

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) Waseda University

The Special Admission for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program by China Scholarship Council (CSC)

Application Guide

<September 2024 Entrance>

[Ph.D. Program] [Special Research Students Program]

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<<Important Notes>>

① Read the application guide thoroughly.

The GSAPS Admissions Office will not answer any inquiries regarding the topics which are already explained in the application guide.

② Communicate well enough with your recommenders in advance to ask for your recommendation letters.

You need to send the "request" to your recommenders on the online application system (TAO) to ask them to submit the evaluations/recommendation letters for you.

We are not responsible for the trouble due to the lack of your communication with your recommenders.

3 Confirm whether you are duly in the right application form on the online application system before inputting/uploading your data.

Online Application Form is different by Language/Program/Admission Category.

Check carefully if there are any mistakes before finally submitting the online application.

The online application system can tentatively be saved by each section.

Please carefully check your input and uploaded files (whether most updated/appropriate content) before you finally submit the application. You cannot replace them after submission.

⑤ Be sure to complete your application by the application deadline.

The server will be very busy just before the deadline and it may take some time to submit your application. Please be careful and allow plenty of time to complete your application process. (You can complete the process by clicking the "Complete the Application" button on TAO. No need to wait for your recommenders to submit recommendation letters.) Please note that applications submitted outside the application period will not be accepted for any reason.

6 Check your e-mail account registered at the time of application regularly.

The GSAPS Admissions Office may contact you via e-mail, when necessary after you have completed your application. The GSAPS Admissions Office will not be responsible for any consequences caused by the applicants' failure to receive, read and/or reply to the messages sent from our office.

The GSAPS Admissions Office strictly checks whether you have neither falsified, fabricated, nor plagiarized the document(s), statement(s), or information submitted for your application.

If such a dishonest act is identified, the results of the entrance examinations become invalid.

Besides, submitted application documents/statements will not be returned.

International Studies Program Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University Admissions Policy

Focusing on the Asia-Pacific region, GSAPS seeks not only to conduct interdisciplinary research from the global and regional perspectives in the fields of regional history, politics, economics, industry, business management, society, culture and various international concerns, but also to deepen understanding of a growing Asia-Pacific region, and to mold future experts and researchers who can assume responsibility of the region's future.

GSAPS seeks students from both the domestic and international arenas, who are keen to learn and motivated to excel, and aim for a better future for the global society.

For our Ph.D. Program, GSAPS seeks candidates who have high-level of understanding and specialized knowledge in their field of research and aim to become specialists and researchers who can contribute effectively to global society, including the Asia-Pacific region.

In respect of admissions evaluation, on top of agreeing to the fundamental ideology of the Graduate School, GSAPS attaches great importance to the following three factors.

- 1. Understanding of the various global problems and the knowledge to identify and suggest solutions
- 2. Ability to think rationally and logically
- 3. Communications skills, including language ability required in globally

[NOTE]

Faculty of Waseda University including Waseda University Junior/Senior High School, Waseda University Honjo Senior High School and Art and Architecture School are not able to become a student of the University, although there are a few exceptions according to the university regulations. If you have any question, please ask the office of your affiliation.

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I. Overview

1. Time of Enrollment

September 2024 *undeferrable

2. Program for Application

[Ph.D. Program]

Degree Seeking Program (Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies)/ Duration: 36 months (3 years)

(Special Research Students Program)

Non-Degree Program at Ph.D. Program level / Duration: 6 or 12 months (half-year or one year)

* Note that special research students cannot obtain degrees at Waseda University.

3. Applicant Eligibility

To apply for this admission, applicants must meet both qualifications (1) and (2) for each program.

[Ph.D. Program]

- (1) Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program by China Scholarship Council (See below*), hereinafter abbreviated as CSC, and be nominated by their home university or other institutions based on the designated procedure by CSC, and intend to apply for a scholarship (国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」) from the CSC.
- (2) Applicants must have a master's degree, professional master's degree, or any equivalent degree, or are expected to obtain a master's degree by September 20, 2024. If applicants are enrolled in a master's and Ph.D. joint degree program, at least 2 years of attendance at their home graduate school is required before enrolling in Waseda University and they must be recognized to have academic ability equivalent to master's degree graduates.

Special Research Students Program

- (1) Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program by CSC (See below*) and be nominated by their home university or other institutions based on the designated procedure by CSC, and intend to apply for a scholarship (国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」) from the CSC.
- (2) Applicants must be enrolled in the doctoral program at universities inside China. If applicants are enrolled in a master's and Ph.D. joint degree program, at least 2 years of attendance at their home graduate school is required before enrolling in Waseda University and they must be recognized to have academic ability equivalent to master's degree graduates.
- * For eligibility criteria for The Special Admission for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program by China Scholarship Council(国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」), be sure to check the CSC website and confirm the requirements prior to applying to Waseda University. For those who reside in Japan, please contact the Embassy of People's Republic of China in Japan.

4. Screening Method

[Ph.D. Program]

The decision whether to accept or reject will be based on the comprehensive evaluation of both of the 1^{st} screening (Document screening) and the 2^{nd} screening (Online interview). Only the successful applicants of the 1^{st} screening can take the 2^{nd} screening.

- GSAPS Admissions Office does not accept submission of application documents in person.
- The contents of application documents once submitted cannot be changed.
- Documents will NOT be returned once submitted, regardless of any special circumstances on the part of the applicant.
- Even if the applicants choose Japanese as a medium of screening/thesis, interviewers may ask questions in English in the 2nd screening.

(Special Research Students Program)

The decision whether to accept or reject will be based on the all the required documents submitted.

5. Screening Schedule

*All the timeline (Date/Time) in this application guide indicates Japan Standard Time (JST).

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October 2 (Mon.) 9:00 October 6 (Fri.) 16:59, 2023 Conline application period> Applicants need to complete submission of all the necessary application documents during this "Online Application period", by following the median instructed in the prescribed application guide.			
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	<announcement 1<sup="" applicants="" for="" of="" successful="" the="">st screening></announcement>		
	Application numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the		
	GSAPS website.		
	[Ph.D. Program]		
November 8 (Wed.) 10:00,	Applicants who pass the first screening will be notified the details of the		
2023	second screening via e-mail.		
	【Special Research Students Program】		
	For successful applicants, 'Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance'		
	will be sent out. After receiving it, it is required to take the necessary		
	procedure.		
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Date specified by GSAPS	<second screening=""> 【Ph.D. Program】</second>		
between November 9 (Thu.) –	Online interview will be conducted for applicants of the Ph.D. program		
November 16 (Thu.), 2023	who pass the first screening.		
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	<announcement applicants="" for="" of="" screening="" second="" successful="" the=""> [Ph.D. Program]</announcement>		
November 24 (5::) 10:00	Application numbers of successful applicants for the second screening		
November 24 (Fri) 10:00,	will be posted on the GSAPS website.		
2023	'Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance' will be sent to the		
	successful applicants of Ph.D. program. After receiving it, it is required to		
	take the necessary procedure.		

- * Applicants are required to complete an application within the application period above and pass the designated screening of GSAPS even if they obtain a Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance from the research supervisor of their choice by contacting him/her in advance. Please note that applicants who do not pass the designated screening of GSAPS above will not be eligible to enter Waseda University with the CSC scholarship.
- * Applicants are <u>not allowed to apply for multiple graduate schools</u> within the Special Admission for Postgraduate Program by CSC.
- * In case applicants are enrolled in the first grade of Ph.D. program of Waseda University, please inquire of Center for International Education beforehand.

[Contact for CIE: TEL:03-3203-9806 E-mail:in-cie@list.waseda.jp]

* Applicants for this CSC program <u>are exempt from paying the screening fee</u>.

6. Project Research

Doctoral degree candidates are required to complete and submit their thesis to earn the Ph.D. degree. Besides the guidance from their advisors, candidates may also choose to take additional master's level courses for credit. Most students focus exclusively on their thesis, attending the project research seminars. Therefore, all the Ph.D. applicants are required to choose only ONE project research seminar/faculty fit to your own research field/interest from the list below available in this academic year and input it in the online application system by checking the information provided on the websites at the bottom of this page. The final selection of the project research takes into comprehensive consideration the student's research plan/desire and other documents presented during the admission process as well as interview result in the 2nd screening. *Available project researches are subject to change. If there will be any, we will notify on our website before the application period.

Project Research Seminars Available for September 2024 Entrance

Field/Area of Research	Name of Faculty	Project Research	
	AOYAMA, Rumi	Politics and International Relations of Contemporary Chir	
	HAYSE, Shinzo *Only for Special Research Students Program	Asia-Japan Relations in Modern History	
Area Studies	LIU-FARRER, Gracia	Self, Culture, Society under Globalization	
	MIICHI, Ken	Religion and Politics in Contemporary Southeast Asia	
	NAKAJIMA, Seio	Development and Prospects of Creative Industries in Contemporary Asia	
	BACON, Paul Martyn	Comparative Regionalism (Europe and Asia) XAvailable in English language only	
lotomosti on al	LEHENY, David	Culture, Identity, and Politics in the Asia-Pacific	
International	NABESHIMA, Kaoru	Industrial Upgrading in East Asia	
Relations	SETA, Makoto	Law & Organizations in International Relations	
	SHINOHARA, Hatsue	History of US-Japanese Relations, International History	
	UEKI, Chikako	International Relations and Security in Asia-Pacific	
	KATO, Atsushi	Economic Development and Governance	
	KATSUMA, Yasushi	Social Development and International Human Rights	
latamatianal	KIKUCHI, Tomoo	International Capital Flows and Economic Growth	
International	KURODA, Kazuo	Policy Analysis of Comparative and International Education	
Development/Policy Studies	MATSUOKA, Shunji *Only for Special Research Students Program	Environment and Sustainable Development	
	MITOMO, Hitoshi *Only for Special Research Students Program	ICT and Media Studies	

GSAPS Website (Project Research Seminar)	https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/admissions/project/
GSAPS Website (Faculty)	https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/faculty-en
Waseda University Researcher Database	https://w-rdb.waseda.jp/search?m=home&l=en
Waseda University Syllabus Search	https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en

II . Application Procedures

Applicants are required to submit the application documents as directed below during the application period. The deadline will NOT be extended under any circumstances.

(Application is accepted when submission of application documents on the online application system have been completed. Applicants are not required to pay the screening fee.)

Step 1 Download Prescribed Formats

Access our website and download the necessary documents. https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/admissions/format

Step 2 Create a New Account for Online Application

Application documents must be submitted through the designated online application system, "The Admissions Office (hereinafter TAO)". Access the link below and click "Account registration" to start preparing your application. https://admissions-office.net/en/portal



Create your account with <u>the legal name in alphabet</u> <u>written on your passport</u>. (If you do not possess a passport at the time of application, use the name in the certificate of family register or citizenship.)

After creating your TAO account, please find "Waseda University, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) / International Studies Program 【English-based program】Ph.D. Course: CSC Admissions" from the "Admission Schemes" menu. (If you choose to write the thesis in Japanese at GSAPS, please choose the form of 【日本語履修】for the appropriate admissions category.)

Follow the detailed instructions shown on the system and this Application Guide, when filling out or uploading the materials.

Application Period

(Open Period of Application System)

October 2 (Mon.) 9:00 – October 6 (Fri.) 16:59, 2023 (JST)

- By creating your account on TAO, you are deemed to agree to the "Terms of Use" and "Handling of Personal Information" designated by Samadhi Co., Ltd., the service provider of TAO.
- · You do not need to create the "Profile" in order to apply for this admission. The GSAPS Admissions Office does not use the information filled in this section. (You are required to input your personal information in "Applicant's Information" section of online application form.)
- There are a number of forms you must fill in to complete your application. You may start your application from any section, but you CANNOT press "Save and go to next" until you complete the sections marked " * ".
- It is very important that you check your registered e-mail account regularly, since the GSAPS Admissions Office may contact you concerning your application. Be sure to add our sending domain (list.waseda.jp) to your list of acceptable e-mail senders to ensure that you receive our e-mails. The GSAPS Admissions Office will not be responsible for any consequences caused by the applicants' failure to receive, read, and/or reply to the messages sent from our office.
- The terms on TAO are subject to change from that indicated in this application guide when you see in actual TAO form during application period due to TAO management system.

Step 3 Prepare Application Documents

- Application documents must be fully completed to be qualified for screening. Any insufficiency or imperfection
 in the submitted documents may lead to the unacceptance of your application or disadvantage to your
 screening.
- Online Application Form is different by language/program/admissions category you choose. If you choose English for your degree thesis, please select and input/upload your information to "Waseda University / Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) / International Studies Program / 【English-based program】 Ph.D. Course: CSC Admissions" on Admission Schemes. If you choose Japanese, please make sure to select "Waseda University / Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) / International Studies Program / 【日本語履修】博士後期課程:中国国家建設高水準大学公費派遣研究生 (CSC) 用" for the appropriate admission category.
- All documents should be issued in English or in Japanese unless otherwise instructed. For documents in other languages, upload copies of official translation in either English or Japanese along with the documents issued in the original language. Documents must be translated either by the issuing institution, translation agency or other appropriate office officially approved by the government.
- · Follow the instructions on the online system regarding the types of files (extensions) which can be uploaded.
- · Please be reminded that we may request additional documents if necessary.

No.	Documents	O: Required * if applicable	Reference
1	TAO Online Application Form	0	P.11
2	Copy of Passport (required only for non-Japanese)	*	P.11
3	ID Photo	0	P.11
4	Proof of Language Proficiency A) English Proficiency Test Scores: TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS (Academic) Or B) Japanese Proficiency Test Score: JLPT N1/EJU	0	P.12
5	Research Plan	0	P.12
6	Master's Thesis	0	P.13
7	Summary of Master's Thesis	0	P.13
8	Publications	*	P.13
9	List of Previous Publications	*	P.13
10	Certificate of Graduation/(expected) Completion/Degree	0	P.13
(1)	Certificate of Academic Transcripts and Grading Scale	0	P.15
12	Recommendation Letters	0	P.16
(13)	Copies of Both Sides of Residence Card (required only for non-Japanese who already possess the status of residence in Japan)	*	P.18

IMPORTANT

Successful applicants will be requested to <u>submit the authentic copies or their certified/notarized copies of the documents such as certificate of graduation/completion, academic transcripts, and language ability to the GSAPS Admissions Office at the time of entrance procedures. (*For details of <Certified/Notarized Copy>, see below.)</u>

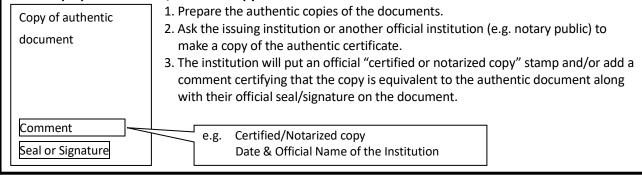
If the contents in the authentic copies or certified/notarized documents submitted after acceptance differ from the digital copies uploaded on the online application system, or if you are unable to submit authentic or certified/notarized documents, <u>your acceptance to GSAPS will be revoked.</u> Therefore, please be sure to <u>prepare and keep the authentic or certified/notarized copies of the documents to prove your graduation/completion/degree/academic records at your hand.</u>

*In case those who are expected to complete the graduate program at the time of application and pass the screening, they will be requested to submit the authentic copies of the certificate of completion and the final transcript issued after completion. For those who are expected to complete the graduate program in the universities in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau), they will be required to submit them by requesting CSSD to send directly to GSAPS.

<Certified/Notarized Copy>

If you are not able to submit the authentic copies of the certificates for some reasons, make sure to prepare certified/notarized copies. A certified/notarized copy means a copy of the document that has been deemed equivalent to the authentic document with an official seal from the issuing institution (e.g. university) or another institution (e.g. a notary public). The official seal or signature proves and certifies that the copy is true to the authentic ones. A simple photocopy is NOT acceptable.

<How to prepare a certified/notarized copy>



1 TAO Online Application Form

- Input the information of the applicant such as your profile/language proficiency/intended project research, etc., and also upload/input ②-③ described below.

After logging into TAO and clicking "+Start my application", start to input/upload your information by clicking each item among those listed at the left side of the screen.

*Please also refer to the page of "Help for applicants" (https://admissions-office.net/en/fag/top), if necessary.

2 Copy of Passport (required only for non-Japanese)

- Prepare digital file (png, jpeg, jpg or pdf) of the pages bearing your photograph, name, and passport number. If you do not have a passport at the time of application, upload the certificate of family register or citizenship.
- If you hold multiple passports, upload the data of all of the passports.
- Non-passport holders are recommended to apply for a passport soon to get a visa.

3 ID Photo

- Upload a color photograph taken within 3 months of the application (4:3 ratio, front view face, no hat, no background, no frame).
- Please make sure to upload an ID photo (Speed photos are acceptable). Snapshots or photos taken and printed by individuals using smartphones, etc. will not be accepted.
- Photos taken wearing scarves, sunglasses, etc. will not be accepted. However, if you wish to submit a photo of yourself wearing a medical or religious headwear, please contact us before your application.
- Please keep this photo data on hand since successful applicants will be asked to upload the same photo data also

at the time of entrance procedures. Please note that the photo to be uploaded at the time of entrance procedures will be used not only for the student ID card, but also for identification in several other entrance procedures and registered as your personal information for some web services inside the university.

4 Proof of Language Proficiency

Applicants are required to submit proof of language proficiency, but it depends on the language they choose for screening/their degree thesis at GSAPS or their mother language, etc. Therefore, carefully read the following instructions, prepare the appropriate language test score report/certificate (the original score report/certificate sent to the applicant by the test institution) and upload it to TAO.

* At the time of entrance procedures, successful applicants will be requested to submit to us the originals of the language ability certificate which they have uploaded to TAO. If the originals cannot be submitted, your acceptance to GSAPS will be revoked.

Applicants who choose English for screening/degree thesis writing at GSAPS

- For Native English Speaker: Proof of English language ability is not compulsory.
- For Non-Native English Speaker: Proof of English language ability as follows.
 Test score Report of TOEFL:iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition), TOEIC:Listening & Reading Test, IELTS:Academic or an official certificate that indicates English as the medium of instruction issued by one's home university *1
- *1: This certificate must officially state that the applicant is expected to graduate in/complete or has graduated in/completed a degree program entirely in English, issued by his/her home university.

 In case the applicant is expected to graduate in/complete or has graduated in/completed a degree program entirely in English in the countries which use English as the official language such as USA, UK, Australia, etc., the official certificate of (expected) graduation/completion and transcript by one's home university will serve as a proof of English language ability, and no need to submit the score of the English language proficiency test(s) and/or the certificate of the English medium of instruction.

Applicants who choose Japanese for screening/degree thesis writing at GSAPS

- For Native Japanese Speaker: Proof of English language ability (Refer to the above)
- For Non-Native Japanese Speaker: Proof of Japanese language ability as follows.

 Test score report of JLPT Level 1/N1 (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test), EJU (Japanese University Admission for International Students) 'Japanese as a Foreign Language' section or an official certificate of (expected) graduation/completion or transcript issued by one's home university in Japan*2
- *2: In case the applicant is expected to graduate in/complete or has graduated in/completed a degree program <u>at the universities in Japan entirely in Japanese</u>, the official certificate of (expected) graduation/completion and transcript by one's home university will serve as a proof of Japanese language ability, and no need to submit the score of the Japanese language proficiency test(s).

Notes:

- There are no specified valid period/minimum scores qualified for application.
- TOEFL-ITP and TOEIC-IP are acceptable (test scores taken at the examination sites conducted by institutions or schools only).
- TOEFL MyBest Scores are NOT acceptable.
- N1 result certificate <u>without scores</u> are NOT acceptable.

5 Research Plan

- Fill out the research plan in the designated format (Word file) downloadable from GSAPS website (URL is shown in the online application form TAO) concretely including the topics below (1,600 words or less in English, or 4,000 letters or less in Japanese), and upload it in PDF format.
 - 1. The central issue/theme or hypothesis you wish to research
 - 2. How you compare it to existing research (How is it different, how will it expand the current body of knowledge?)
 - 3. How you propose to approach it/what methods you intend to use
 - 4. Your future goals upon completion of the program

6 Master's Thesis

- Upload it in PDF format.
 - *If the Master's Thesis is not completed: Please submit a draft of the thesis.
 - *If a Master's Thesis is/was not required to obtain the Master's Degree: Please submit academic articles such as research / term papers, indicating that a Master's Thesis was not required. An outline of research / term papers is also required to submit in this case. The outline should be written according to the instruction described below "Summary of Master's Thesis".

7 Summary of Master's Thesis

- Upload it in PDF format.
- Applicants whose Master's Thesis is not completed are also requested to submit a summary of Master's Thesis. Applicants who submit academic article(s) instead are also requested to submit a summary of the academic article(s).
- *Must be completed in the language that applicants choose for screening/thesis in TAO.

If the submitted Master's Thesis was written in English or Japanese

- Summary written in English: 2,500 words or less in English (double-spaced)
- Summary written in Japanese: 6,000 letters or less in Japanese

If the submitted Master's Thesis was written in a language other than English or Japanese

- Summary written in English: 5,000 words or less in English (double-spaced)
- Summary written in Japanese: 12,000 letters or less s in Japanese

8 Publications (If applicable)

- If applicants have published any academic research/articles, etc., a maximum of two additional documents may be submitted.
 - *Only publications which do not infringe copyright are allowed to submit online.
 - *If you intend to send physical copies, please send them to our Admissions Office by postal mail with the trackable services. Please note that the publication will not be returned.

9 List of Previous Publications (If applicable)

- Submission of this form is optional. However, if applicants submit Publications above, this list describing their titles must also be submitted. Please complete it according to the instruction in the designated form (Word file) downloadable from GSAPS website (URL is shown in the online application form TAO) and upload it in PDF format.

(III) Certificate of Graduation/(Expected) Completion/Degree

- Upload the documents officially issued by your home university/certificate issuing institution/notary public.
- Those who submit a certificate of expected completion of graduate program and become a successful applicant must submit an official certificate of completion at the time of entrance procedures.
- The certificate of graduation/ (expected) completion must clearly specify <u>the date of graduation/(expected)</u> completion.
- In case the transcripts include the "Name of degree conferred" with its conferred date, no need to submit these documents.
- Applicants must submit official certificates of graduation/ (expected) completion and degrees conferred for all undergraduate and graduate schools attended.
- For applicants who are not able to prepare a certificate of expected completion due to the document issuing system, upload a letter issued by the school which you belong, mentioning this matter.
- If you have graduated/completed (or are expected to graduate/complete) a university/universities in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau), please refer to the following instructions.

Certificates required for applicants from Chinese universities (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau)

Applicants who graduated from/completed universities (including prospective graduates) in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau) are required to <u>arrange the following online verification report(s) from CSSD to be submitted to the GSAPS Admissions Office via email instead of uploading the certificate of graduation/completion and the degree certificate issued by the university.</u>

Graduates

Arrange the following 2 verification reports issued by CHSI (China Higher-education Information and Student Information) to be emailed directly from CSSD to the GSAPS Admissions Office (gsaps-admission@list.waseda.jp).

- For a certificate of graduation/completion:
 - "Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (English)"
- For a certificate of degree:
 - "Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate (English)"

Prospective graduates

Arrange the following 1 verification report issued by CHSI (China Higher-education Information and Student Information) to be emailed directly from CSSD to the GSAPS Admissions Office (gsaps-admission@list.waseda.jp).

• For a certificate of expected graduation/completion:

"Online Verification Report of Student Record (English)"

- Visit the CSSD website (https://www.chsi.com.cn/en) for more information.
- * Only reports (English version) sent directly from CSSD will be considered valid.
- * Verification reports must reach us by the application deadline. Be sure to prepare well in advance. Inquiries as to whether your verification reports have arrived will not be answered by the Admissions Office.
- * Even if those reports from CSSD arrive at the Admissions Office before the application period, we will accept.

① Certificate of Academic Transcripts and Grading Scale

- Upload the transcripts officially issued by your home university/certificate issuing institution/notary public and also a document which includes the information of the grading scale/system of the program in your university. If the transcript(s) bears the information of grading scale, you do not need to prepare additional documents. If not, prepare a photocopy of website, school profile, or any other official document issued by your university which certifies the grading scale/system.
- If academic transcript indicating GPA is available, submit it. Besides, in case you submit the transcript with GPA, upload the document of grading scale/system showing the maximum point of GPA.
- All courses taken at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels must be included in the academic transcript. If you are applicable to any of the conditions stated below, follow the instructions.
- Those who are expected to complete the graduate program at the time of application should submit the most updated transcript at that time. Then, those who were expected to complete the graduate program at the time of application and become successful applicants must submit a final transcript at the time of entrance procedures.
- There is no minimum GPA requirement for application.

Condition	Instructions
You have completed/enrolled in a graduate program after an undergraduate program.	Submit academic transcripts for both undergraduate and graduate programs.
You are a transfer student.	Submit both previous and current undergraduate academic transcripts. First input/upload the information of the previous university, later the current school in the column newly created by clicking "+Add Educational Background (Higher Education): Undergraduate /Postgraduate".
You have studied abroad in your undergraduate and/or graduate programs.	Submit the academic transcript issued by the host institution, if the credits earned at the host institution are accredited as required credits for the graduation but those details (e.g., number of credits, name of subjects, and grades) are not indicated in the official transcript issued by applicants' home university. If you already input/upload the information in the section of "Educational Background (Higher Education): Undergraduate /Postgraduate", do NOT have to fill the same information in the section of "Study abroad record". For the study abroad which is not counted for the graduation credits, do not have to upload its transcript, but just fill out the section of "Study abroad record" with name of school/department/major and time period you are enrolled.
You took a leave of absence/leave for military service.	Prepare a certificate issued by your home university/another public institution which confirms that the school had granted the leave, put it together with the transcript in one PDF file and upload it to the space of "Transcript".

If you have graduated/completed the universities in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau), it is preferred to arrange to send an English version of "Verification Report of China Higher Education Student's Academic Transcript" directly from CSSD to the GSAPS Admissions Office. However, in case that it is deemed difficult to make the transcript from CSSD reach the GSAPS Admissions Office within the application period, it is acceptable for the applicant him/herself to upload the transcript issued by the university to TAO.

- * Visit the CSSD website (https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/pvr/) for more information.
- * Verification reports must reach our office by the deadline of the application period. However, we accept the certificates sent by CSSD to reach us even before the application period. **Inquiries as to whether your verification reports have arrived will not be answered by the Admissions Office.**

12 Recommendation Letters

- Send the request to your recommenders for your evaluations/recommendation letters in "Recommendation Letters" section on TAO. The e-mail addresses of the recommenders to whom your requests are made should be official e-mail addresses with the domain of the recommenders' affiliated university/institution.
- Request evaluations/recommendation letters to <u>two different recommenders respectively</u>. As a basic rule, one of the two recommenders should be one who has supervised you and <u>should be well acquainted with your academic profile</u> (like a faculty member in your home university).
- Share 'Instructions for Recommenders' below with your recommenders. Ask your recommenders to input evaluations, upload recommendation letters and submit them on TAO following the instruction.
- Make sure to communicate well with your recommenders in advance. And request them (1) to use the letter form with the letterhead of the recommender's institution; (2) to sign the letter; (3) to write in English or Japanese.

'Instructions for Recommenders'

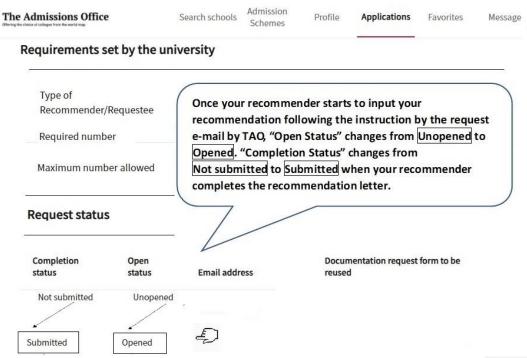
https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/assets/uploads/2021/12/Instruction for recommenders202209.pdf

Notes:

- E-mail address of your recommender must be the address with the domain of your recommender's institution. GSAPS Admissions Office does NOT accept any free e-mail addresses with the domain such as yahoo/gmail/qq, etc. or a personal provider e-mail address as your recommender's e-mail address.
- Recommendation letters submitted by any system or method other than TAO will be considered invalid. Contact the GSAPS Admissions Office if there is any problem.
- The GSAPS Admissions Office might contact the recommenders to verify the information on the form.
- Any falsification of documents/information will lead to the rejection of the application and other serious measures.

IMPORTANT

- You can send requests to recommenders before you complete other sections of the application forms. So, <u>it is</u>
 <u>recommended that you should send "Request" to your recommenders at the earlier time of application period, so that your evaluations/recommendation letters can be duly submitted by the application deadline.
 </u>
- You can complete/submit your online application, before your recommenders submit the evaluation and recommendation letters on TAO system. Please make sure to duly complete your online application within the application period.



Instructions for the Recommenders

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, uses an online application system, "The Admissions Office (TAO)". In order for our applicants to complete their applications, we would appreciate your cooperation with submitting "Recommendation Letter" online as instructed below.

1 Request E-mail from TAO

You will receive a request e-mail from TAO (no-reply@admissions-office.net), when our applicant sends a request for "Recommendation Letter" on the online application system. Please access the link provided in the e-mail to proceed.

【The Admissions Office】推薦状 Recommendation Letter 依頼のご連格 / Request for 推薦状 Recommendation Letter・

XXXX(8xxx.xx 様。
○○○さんから 早稲田大学 / 大学院アジア太平洋研究科 (GSAPS) / 国際関係学専攻 / [英語履修/English-based program]。

xxx Couse: xxxx Admission への出類にあたって 推薦状 Recommendation Letter の作成依頼が届いております。 ↓

推薦状 Recommendation Letter の提出締め切り日時は、202x/xx/xx 2359.00 です。 ↓

下記のリングからご確認がされ、。

You have received a request for 推薦状 Recommendation Letter for 早稲田大学 / 大学院アジア太平洋研究科 (GSAPS) / 国際関係学専工 / [英語履修/English-based program] xxx Couse: xxxx Admission from ○○○. ↓

推薦状 Recommendation Letter is due 202x/xx/xx 2359.00 ‡

Please access the following link and check the request. ↓

「作成依頼を確認する(Check the request) ↓

http://admissions=office.net/recommendars/sisn.in-*

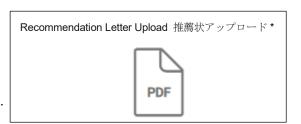
*Please add the sending domain (admissions-office.net) to your list of accepted e-mail senders to ensure that you receive the messages sent from TAO.

2 Create an account

Choose "Recommender/Requestees" tab and click "Account registration". Please <u>use the same e-mail address at which you have received the above request message</u>. (If you create an account with a different e-mail address from the one where you received the request, you cannot submit the recommendation.) A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you once you create a new account.

3 Complete "Recommendation Letter"

Click the applicant's request and enter required information either in English or Japanese. Please upload PDF file of the recommendation letter. If you successfully upload it, PDF icon comes on the screen. Then, click Save button. Your recommendation letter will NOT be disclosed to the applicant.



4 Submit "Recommendation Letter"

Complete to submit "Recommendation Letter" by clicking +Submit button. Please confirm that the completion status is changed from Please submit to Completed after you finalize your letter submission.

推薦者の方へ

The Admissions Office (TAO)は、早稲田大学アジア太平洋研究科が使用しているオンライン出願システムです。当研究科志願者が出願を完了できるよう、以下の手順をご確認の上、「推薦状」の作成にご協力願います。

① 依頼メールの受信

志願者がTAO上で推薦者に作成依頼を送信すると、TAO (<u>no-reply@admissions-office.net</u>)より推薦状作成の依頼が届きます。メール内のリンクからウェブサイトにアクセスしてください。※所定ドメイン(admissions-office.net)からのメール受信ができるように設定願います。

② アカウント作成

「推薦者/依頼受領者」タブの「会員登録」をクリックし、TAO のウェブサイトからアカウントを作成してください。メールアドレスは、推薦状作成 依頼を受け取ったメールアドレスと同一のものを必ず使用してください。依頼を受け取ったメールアドレスと違うメールアドレスの場合、推 薦状を作成することができませんのでご注意ください。アカウント作成後、登録確認のメールが送信されます。

③ 推薦状の入力

TAO にログイン後、対象の志願者欄をクリックし、日本語もしくは英語で必要項目をご入力ください。推薦状の PDF ファイルをアップロード後、画面に PDF マークが表示されたら適切にアップロードされていますので、保存するボタンを押してください。なお、入力した内容は志願者本人には公開されません。

4 推薦状提出

その後、+依頼書類を提出ボタンをクリックして、TAO への推薦状提出を完了してください。入力状況が入力済から提出済に変更されていことをご確認ください。

(13) Copies of Both Sides of Residence Card

(required only who already possesses the status of residence in Japan)

- If you are a domestic applicant, upload digital copies of both sides of your Residence Card. If you are renewing your period of stay, please upload a document certifying that you are in the process of renewal. If you do not have either of the above card/certificate, upload a digital copy of the passport page with your photo and all pages with personal information including your visa status.
- To enroll in Waseda University as a CSC student, you need to acquire a status of residence "Student". If you already have another status of residence that allows you to stay in Japan for a long period of time, you must change your status of residence to "Student". In this case, please contact the Waseda University Center for International Education immediately after arriving in Japan.

[the Center for International Education: TEL: +81-3-3203-9806, email: cie-zairyu@list.waseda.jp]

Step 4 Upload Documents and Complete Application

Section on TAO	Documents to be uploaded (* If applicable)	Checklist (* If applicable)	
Applicant's Information	 Copy of Passport* ID Photo Copies of Both Sides of Residence Card/Special Permanent Resident Certificate* 	 ☐ My name registered on TAO is the same as shown on my passport. When entering my name in alphabet, I made sure that my surname was all capitalized and only the first letter of my first name and middle name were capitalized. (e.g., WASEDA, Taro) ☐ I confirmed my e-mail address was correct. 	
Intended Project Research		$\ \square$ I selected my preferred Project Research/Faculty properly.	
	① Certificate of	 □ I listed up all the schools I attended since from primary school. □ I confirmed the information written on the certificate was correct (e.g., spelling of my name, date of birth, date of graduation, etc.). 	
Educational	Graduation/ (Expected)	☐ I uploaded the transcript with GPA (in case GPA was available).	
Background	Completion/Degree (1) Certificate of Academic Transcripts/Grading Scale	 I submitted grading scale/grading system. (In case of GPA transcript, submitted the grading system indicating full mark of GPA.) 	
		☐ Since I am from universities in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau), I completed the required steps for	
		submitting the certificates (see P.14/15). *	
		☐ I uploaded the score report of language ability test.	
Language Proficiency	Certificate of Language Proficiency	☐ I uploaded the certificate of English as a medium of instruction issued by my home university instead of English proficiency test scores. *	
	⑤ Research Plan	☐ I wrote the research plan in the language of my program within the designated length.	
		☐ I uploaded the master's thesis.	
	Master's Thesis	☐ I uploaded the most updated draft thesis, as I have not completed the master's thesis.*	
		☐ I uploaded the research paper, as I was not required to submit the master's thesis.*	
Research Plan/ Master's Thesis		 I wrote the papers in the language of my program within the designated length. 	
	Summary of Master'sThesis	☐ I uploaded the summary of draft thesis, as I have not completed the master's thesis.*	
		☐ I uploaded the summary of research paper, as I was not required to submit the master's thesis.*	
	8 Publications*	☐ I uploaded 1 or 2 publication(s) other than master's thesis.*	
	9 List of Previous Publications*	☐ I made the list as I submitted publications.*	
Recommendation	② Sending requests to recommenders for	\square My recommenders meet the requirements (see P.16).	
Letters	recommendation letters	☐ I communicated well with my recommenders in advance and duly requested them to submit the recommendation letters on TAO.	

I have authenticated/certified copies of my application documents which are ready to be submitted once I am accepted into GSAPS.
I attached official translations to the documents written in languages other than English or Japanese. (see P.10)
I completed my application by pressing "Complete my application" button by the deadline.
I checked my application status changed from "Application in progress" to "Application completed" on TAO.

Attention!

The server will be very busy just before the deadline and it may take some time to submit your application. Please be careful and allow plenty of time to complete the application process. Please note that <u>applications submitted</u> <u>outside the application period will not be accepted for any reason.</u>

Step 5

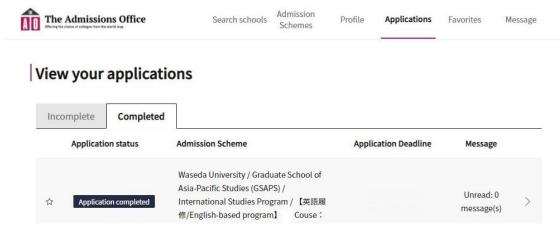
Announcement of Application Number and Screening Result

1. Application Number

After the application period, all applicants whose application documents are accepted will get their application numbers on TAO by themselves on/after the date/time below.



① After you log in TAO, click your submitted "Admission Scheme" from "Completed" tub of "Applications" menu.



②On the screen after you click the name of your submitted admission scheme, you will find your application (examinee) number as shown below:

Examinee number: XXXXX

2. Screening Result Announcement Schedule and Methods

The screening results will be announced as follows:

Screening Results

https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/admissions/results

	November 8 (Wed.) 10:00, 2023 (JST)	
First Screening Result Announcement	【Ph.D. Program】 Applicants who pass the first screening will be notified the details of the second screening via e-mail. 【Special Research Students Program】	
	For successful applicants, Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance will be sent out. After receiving it, it is required to take the necessary procedure.	
	November 24 (Fri) 10:00, 2023 (JST)	
Final Screening Result Announcement	[Ph.D. Program] Application numbers of successful applicants for the second screening will be posted on the GSAPS website. Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance will be sent to the successful applicants of Ph.D. program. After receiving it, it is required to take the necessary procedure.	

IMPORTANT The GSAPS Admissions Office will not answer any inquiries with regard to the reasons for the results and/or details of the screening via e-mail, by telephone, in person, or by any other means.

<u>Procedures after receipt of Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance</u>

Flow until final selection as the recipient of CSC scholarship 国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」.

<u>Schedule</u>	China Scholarship Council (CSC)	<u>Applicants</u>	Waseda University
Mid-March through late- March, 2024 (TBA)		① Applicants selected as candidates will submit a Letter of Conditional Consent of Acceptance issued by Waseda University to their home university in China and complete an online application for the CSC scholarship 国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」.	
June 2024 (TBA)	② CSC will officially select 国家 建设高水平 大学公派研 究生项目 「与日本早 稻田大学会」 scholarship recipients.	③ Applicants who were officially selected as recipients of the 国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目 「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」 will send their scholarship certificates* issued from the CSC to Waseda University. *You must submit both a) and b) below. a) Certificate in English b) Certificate in Chinese stating that you got accepted to 「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」	4 Based on the result of CSC's selection of scholarship recipients and by receiving the scholarship certificates sent from applicants, Waseda University will finally select and inform the enrollment procedures to officially accepted applicants.

Step 6 Entrance Procedures

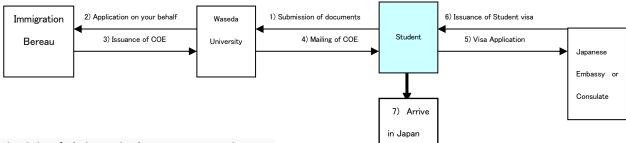
1. Procedure for Acquiring the Status of Residence "Student"

If you do not have a valid long-term status of residence, please refer to the process below to acquire one. Waseda University will apply for a "Certificate of Eligibility (COE)" at Tokyo Immigration Bureau on behalf of the students who live overseas.

Application by proxy

- 1) You send the required documents for a COE application. For details on the required documents for application are sent to you from the graduate school in which you are admitted.
- 2) Waseda University applies for a COE at Tokyo Immigration Bureau on your behalf.
- 3) Waseda University receives a COE from Tokyo Immigration Bureau.
- _4) Waseda University sends the COE to you.
- 5) You apply for a student visa at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your country.
- 6) You receive a student visa.
- 7) You go through the immigration at airport, acquire a status of residence "Student", and arrive in Japan.

Visa Acquisition Process 1) \rightarrow 2) \rightarrow 3) \rightarrow 4) \rightarrow 5) \rightarrow 6) \rightarrow 7)



Schedule of 1) through 4) COE Proxy Application

Students who enter the university in September 2024	Period	
1) You send application documents to Waseda University.	June 2024	
2) Waseda University makes an application at Tokyo	July 2024	
Immigration Bureau on your behalf.		
3) COE is issued.		
4) Waseda University sends the COE to you.	August - September 2024	

5) and 6) Application and Acquisition of Student Visa

After obtaining the COE, apply for a student visa at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate by submitting the application documents designated by the Embassy, your passport, and the COE. For the details of documents required for application for the student visa, directly contact the Embassy or Consulate at which you will apply. The Certificate of Admission is sent from Waseda University with the COE.

7) Acquisition of Status of Residence "Student"

Come to Japan carrying the COE and student visa and acquire a status of residence "Student". You must arrive in Japan within three months after the COE is issued.

2. Submission of Entrance Procedures Documents

Those who are officially accepted to the programs will be required to submit the entrance procedures documents by the deadline. Besides, please be reminded that <u>at the time of entrance procedures successful applicants are</u> required to submit the original copies for the materials uploaded at the time of application.

Details will be provided by the Admissions Office after the final recipients are determined. Please note that the entrance period cannot be postponed or changed.

III. Special Notes

1. Special Accommodation

If you expect to require special care during the entrance examination or after entering the university due to a disability or serious medical condition, etc., please contact the GSAPS Admissions Office at Waseda University immediately. In addition, contact us if a serious injury or illness is expected to affect your ability to take the entrance examination. Please contact us immediately even if you find yourself in such situation after submitting your application.

2. Handling of Personal Information

Waseda University utilizes applicant information (addresses, names, dates of birth etc.) collected at the time of application in order to carry out operations such as the entrance examination, announcement of the screening results, and entrance procedures. We will take necessary and proper measures to protect such information from leakage, disclosure, or unauthorized use. All or part of the above operations may be outsourced to an agency. In such case, the agency will be contractually required to maintain necessary and proper management. The University may inquire about the authenticity, etc., of documents, materials, theses, and information, etc. submitted to the University (hereinunder, "Submitted Related Documents") by providing said Submitted Related Documents to the issuers, providers, theses review entities, etc. By submitting or providing the Submitted Related Documents to the University, the applicant agrees to the University's right to make such inquiries. In addition to the above, please note that the personal information may be used as materials for studies and researches to improve our entrance examinations. The information will be statistically processed to prevent any individuals from being identified.

3. Dishonest Act

Waseda University has established the following precautions to ensure that the entrance examination is conducted in a strict manner, and that all applicants may take the examination fairly and impartially.

Please read these precautions carefully before taking the entrance examination and approach the examination with the appropriate attitude of seriousness.

- (1) Any falsification, misrepresentation, plagiarism, etc., of documents, materials, or information submitted to the University at the time of application may be considered as misconduct.
- (2) Doing any of the following may constitute misconduct.
 - 1 Bringing in or referring to the materials not to be permitted
 - ② Gaining answers from others during the examination (interview)
 - ③ Not following instructions from the examination (interview) supervisors
 - Pretending to be an applicant and taking the examination (interview) for the applicant
 - ⑤ Conducting other acts impairing the fairness of the examination (interview)
- (3) In case misconduct is suspected, the University may respond as follows. Failure to comply with these actions may be regarded as an admission of wrongdoing.
 - The University may inquire about the authenticity, etc., of documents, materials, theses, and information, etc. submitted to the University (hereinunder, "Submitted Related Documents") by providing said Submitted Related Documents to the issuers, providers, theses review entities, etc. By submitting or providing the Submitted Related Documents to the University, the applicant agrees to the University's right to make such inquiries.
- (4) The following actions may be taken in the case of confirmed misconduct.
 - The applicant will not be permitted to take any entrance examination of the University in the relevant year

 The results of all entrance examinations of the University for the relevant academic year shall be null and void.

If, after enrollment, a student is found to have committed misconduct, he/she may be subject to a range of disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University, in accordance with the University's rules and regulations.

4. Exemption clauses

Please review the following material carefully so that you will know what to expect during the Waseda University Admissions Exam.

◆Unforeseen problems that are beyond human control

In cases of unforeseen circumstances that are beyond human control, such as a natural disaster (e.g., typhoons, earthquakes, flooding, tsunamis) and/or accident, such as fire, power failure, and so on, measures including delaying the start or end of the exam or postponing the exam, etc. may be taken. However, in such an event, we will bear no responsibility for any resulting inconvenience, expense, or other personal loss that the examinee may incur.

5. Policy Statement on Gender and Sexual Diversity

For the purpose of administering entrance exams in an efficient manner and carrying out admission procedures, Waseda University collects information regarding your gender on legal documents. The information is collected only when the reason is deemed reasonable, and these cases are limited to a minimum. The information does not affect the screening result.

https://www.waseda.jp/inst/diversity/news/2020/04/21/8631/

At Waseda University, people of diverse individualities, whether because of their nationality, gender (limited not only to men and women, but ranging across a wide spectrum of gender identities), disabilities, or any other aspect of their being, coexist. The university aims to create an academic community that will respect the point of view of each individual. In this academic community, everyone will be able to engage in their studies and in education, research, and work in a way that will open the door to new possibilities; and this will result in the further development of the university.

For more information, please visit the website of Gender and Sexuality Center at Waseda University. https://www.waseda.jp/inst/gscenter/en/

6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Please visit the following website, for further information regarding admissions and details of the school. https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/admissions/faq

7. School Expenses, Scholarships, etc.

- (1) If the applicants are not selected as recipients of the CSC「与日本早稻田大学合作奖学金」, they will result in nullification of their acceptance by Waseda University.
- (2) The students who were accepted by this program are exempt from the entrance fee, tuition, and miscellaneous fees during the period enrolled in Waseda University (Doctoral Program for a maximum period of 36 months, Special Research Students Program for a Maximum period of 12 months).
 - * Note: Tuitions and fees for non-degree subjects/courses which are not considered as basic requirements for completion of graduate school programs (Japanese language subjects etc.) are not covered.
- (3) You cannot apply for both a scholarship offered by Waseda University and a scholarship offered by other institutions including the Japanese Government.
- (4) Living expenses and the round-trip air ticket are provided to the successful recipients by the CSC.
- (5) Waseda University will provide the information for the accommodation in Japan, but the students have to arrange accommodation in Japan and pay the rent by themselves.

(6) This program will only be granted to those whose status of residence is "College Student" during the period enrolled in Waseda University.

◆For your information: List of Language Proficiency Tests

Japanese Language Proficiency Test

* Japanese Language Proficiency Test

By Japan Education Exchanges and Services/Japan Foundation

[Taking exam in Japan]

Tel. 03-6686-2974 URL. https://www.jlpt.jp/e/index.html

【Taking exam outside Japan】

URL. https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/overseas list.html

* Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

By Japan Students Services Organization

Tel 0570-55-0585 URL. https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/index.html

English Language Proficiency Test

* TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

By ETS: Educational Testing Service

【Taking exam in Japan】

Tel.03-6204-9830 URL. http://ac.prometric-ip.com/common contents/academic reg en.html

[Taking Exam outside Japan]

URL. http://www.ets.org/toefl/

* TOEIC: Test of English for International Communication

Taking exam in Japan

By The Institute for International Business Communication

Tel. 03-5521-6033 URL. https://www.iibc-global.org/english.html

[Taking Exam outside Japan]

By ETS: Educational Testing Service

URL. http://www.ets.org/toeic

* IELTS: International English Language Testing System

By The British Council

Taking exam in Japan

URL. https://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/exam/ielts

URL. https://www.eiken.or.jp/ielts/en/

[Taking Exam outside Japan]

URL. https://www.ielts.org