

2026
APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION
TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL COURSE (ENTRANCE IN OCTOBER) OF
SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN SYSTEMS

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DESIGN, PLANNING, AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT STUDIES, KYUSHU UNIVERSITY

Those applying for the 2026 International Doctoral Course of Sustainable Architecture and Urban Systems, the Department of Urban Design, Planning, and Disaster Management, and the Department of Architecture, the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies at Kyushu University should observe the following procedures. The course will commence, October 1, 2026.

1. Departments and Admission Capacities

Department	Course Name	Admission Capacity
Department of Urban Design, Planning, and Disaster Management	International Doctoral Course of Sustainable Architecture and Urban Systems	Restricted number of Students
Department of Architecture		

2. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must not be citizens of Japan, and are required to satisfy one of the following qualifications.

- (1) Those who hold a Master’s degree, from an accredited institution in Japan, or will obtain a degree by the end of September, 2026.
- (2) Those who hold a Master’s degree, from an accredited institution outside of Japan, or will obtain a degree by the end of September, 2026.
- (3) Those who completed the program for a Master’s Degree through the United Nations University, or be a candidate to complete a Master’s Degree through the United Nations University by the end of September, 2026 according to the program established at the United Nations University by Extraordinary Law #1 Clause 2, passed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 1972, and in accordance to the agreement reached between the United Nations and Japan.
- (4) Those who are evaluated by the Kyushu University Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, through an Individual Screening of Requirements for Admission*, to have an academic ability equal to or surpassing that of individuals with a Master’s degree and who will be 24 years of age on or before October 1, 2026.

* Individual Evaluation of Requirements for Admission

Those who wish to apply in accordance with the above qualification (4) are required to undergo an individual evaluation of their academic ability, and therefore must first notify the Student Affairs Section Office of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University (refer to the "11. For More Information"). The completed documents must be sent or brought to the same Student Affairs Section Office by Friday, May22, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the results of this evaluation on Monday, June 1, 2026.

3. Application Period

Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 10, 2026, to Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Student Affairs Section Office of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University.

The Student Affairs Section Office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays. All documents submitted by airmail MUST BE RECEIVED by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Student Affairs Section Office will send you an e-mail acknowledging the receipt of your applications by Friday, June 19 2026. Please contact above office by e-mail if you do not receive acknowledgment e-mail on Friday, June 19, 2026.

4. Application Fee *Payment of the examination fee can be made from May 21, 2026.

- (1) All applications must be accompanied by a 30,000 Yen application fee.
- (2) Please choose one of the payment methods below. Payment must be received by Wednesday, June 17, 2026.
Applications will not be accepted until payment has been received.

* Applicants who are MEXT students don't have to pay Application Fee.

(3) Payment Methods

(A) Payment by Telegraphic Transfer

- All necessary expenses for the telegraphic transfer (commissions, shortages in transferred amount due to fluctuations in exchange rate, etc.) shall be borne by the remitter.
- In the case of a bank transfer within Japan, please put "3HE" (as the code for doctoral course) in front of the applicant's name in the bank transfer form.
- In the case of a bank transfer outside Japan, please write "Application Fee" in the space for "Purpose of Remittance", as well as the applicant's name, nationality and "3HE" (as the code for doctoral course) in the space for "Message to Payee" in the bank transfer form.

Bank	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Branch	Fukuoka Branch
Branch Address	ZIP code 812-0011 1-1-1, Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka, JAPAN
Account Type	Saving Account
Account Number	7119240
Account Holder	Kyushu University
Account Holder's Address	ZIP code 819-0395 744, Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka, Japan
SWIFT Code	SMBC JP JT

(B) Payment by Credit Cards, and Union Pay

- Payment can be made through Visa, Master Card, JCB and American Express, and Union Pay.
- Credit card payment can be made directly at <https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>
- Please refer to "KYUSHU UNIVERSITY How to make the Payment for the Application Fee by Credit Card, and Union Pay." for all details about paying with a credit card, and Union Pay.

(C) Payment at Convenience Stores (available only in Japan)

- Payment can be made at Seven Eleven, Circle K, Sunkus, Lawson and Family Mart.
- Please refer to "Credit Card Payments and Convenience Store Payments for Application Fee" for details of paying at convenience store, and <https://e-shiharai.net/> (available only in Japanese)

5. Documents to be submitted

Download all application materials from: <https://arch.kyushu-u.ac.jp/saus/how-to-apply/doctor/>

All applicants are required to send or bring the following documents to the Student Affairs Section Office of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies (refer to the "11. For More Information") during the application period.

- (1) Application Form for Admission/Educational Background (use provided forms)
Photographs for the Application Form should be 4cm x 3cm in size, include the upper body, wearing no hat/cap, and be taken within the last 3 months.
- (2) A certified copy in English or Japanese of Master's degree (or expectation of graduation).
- (3) A certified copy of official transcript in English or Japanese from graduate department of previous university or professional school.
- (4) An original copy of one of the following English proficiency test certificates, on which the test date is after June 18, 2024, for those whose native language is not English.
 - TOEFL Test Taker Score Report
 - TOEIC Listening & Reading Test Official Score Certificate
 - IELTS (Academic Module) Test Report Form*The Score Report or Score Certificate must be submitted either as an original, a notarized copy (including digital certification), or by direct delivery from the implementing agency (enclose a printout of the screen showing direct delivery). (In the case of direct sending from the implementing agency, the application should be sent directly to the

following address. In principle, the application must be received by the end of the application period, so please submit your application well in advance.)

•Direct delivery of TOEFL Score Report –

Please send to DI Code: C988 Kyushu University-Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies

•Other Score Report or Certificate than direct delivery of TOEFL Score Report –

Student Affairs Division (Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies)

744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka-City, Fukuoka 819-0395 JAPAN

Tel: 81-92-802-6362 e-mail: jbkkyomu1ed@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

- (5) A photocopy of the receipt or result page of the Application Fee for all payment methods described under (A), (B) and (C) in “4. Application Fee”. Refer to the relevant section for details.
- (6) A copy of the applicant’s master’s degree thesis
 - Master’s degree thesis is NOT NECESSARY for those applying in accordance with Qualifications for Application (4).
- (7) Summary of Master’s Thesis (use provided form)
 - The summary must be written in English on the provided form, and not exceed 2,000 English words.
 - This document is NOT NECESSARY for those applying in accordance with Qualifications for Application (4).
- (8) Research Proposal (use provided form)
 - Research proposal must be written in English on the provided form, and not exceed 2,000 English words.
- (9) Recommendation (use provided 2 forms)
 - Recommendations Form 1 must be written in English or Japanese by the Dean or head of the department or institution/employing body to which the applicant belongs/belonged.
 - Recommendations Form 2 must be written in English or Japanese by a supervising professor, a member of teaching staff or a supervisor in the employing body who has personal knowledge of the applicant.
- (10) Summary of Research Accomplishments (use provided form)
 - These documents are ONLY NECESSARY for those applying in accordance with Qualifications of Application (4).

6. Method of Assessing Applicants

All Applicants will be evaluated based on the submitted documents including recommendations. Applicants may be requested to take an oral examination if admission committee finds it necessary. All applicants will be informed whether it is necessary to take an oral exam by e-mail by Monday, June 29, 2026. The specific format of the oral exam will be notified individually.

7. Announcement of the Results

The results will be posted on【the Common Notice Board, in front of East Zone 1】, at 10:00am on Friday, July 31, 2026. In addition to above official announcement, results will be posted on the Graduate of School Human-Environment Studies website from 11:00am Japan standard time on Friday, July 31, 2026. <https://www.hues.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>
Only successful applicants will receive the admission notice by regular mail. Please note that telephone inquiries regarding examination results will be declined.

East Zone 1: 81 of the following map.

https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/f/47903/ITO_1_Eng.pdf

8. Date of Admission

October 1, 2026

9. Enrollment Procedures

All documents necessary for enrollment procedures will be sent to successful applicants around the beginning of August 2026 by mail.

Please complete enrollment procedures by the indicated dates.

(1) Registration period: From early to mid August 2026.

(2) Fees to be paid at time of enrollment: **Enrollment fee:** 282,000 yen

Tuition fee: 267,900 yen/semester (535,800 yen for an academic year)

Note: The above fees are subject to change. Such changes may occur without notice and will take effect immediately. The tuition fees are to be paid after completing the enrollment procedures.

10. Miscellaneous

- (1) Applicants can download application materials from the following homepage.
Download location: <https://arch.kyushu-u.ac.jp/saus/how-to-apply/doctor/>
- (2) In the case of submitting application documents by mail, applicants MUST send a scanned data (jpeg format) of the Application Form for Admission/Educational Background by e-mail to jbkkyomu1ed@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp first. Afterward, the original documents MUST be sent by express mail to the Student Affairs Section Office, Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies.
- (3) Please remember that changes to application documents cannot be made once they have been submitted.

11. For More Information

- (1) Contact Address
Student Affairs Section Office, Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University
744, Motoooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, 819-0395, jbkkyomu1ed@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
- (2) Homepage
International Affairs Department (<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en>)

Regarding the Use of Personal Information

- (a) Personal information provided for your application will be used exclusively for the University's screening process and the following purposes:
 - The names, addresses and other information of successful applicants will be used for enrollment procedures.
 - Test scores and other documents will be used to award scholarships.
- (b) Academic records and other personal information used in the screening process will be retained by the University and used for statistical purposes, but the individual names will not be given.
- (c) Personal information provided for your application will not be used for any other purposes or provided to a third party without your permission, except in cases stipulated in Article 18 and Article 27 of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.
- (d) Please read the following page to know the privacy policy of Kyushu University.
<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy/>
- (e) If false statements or forgeries are discovered in application documents, admission may be revoked retroactively even after acceptance or enrollment.