

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
KYOTO UNIVERSITY

SUMMER ADMISSIONS FOR MASTER'S PROGRAM
ENROLLMENT IN APRIL 2022

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. Applicants are required to select a study area and academic supervisor from the list of eligible faculty listed on pages 6. You **should** contact the faculty member **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/>

Note: If you are to be sponsored by a Japanese Government Scholarship or scholarship from your home government, please obtain further instructions relevant to the application process from your intended academic supervisor.

ENROLLMENT CAPACITY

44 (This includes the number of successful applicants who are going to enroll in October, 2021.)

Note:

- This enrollment capacity includes the number of successful applicants in the admissions both career-track and special selection for international students.
- This enrollment capacity includes the number of successful applicants from a special admissions process called the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) as well as other admissions.

<http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/schedule-and-guide/>

Application for the Master's Program in Environmental Management (GENERAL ADMISSION)

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SCREENING

1-1. Eligibility requirements

You must have completed or intend to complete one of the following by March 31, 2022.

- 1) A bachelor's degree at a Japanese University
- 2) A bachelor's degree program at a university (minimum of 16 years total education) outside Japan
- 3) A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years (including the completion of such studies of relevant subjects in Japan via a correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country, and the completion of studies at an educational facility accredited as having an approved curriculum under the educational system of said country, or those corresponding to such studies as designated by the Minister of MEXT) at a university or other school in a country outside Japan (only those universities or schools for which the overall conditions of education and research activities have been assessed by a party authorized by the government of said country or the organization concerned, or those corresponding to such entities as designated by the Minister of MEXT)
- 4) Alternative qualifications equivalent to the above.

*Career-track admission is for applicants who intend to continue their vocational status after enrollment in the graduate school.

*Special selection for international students is for applicants who are not Japanese nationals.

1-2. Eligibility screening

Applicants meeting requirement 4) above, including applicants with less than 16 years of total education and not satisfying requirement 3) above, **must first complete an eligibility screening process**. Please send an e-mail indicating your intention to apply for admissions to the GSGES administration office <160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp>. Then, please **submit the qualifying documents listed below to the graduate school by registered mail, to be received no later than 17:00 (JST) on June 11, 2021**.

Documents for eligibility screening:

Only documents **written in English or Japanese** are accepted. When not available, a certified translation in either of these languages should be attached.

1) Eligibility screening application form	Use Form 1 .
2) Academic transcript	Submit official transcript from your undergraduate/graduate institution. A true copy of transcripts is acceptable if it is attested by an authorized official of the university with a seal and signature.

Results of the screening will be notified to applicants by **June 18, 2021** by e-mail.

2. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Only documents **written in English or Japanese** are accepted. When not available, a certified translation in either of these languages should be attached.

1) Application form, Admission ticket, Photo sheet	Use Forms 2 and 5 . 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. Typing on a computer is acceptable. Three 4.0 cm x 3.0 cm photographs taken within the last 3 months must be attached to the forms as requested.
2) Academic transcript	Submit official transcript and graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) issued at the university which you have graduated from or which you currently belong to. A copy of the graduation certificate or the degree certificate is

3) Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation	acceptable if attested by an authorized official of the university with a seal and signature. Do not submit originals as the submitted documents will not be returned. *If you have submitted an academic transcript at the eligibility screening stage, you do not need to submit it again at the application stage.
4) Statement of reasons for application	Use Form 3 . 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. Typing on a computer is acceptable.
5) Payment slip	1. Applicants residing in Japan must submit an original 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 4. 2. Applicants residing outside Japan must submit the proof of EXSS (Examination Settlement Service) payment.
6) A self-addressed envelope	You should provide a self-addressed envelope (120 mm x 235 mm in size) with a 374-yen stamp affixed. This will be used to send an admission ticket to applicants who have passed the application process. Note: If you reside outside Japan, you do not have to submit this item.
7) Address label	Use Form 6 . You must supply an address at which you can receive the notice of acceptance and documents concerning enrollment procedures if you are accepted for enrollment by the graduate school. You should report any change of address by mid February, 2022. Note: If you reside outside Japan, you do not have to submit this item.
8) Copy of graduation thesis (Not required for career-track admission applicants)	Submit a copy of your graduation thesis. If a thesis cannot be submitted, you should submit a report of relevant work or research experience (within 1,500 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese). If you have not completed your thesis at the time of application or your thesis is not written in English or in Japanese, you should submit a detailed description of your research (within 1,500 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese).

In addition to 1) to 8) above, **career-track applicants** are requested to submit the following three documents 9) to 11); applicants to special selection for international students are requested to submit the following 11) Essay, and applicants must request the intended academic supervisor to make the evaluation report 12) and submit it.:

9) Letter of recommendation	Must be written by the head or manager (or equivalent) of the company/ organization/institution to which you currently belong.
10) Summary of relevant work experience to date	A report of approximately 500 words in English or 1,000 characters in Japanese summarizing your vocational experience, in particular where the experience relates directly to your intended study area in the master's program.
11) Essay	An essay of approximately 2,500 words in English or 5,000 characters in Japanese on any topic related to global environmental issues. Complete and attach Form 4 as your cover page, showing your name and the name of the company/organization/ institution at which you work. The theme of the essay should also be shown on Form 4 .
12) 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.

3. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

All documents must be sent to the address as indicated on page 8 by registered mail to be received no later than 17:00 (JST) on July 19, 2021. Applications with incomplete documents or those received after the specified date will not be accepted. Write "Application for Master's Program (August 2021)" in red letters on the front of the envelope.

4. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FEE

30,000 JPY

Payment period: From July 9 to July 19, 2021

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. (From inside Japan only)
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. Please attach the slip to any blank sheet of A4 sized-paper.
- 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.

NOTE

1. The entrance examination fee will be refunded to recipients of a Japanese Government Scholarship
2. Except for the above, the fee is non-refundable.
3. For households in regions where the Disaster Relief Act is effective and whose principal wage-earner has been adversely affected by the disasters listed on the website below, an exemption may be made to payment of the entrance examination fee for cases where a risai shomeisho (Disaster Victim Certificate) has been issued. For the list of recognized disasters and requirements for exemption, refer to http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/admissions/fees_exemption/
For further details, contact the GSGES administration office no later than **17:00 (JST) on June 15, 2021**.

5. ADMISSION SELECTION

Admission selection will be carried out by means of a comprehensive evaluation of the documents, English ability, written examinations and an interview.

- 5-1. All applicants including native speakers of English, except for those who are applicants for special selection for international students, must present **one** of the following **on the examination day** to evaluate English ability:
 - 1) Original score record of **TOEFL-iBT** (preferred),
 - 2) Original score record of **TOEFL-PBT** or the revised TOEFL Paper-delivered Test
 - 3) Original official score certificate (report) or certificate of achievement of **TOEIC** or **TOEIC Listening & Reading** (Secure/Public testing program), or
 - 4) Original test report form of **IELTS (Academic Module)**.

If you do not present one of the above on the examination day, you will be graded “Zero” for English ability.

IMPORTANT: Photocopies and PDF documents of score-record certification (including certification displayed on any web pages) are NOT acceptable. In each case, the score record submitted should be for a test-score dated on or after April 1, 2018. Copies of official score records or original official score reports sent directly to Kyoto University by ETS (Educational Testing Service) will not be accepted. The score records of TOEFL-CBT, TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC SW, TOEIC Bridge, TOEIC-IP and IELTS (General Training Module) are not acceptable. The score record will be returned to each applicant on the examination day.

Note: Applicants may find the following information useful, if they wish to identify the superior of two or more test scores for submission:

- The scores of TOEFL-iBT and TOEFL-PBT can be converted using the ‘TOEFL® Internet-based Test Score Comparison Tables’ provided by ETS.
- A TOEIC score can be converted to a TOEFL-PBT score by using a simple calculation formula (‘TOEIC score x 0.348 +296=TOEFL-PBT score’).
- Conversions of IELTS scores into TOEFL scores can be made using the ‘TOEFL iBT® and IELTS® Academic Module Scores Comparison Tables’ provided by ETS.

5-2. Written examinations and interviews

Written examinations and interviews will be held at Research Bldg. No. 5 on the Kyoto University Main Campus in accordance with the following schedule:

Date	Time	Subject
Tue., August 31, 2021	9:30 - 10:30	General knowledge in global environmental studies (written test)
	11:00 - 12:00	Basic knowledge in your first choice study area (written test)
Tue., August 31	13:30 -	Interview (to assess your undergraduate achievements, study plan and capability for the master's program) of approximately 25 minutes in duration
Wed., September 1	9:00 -	
Thu., September 2		

- (1) Admission selection will be carried out by each study area. Applicants should indicate a study area and an academic supervisor on **Form 1** and **Form 2**. You should contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision and advice with regard to the application process.

Applicable study areas and faculty

Study area	Professor	Associate Professor	Senior Lecturer
Department of Global Ecology			
Global Environmental Policy	Makoto Usami		
Global Ecological Economics		Akihisa Mori	
Sustainable Rural Development	Satoshi Hoshino	Kenichiro Onitsuka	
Environmental Health Sciences	Hirohisa Takano	Kayo Ueda	
Environmental Marketing Management		Akira Yoshino	
Historical Geography and Culture	Aki Yamamura	Yu Tokunaga	
Environmental Education		Misuzu Asari Gregory Trencher	Roger Cloud Baars
Department of Technology and Ecology			
Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Shinya Echigo	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	
Elemental Materials Chemistry	Kazuo Tanaka		
Department of Natural Resources			
Regional Planning	Izuru Saizen		
Atmospheric Chemistry	Yoshizumi Kajii		
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Chihiro Tanaka	Tetsuhiro Watanabe	
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Shinya Funakawa	Hitoshi Shinjo	
Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Naoko Tokuchi Ryunosuke Tateno		

- (2) Carrier-track applicants shall be exempted from the written examinations. Admission selection to applicants to special selection for international students is implemented based on the application documents for both of the statement of reasons for application and essay, and shall be exempted from both of the written examination and interview.
- (3) Evaluation criteria for the written examinations and interviews:
- Written tests assess your general knowledge in global environmental studies and basic knowledge in your first choice study area.
 - Interviews assess your knowledge of basic environmental concepts, research ability, and communication skills.
- (4) Detailed instructions relating to the examination/interview process will be given to all applicants who have passed the application process.
- (5) The table below shows the basic knowledge required for the written examinations for each study area:

Department of Global Ecology:

Global Environmental Policy	Basic knowledge of environmental policy
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Global Ecological Economics	Basic knowledge of environmental policy and economics (All applicants must answer the same test questions.)
Environmental Marketing Management	
Sustainable Rural Development	Basic knowledge of rural planning and rural development
Environmental Health Sciences	Basic knowledge of environmental health sciences (environmental medicine, epidemiology, toxicology, etc.)
Historical Geography and Culture	Basic knowledge of historical space and culture
Environmental Education	Basic knowledge of education for sustainable development, community resilience, participatory development, human mobility, material cycles, low carbon systems and society, sustainable lifestyles

Department of Technology and Ecology:

Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Basic knowledge of environmental engineering (environmental pollution, water supply and sewerage systems, wastewater treatment, solid waste management, solid waste treatment and disposal, and related topics)
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Basic knowledge of civil engineering, in particular geo-environmental engineering
Global Environmental Architecture	Basic knowledge of human environment relating to livelihood, housing, community and urban design
Biodiversity Conservation	Basic knowledge of taxonomy, phylogeny, morphology, genetics, biodiversity and conservation biology of plants and animals
Landscape Ecology and Planning	Basic knowledge of landscape ecology, nature conservation and landscape planning
Elemental Materials Chemistry	Basic knowledge of environmental sensors and functional materials

Department of Natural Resources:

Regional Planning	Basic knowledge of regional planning and rural/regional development
Atmospheric Chemistry	Basic knowledge related to atmospheric chemistry and physical chemistry
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Microbiology in agro-environment and forest environment: Basic knowledge of taxonomy, phylogeny, genetics, biodiversity of microbes and their interactions with hosts and environments
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Basic knowledge of terrestrial ecosystems, management practices of agro-ecosystems and rural development approaches
Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Basic knowledge of ecosystem structure and function of forests, rivers, fields, estuaries, and coasts, and connectivity of ecosystems including human societies

- (6) You should select the language (English or Japanese) in which you wish to be examined at the time of application (see page 1 of **Form 2**). Questions for the written tests will be prepared for you in **one** language only, in accordance with the preference you indicate at the time of application.

(7) Grading criteria*:

You will be graded according to the sum total of your marks (500 points maximum) for English ability (100 points maximum), general knowledge of global environmental studies (100 points maximum), basic knowledge in your choice of study area (100 points maximum) and interview performance, taking into account the application documents (200 points maximum). In order to pass, your combined marks must total at least 250 points, and you must score at least 100 points out of the 200-point total for the interview. Note that applicants (except for applicants for career-track admission and special selection for international students) who do not take the written test will not be allowed to take the interview.

*Alternative grading criteria are used for career-track admission applicants, who are graded according to the sum total of their marks for English ability (100 points maximum) and

interview performance, taking into account the application documents (400 points maximum). In order to pass, your combined marks must total at least 250 points out of the 500-point total. As for the applicants for special selection for international students, applicants are graded according to the application documents for both of the statement of reasons for application and essay (500 points maximum). In order to pass, your mark must achieve at least 400 points out of the 500 points.

- (8) Please keep your admission ticket with you at all times during the admission selection process.
- (9) You may bring any of the following writing utensils into the examination room: pencil, fountain pen, ballpoint pen, mechanical pencil and eraser. Wristwatches and small clocks are also acceptable. The use of watches with a calculator function and mobile phones is strictly forbidden. You should turn off the alarm functions of all watches, clocks and mobile phones prior to entering the examination room.
- (10) Applicants with disabilities or other needs which require special attention should inform the GSGES administration office prior to the date of admission selection.

5-3. Admission ticket

Your admission ticket will be sent to you in early August.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Results of the selection will be posted on the notice board in front of the GSGES administration office at noon (**JST**) on **September 6, 2021**. For the convenience of applicants, the results will also be posted on the GSGES website at the time indicated above. A letter of notification will be sent by surface/air-mail only to successful applicants.

7. ADMISSION AND TUITION FEES

Instructions regarding enrollment procedures and payment of admission/tuition fees will be provided to each successful applicant around late February. Admitted 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.

8. 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.

9. 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) Please also note that paid application fees are non-refundable under any condition.

All inquiries are to be addressed to the GSGES administration office.

Administration Office

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

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES LOCATION MAP

<Yoshida main campus>



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