

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
KYOTO UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL ADMISSION FOR MASTER'S PROGRAM  
EXAMINATION IN JUNE 2020

GUIDELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

**Admission Policy**

**1. Our policy**

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies seeks to secure the current and future health and sustainability of the global environment in two essential ways: first, by training future researchers and practitioners for future environmental careers in academia, management, policy, advocacy and project implementation; and second, by establishing sustainability as the basis of an integrated and interdisciplinary field informed by ethics, science, technology and the humanities that can address the environmental challenges confronting the 21st century.

**2. Who are we looking for?**

Our goal is to produce graduates who demonstrate excellence and distinctiveness that allows them to impact their chosen fields. We are seeking students who demonstrate high moral character and richness of spirit, including

- Future researchers from all academic fields with a keen interest in global environmental problems and their solutions;
- Future internationally-minded practitioners with a deep enthusiasm for environmental management and a sincere commitment to acquiring and implementing the knowledge and practical skills required to tackle environmental problems from the local to global level in every walk of life;
- A diverse body of students from many different backgrounds and perspectives. Our students enter through a variety of admission tracks, including a mid-career admissions option for students with extensive work experience in environmental issues, some of whom may choose to study while continuing their professional careers, and an international admissions program for international students.

**3. What are we looking for?**

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies offers master and doctoral programs in the field of environmental management, as well as a doctoral program in global environmental studies. The admission requirements for each of these programs relates to the objective of the study program provided.

**3.1 Global environmental studies**

Our three-year doctoral program in global environmental studies fosters researchers capable of grasping the full complexity and reach of global environmental issues and tackling global and local environmental issues using innovative outlooks and methodologies that are drawn from a wide variety of scholarly fields. Applicants to this program should hold a master's degree in their chosen study field in addition to English language proficiency and a keen interest in global environmental issues, but exemptions may be made for those with demonstrated professional experience and expertise in a field related to their expected area of study.

**3.2 Environmental management**

Our two-year master's program and three-year doctoral program in environmental management are designed to foster outstanding and internationally-minded practitioners capable of applying management skills in the search for practical and sustainable solutions to local and global environmental problems. Applicants to either of these programs will need basic academic knowledge of global environmental issues and English language proficiency in addition to a keen interest in environmental management.

**4. Basic policy on admissions**

The admissions process for the master's program will be carried out by means of a comprehensive assessment of documents, foreign language ability, written examinations and an interview. The admissions process for the doctoral program will be carried out by means of a comprehensive assessment of documents and foreign language ability as well as a research presentation and interview.

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (GSGES), Kyoto University, invites international students to apply for a two-year master's program in Environmental Management through a special admission process called the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP). This process is for international applicants with superior academic records and academic scholarships who wish to pursue their graduate degrees by taking courses taught in English.

All applicants are required to select a study area and academic supervisor from the list of eligible faculty listed on page 5. You **must** contact the professor or associate professor **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision and advice with regard to the application process. Detailed descriptions of each study area are also available at:

GSGES website: <http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

GSGES guidebook: <http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/guidebook/>

#### ENROLLMENT DATE

October 1, 2020 or April 1, 2021

#### ENROLLMENT CAPACITY

A limited number for each enrollment date

## 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SCREENING

### 1-1. Eligibility requirements

#### 1-1-1. General eligibility requirements

Applicants must satisfy both of the following requirements.

- 1) You must have completed or intend to complete a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by **September 30, 2020 (for enrollment in October 2020) or by March 31, 2021 (for enrollment in April 2021)**.
- 2) You must not have Japanese nationality.
- 3) You must be able to confirm that you have received a Japanese government scholarship, other government scholarship, or non-government scholarship when you enroll in the program or you must be applying for ADB-JSP as described in 1-1-2 below.

#### 1-1-2. Eligibility requirements for ADB-JSP Applicants

Applicants for enrollment in April 2021 can also apply for the **Asian Development Bank's Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)**. **Up to three applicants** for ADB-JSP who have passed the IEMP admission process will then be nominated to ADB for final selection of scholarship recipients. **ONLY ONE** applicant will be selected by ADB. Applicants will be informed of the results of scholarship selection later.

#### **Scholarship duration**

Up to two years

#### **Scholarship coverage**

- 1) Monthly stipend of approximately 147,000 yen
- 2) Economy class travel expenses to and from Japan (Airfare for return travel will be provided only after successful completion of the study program.)
- 3) Admission and tuition fees
- 4) Medical and accident insurance
- 5) Books, instructional materials and research allowance

**Please refer to the below ADB-JSP web-page for the details.**

<https://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/frequently-asked-questions>

<https://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/procedures-applying>

#### **Eligibility requirements for ADB-JSP applicants**

- 1) Be citizens or nationals of ADB borrowing member countries listed below:  
Afghanistan / Armenia / Azerbaijan / Bangladesh / Bhutan / Cambodia / Cook Islands / Fiji Islands / Georgia / India / Indonesia / Kazakhstan / Kiribati, Federal State of / Kyrgyz Republic / Lao PDR / Malaysia / Maldives / Marshall Islands / Micronesia / Mongolia / Myanmar / Nauru / Nepal / Pakistan / Palau / Papua New Guinea / Philippines / Samoa / Solomon Islands / Sri Lanka / Tajikistan / Thailand / Timor-Leste / Tonga / Turkmenistan / Tuvalu / Uzbekistan / Vanuatu / Vietnam
- 2) Expecting to receive no other scholarship during the period of study at Kyoto University
- 3) Have at least two (2) years of full-time professional working experience (acquired after a university degree) in the field related to the study program at the time of application
- 4) Be aged not more than 35 years old at the time of application
- 5) Agree to return to their home countries after completion of the study program
- 6) Not be living or working in a country other than their home countries
- 7) Have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies
- 8) Be in good health
- 9) Not have previously studied abroad
- 10) Not be enrolled in other graduate degree programs
- 11) Not be Executive Directors, Alternate Directors, management and staff of ADB, consultants, and relatives of the aforementioned

1-2. Eligibility screening

**You must first complete an eligibility screening process by submitting the qualifying documents listed below to the following address by registered mail, to be received no later than 17:00 (JST) on May18, 2020.**

Administration office  
 Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies  
 Kyoto University  
 Yoshida Main Campus Research Bldg. No.5,  
 Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8501, Japan  
 Tel: +81-75-753-9167, Fax: +81-75-753-9187,  
 E-mail: [160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Documents for eligibility screening:

Only documents **written in English or Japanese** are accepted.

1) Checklist for documents submission	Use <b>Form 1</b> .
2) Eligibility screening application form	Use <b>Form 2</b> .
3) Academic transcript	Submit <b>original</b> transcript and graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) from your undergraduate/graduate institution. Originals of these documents must be certified by the president of the university or the dean of the faculty from which you have graduated or to which you currently belong. These will be returned to you upon request at the end of the entrance examination process.
4) Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation	
5) Letter of consent for application	If you are currently engaged in master- or doctoral-level studies at another graduate school and are NOT expected to complete by the time of application, you should submit a letter of consent for application ( <b>Form 3</b> ) signed by the president of your university or the dean of the graduate school to which you currently belong.
6) Evaluation report by the intended academic supervisor	The intended academic supervisor at GSGES must submit the evaluation report on your eligibility to the administration office. The form is given to him/her upon his/her request by the administration office.
7) Guarantee letter (if applicants are accepted for a scholarship)	Applicants with a scholarship must submit an official letter/certificate from the sponsor confirming your scholarship acceptance.
8) ADB-JSP related documents (ADB-JSP applicants only)	a) <b>Information sheet:</b> Downloadable from the website: <a href="https://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/procedures-applying">https://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/procedures-applying</a> b) <b>Annual income certificates:</b> Provide proof of your income and that of your family (parent and spouse) of the most recent year available, from the company/organization/institution to which you and the family belong or belonged, with computation of conversion to US dollars.

Results of the screening will be notified to applicants by **May21, 2020** by e-mail.

## 2. LIST OF STUDY AREAS AND SUPERVISORS

You should **choose one study area and an academic supervisor from the list** below. Indicate your choice in the space provided on page 1 of **Forms 2 and 4**. You must contact him/her **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision for the designated study program, advice with regard to the application process and submission of the evaluation report on your eligibility.

### Applicable study areas and faculty

Study area	Professor	Associate Professor	Senior Lecturer
<b>Department of Global Ecology</b>			
Global Environmental Policy	Makoto Usami		
Environmental Economics	Toru Morotomi		
Global Ecological Economics		Akihisa Mori	
Sustainable Rural Development	Satoshi Hoshino	Kenichiro Onitsuka	
Environmental Health Sciences	Hirohisa Takano	Kayo Ueda	
Environmental Marketing Management		Akira Yoshino	
Ontology of Environment and Technology	Junji Sato		
Environmental Education		Jane Singer Misuzu Asari	Roger Cloud Baars
Historical Geography and Culture	Aki Yamamura	Yu Tokunaga	
<b>Department of Technology and Ecology</b>			
Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Shigeo Fujii	Shuhei Tanaka	
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Takeshi Katsumi	Atsushi Takai	
Global Environmental Architecture	Hirohide Kobayashi	Chiho Ochiai	
Biodiversity Conservation	Hiroaki Setoguchi	Kanto Nishikawa	
Landscape Ecology and Planning	Shozo Shibata	Katsue Fukamachi	
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>			
Regional Planning	Izuru Saizen		
Urban Infrastructure Engineering	Kunitomo Sugiura	Eiji Harada	
Atmospheric Chemistry	Yoshizumi Kajii		
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Shinya Funakawa	Hitoshi Shinjo	
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Chihiro Tanaka	Tetsuhiro Watanabe	
Ecosystem linkages and human society	Tokuchi Naoko	Tateno Ryunosuke	

### 3. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Those who pass the eligibility screening will be requested to submit the application documents outlined below.

Only documents **written in English or Japanese** are accepted.

1) Application form	Use <b>Form 4</b> . You must use a black ink pen or black ballpoint pen to fill in the application form. Forms filled in by pencil or erasable pen will not be accepted. One 4.0 cm x 3.0 cm photograph taken within the last 3 months must be attached to the form as requested.
2) Payment slip	1. <b>Applicants residing in Japan</b> must submit an <b>original</b> payment slip bearing the bank's stamp, with the date falling within the payment period or proof of EXSS (Examination Settlement Service) payment. Details are given in Section 5. 2. <b>Applicants residing outside Japan</b> must submit the proof of EXSS (Examination Settlement Service) payment. You should inform that you will use EXSS to the GSGES administration office prior to payment.
3) Copy of graduation thesis	Submit a copy of your graduation thesis or report of relevant work or research experience. If you have not completed your thesis at the time of application or your thesis is not written in English or Japanese, you should submit a detailed description of your research (1,500 words or less in English).
4) Statement of reasons for application	Use <b>Form 5</b> .
5) Two letters of recommendation	Application for admission requires recommendations from two persons well acquainted with your intellectual ability and personality. Two letters must be submitted, as described below. a) <b>Form 6</b> should be completed by an academic supervisor with your current or most recent study program. b) Another letter <b>in any form</b> should be written by the dean, head or manager (or equivalent) of the institution/company to which you currently belong, addressed to the president of Kyoto University.  *Applicants who are currently affiliated with the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University (e.g. as a research student) need to submit <b>only one letter of recommendation (Form 6) written by a previous academic supervisor (not the current academic supervisor)</b> .

### 4. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

All documents must be sent to the administration office as indicated on page 4 by registered mail to be received no later than **17:00 (JST) on June 8, 2020**. Applications with incomplete documents or those received after the specified date will not be accepted. Write “**Application for Master’s Program (IEMP)(June 2020)**” in red letters on the front of the envelope.

## 5. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FEE

### **10,000 JPY**

If you are a recipient of a Japanese Government Scholarship, you do not need to pay the entrance examination fee. Instead, you must submit a “Certificate of Status for Japanese Government Scholarship Student” issued by the president of the university or the dean of the faculty to which you currently belong.

Payment period: From May 29 to June 8, 2020

Choose the payment method stating below:

- 1) Please pay at a bank branch/via ATM to the following account. Transactions through the Internet will not be accepted.

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) Kyoto Branch  
Savings account No. 8089430  
Kyoto University

All bank charges must be paid by the applicant.

The applicant should be listed as the payer.

An original payment slip should be submitted after making a photocopy for yourself.

- 2) Please pay through EXSS (Examination Settlement Service). Refer to <https://www3.univ-kyoto-u/en/ges/> for more details.

- Print the proof of payment from the payment or application content confirmation screen, then (1) cut out the required section and (2) attach it to any blank A4 sized-paper.
- In case you pay from outside Japan, you should inform to the GSGES administration office in advance.

#### NOTE:

1. The fee is non-refundable.
2. Applicants from households in regions where the Disaster Relief Act applies and whose principal wage-earner has been adversely affected by the March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake or the April 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes, and who have been issued a risai shomeisho (Disaster Victim Certificate) should contact the GSGES administration office for further details no later than **17:00 (JST) on May 29, 2020**.

## 6. ADMISSION SELECTION

Admission selection will be carried out by means of a comprehensive evaluation of the documents and an interview, which will be conducted on campus or long-distance using available video communication tools during the period of **June 10 to 15, 2020**. Detailed instructions relating to the interview process will be given to all applicants who have passed the application process.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADMISSION RESULTS

All applicants will be informed of the results of the admission selection process by email on **June 25, 2020**.

## 8. ADMISSION AND TUITION FEES

Instructions regarding enrollment procedures and payment of admission/tuition fees will be provided to each successful applicant by mail in early September, 2020 for enrollment in October, 2020 or late February, 2021 for enrollment in April, 2021. Admitted international students must obtain their college student visas by the enrollment date.

Admission fee: 282,000 JPY

Tuition fee: 267,900 JPY per semester (535,800 JPY annually)

**Please note that fees may be subject to change.**

### **Exemption**

- The admission and tuition fees for recipients of Japanese Government Scholarships will be paid by the Government of Japan.

## 9. HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

In accordance with Kyoto University regulations, each applicant's name, gender, date of birth, address and other personal information (including information relating to performance evaluation) as provided in application documents is used only for admission procedures, scholarship applications, and preparation for accepting students.

## 10. GENERAL NOTES

- (1) When making a correction to the document, cross out the original information with double lines and write the correct information above it.
- (2) Contents of the submitted application documents cannot be changed for any reason.
- (3) Paid application fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.

All inquiries are to be addressed to the GSGES administration office, as indicated on page 4.

**Note: The information in this guideline is subject to change without notice. Please refer to the latest information available on the websites (<http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>).**