applying to study at the University. All students are required to sign a pledge to comply with the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law" at the time of admission.

### 14. Use of ChatGPT and Other Generative AI Tools

We are urging our students to take note of the precautions concerning the use of generative AI tools including ChatGPT. Regarding the documents necessary for our entrance examination, please prepare and submit them based on the following reminder. In addition, international students must abide by their national and regional policies, laws, and regulations as required.

#### **【Reminder】**

- Information entered into generative AIs could be used for AI learning or leaked to unintended parties. Furthermore, the source of the information obtained from generative AIs is not clear and may contain fabricated data, biased views, or ethically problematic expressions.
- Regarding an application form and other necessary documents, please prepare them in accordance with our Admission Policy and submit them at your own responsibility, ensuring that no wrongdoing is being committed and that no discrepancies in academic skills are suspected after admission.  
[https://www.urban.ynu.ac.jp/admission/imgs/admission\\_policy.pdf](https://www.urban.ynu.ac.jp/admission/imgs/admission_policy.pdf)

### 15. Privacy Policy

Personal information will be handled under the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and the Policies on the Protection of Personal Information held by YNU.

(1) In addition to the use related to the selection of students for admission to YNU, personal information provided in the applicant's entrance examination results and application materials may also be used for the following purposes.

- ① To contact successful applicants (to send materials related to welfare benefits such as scholarships and insurance, and to send materials related to events after admission, and Cooperative Association materials), and for enrollment procedures.
- ② To organize classes after admission, and to provide the welfare-related materials such as admission fee exemptions (excluding international students) and tuition fee waivers upon application by the applicant.
- ③ To handle academic affairs after enrollment (student registration management, guidance on studies, etc.).
- ④ To engage in relations, various surveys, and research at YNU (including investigations and analyses for improving admission methods and university education).
- ⑤ There may be cases where the personal information of admitted students is provided to the university-related organizations, such as YNU alumni association (Koyukai) and class reunions, to the extent necessary for membership procedures.

When presenting the results of surveys and research, the information will be processed in such a way that individuals cannot be identified.

Personal information will not be used or provided for any other purposes.

(2) When using the information in the various works described in (1) above, some of the works may be performed by a contractor entrusted by YNU (hereinafter referred to as a “contractor”). All or part of the personal information obtained will be provided to the contractor to the extent necessary to perform the work entrusted to the contractor.