

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
KYOTO UNIVERSITY

IEMP ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAM  
IN FEBRUARY 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 three-year doctoral programs in Global Environmental Studies and Environmental Management through a special admission process called the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP). It is for international students with superior academic records and academic scholarships who wish to pursue a graduate degree by taking courses taught in English.

The study areas and supervising faculty available for admissions are listed on page 4. All applicants are required to choose an academic supervisor from the list. You **must** contact the professor or associate professor **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision for your chosen study program 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/>

Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from an overseas university apply for a preliminary review by the University's **Admissions Assistance Office (AAO)**, prior to contacting the professor or associate professor.

Admissions Assistance Office (AAO): <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/osr7r>

#### ENROLLMENT DATE

October 1, 2022

#### ENROLLMENT CAPACITY

Doctoral Program in Global Environmental Studies: A limited number for both enrollment dates

Doctoral Program in Environmental Management: A limited number for both enrollment dates

**You may apply for either or both of the two programs.**

## 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SCREENING

### 1-1. Eligibility requirements

Applicants wishing to apply through the IEMP admission process must satisfy both of the following requirements.

- 1) You must have completed or intend to complete a master's degree or its equivalent by **September 30, 2022**.
- 2) In principle, you must not be a Japanese national.

### 1-2. Eligibility requirements for MEXT scholarship program

Up to five applicants for the MEXT scholarships in GSGES who have passed the IEMP admission process will then be nominated to the MEXT scholarships in GSGES for final selection of scholarship recipients. Applicants will be informed of the results of scholarship selection at the end of June.

#### Scholarship duration

Up to three years

#### Scholarship coverage

- 1) Monthly stipend of approximately 145,000 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

#### Eligibility requirements for the MEXT scholarships in GSGES applicants

- 1) Nationality  
Applicants must be from a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.
- 2) Study experience in Japan  
If applicants have experience of studying at any Japanese universities as a recipient of MEXT Scholarship, they must be away from Japan for at least 3 years. Applicants should newly obtain a student visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of student.
- 3) Age  
Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 2, 2022
- 4) GPA  
Applicants must have a GPA of 2.30 or higher. The GPA must be calculated as designated by the MEXT, which is described in the form 1.
- 5) Current status  
Applicants must not be active members of the military.
- 6) Other scholarships  
Applicants who are expected to receive a scholarship from any other organizations including a governmental organization in his/her country of origin will not be accepted as a grantee of MEXT Scholarship.
- 7) Duplication of applications  
Applicants must not apply for a MEXT Scholarship through any other graduate schools or universities

## 2. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

**Submit the qualifying documents listed below to the following address by registered mail, to be received no later than 17:00 (JST) on January 31, 2022.** Applications with incomplete documents or those received after the specified date will not be accepted. Write **“Application for Doctoral Program (IEMP) (February 2022)”** in red letters on the front of the envelope.

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  
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E-mail: [160tiyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:160tiyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

### 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) Application form	Use <b>Form 1</b> .
2) Academic transcript	Submit <b>official</b> transcript and graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) issued at the university for ALL degrees from your bachelor degree onward including the current program.
3) Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation	A copy of transcript, graduation certificate or degree certificate is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university with seal and signature. Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned.
4) 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.
5) Copy of master's thesis	Submit a copy of master's 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 master's research (within ten A4 pages).
6) Research proposal	A report of two to three A4 pages in English on your proposed research topic, determined in consultation with your intended academic supervisor.
7) 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 2</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 dean of GSGES.  *Applicants who currently belong to the GSGES (e.g. as a research student) need to submit <b>only one letter of recommendation (Form 2) written by a previous academic supervisor (not the current academic supervisor)</b> .

### 3. 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 **Form 1**. 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		
Global Ecological Economics		Akihisa Mori	
Sustainable Rural Development	Satoshi Hoshino	Kenichiro Onitsuka	
Environmental Health Sciences	Hirohisa Takano		
Environmental Marketing Management		Akira Yoshino	
Environmental Education		Misuzu Asari Gregory Patrick Trencher	Roger Cloud Baars
Historical Geography and Culture	Aki Yamamura	Yu Tokunaga	
<b>Department of Technology and Ecology</b>			
Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Shinya Echigo	Shuhei Tanaka	
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Takeshi Katsumi	Atsushi Takai	

Study area	Professor	Associate Professor	Senior Lecturer
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		
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>			
Regional Planning	Izuru Saizen		
Atmospheric Chemistry	Yoshizumi Kajii		
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Shinya Funakawa	Hitoshi Shinjo	
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Chihiro Tanaka	Tetsuhiro Watanabe	
Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Naoko Tokuchi Ryunosuke Tateno		

#### 4. EXAMINATION FEE

The recipients of a Japanese Government Scholarship do not need to pay the examination fee.

#### 5. 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 **February 7 to 8, 2022, 9:00 - 18:00 (JST)**. Detailed instructions relating to the interview process will be given to all applicants who have passed the application process.

#### 6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADMISSION RESULTS

All applicants will be informed of the results of the admission selection process by email on **March 2, 2022**.

#### 7. ADMISSION AND TUITION FEES

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 are used only for admission procedures, scholarship applications, and preparations 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) Paid application fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.

All inquiries are to be addressed to the GSGES administration office, as indicated on page 3.

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