

# Application Guidelines for the 2020 Thesis Competition of the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics

In 2020, the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics is holding its 21<sup>st</sup> Thesis Competition for theses on a wide range of subjects submitted by regular students of the School of Political Science and Economics, the Graduate School of Political Science, and the Graduate School of Economics. Not only will successful candidates be presented with awards, but the best theses will also be published in a journal. Those interested in applying should submit their theses in a timely fashion. Successful candidates may be required to revise their thesis after the announcement of the results.

## 1. Eligibility

All regular students of the School of Political Science and Economics, the Graduate School of Political Science, and the Graduate School of Economics are eligible. Candidates fall into one of two categories: the “School Division” and the “Graduate School Division.”

## 2. Theme of Thesis

Political Science, Economics, Global Political Economy, Public Management, Journalism, and similar themes.

Candidates fall into one of two categories: the “Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement” and the “Category of History, Philosophy, and Other.”

## 3. Candidate Status

Candidates may be either individuals or groups from seminars, as long as they fulfill the requirements of “1. Eligibility.”

## 4. Period and place of Thesis Submission

• Period for submission: November 6 (Fri.) ~ December 2 (Wed.), 2020, until 17:00 (JST)

• Please submit the thesis via the following channel:

WasedaMoodle >>”早稲田大學政治經濟學會論文コンクール” (Thesis Competition of the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics) >> “2020年度 早稲田大學政治經濟學會論文コンクール” (2020 Thesis Competition of the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics)

## 5. Thesis Details

1) The length of the thesis should be 10,000~30,000 Japanese characters or 3,250~9,750 English words, printed double-sided and horizontally on 5~15 pages of A4-sized paper, with each page containing approximately 40 characters × 30 lines (or the equivalent in English).

① Charts are counted as part of the total characters/words. (A chart is taken to be equivalent to 500 characters or 175 words).

② A standard font should be used.

③ Charts should not exceed 20% of the whole thesis.

④ Please note that if the character/words limit is substantially exceeded, the thesis will be deemed ineligible.

⑤ Pages should be numbered in the middle at the bottom.

2) Submit one digital version of the thesis. (This is nonreturnable.)

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- Please ensure that the title indicates the thesis title and the name of the author (or the representative of the authors, if the thesis is submitted by a group).

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- Please ensure also that the title of the file of the electronic data indicates the thesis title and the name of the author/representative.

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※ **Please ensure that the attached files are no more than 30MB in size and that the contents are included in one PDF file in the order of summary followed by thesis.**

#### 6. Awards for Theses and Writers

- 1) One or two 学会優秀賞(Award of Excellence) and several 学会佳作 (Award of Honorable Mention) will be awarded to the authors of the best entries.
  - The winner(s) of the Award of Excellence will be presented with JPY 50,000.
  - The winners of the Award of Honorable Mention be presented with JPY 30,000.
- 2) The theses of those given the Award of Excellence and the summaries of those given the Award of Honorable Mention will be published in a journal.
- 3) The award ceremony is scheduled to be held at the beginning of the graduation ceremony on March 25, 2021.

#### 7. Notes

- 1) References must be listed at the end of the thesis. Such points as which documents have been quoted or referred to, which resources have been used, etc., must be indicated.  
※Information on author, title, year of publication, publishing firm, and pages must be provided.  
(For example : 大隈梓 『政治経済学入門』 早稲田書房 20XX 年, p. xx.)
- 2) Add footnotes if necessary  
※For further information on the format of references and footnotes, please refer to the “早稲田政治経済学雑誌” (Waseda Political Science and Economics Journal).  
※Please ensure that the number of pages of the thesis does not exceed the limitations stated above, even though the characters/words of footnotes are not counted.
- 3) Data fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism of others' works are strictly prohibited.
- 4) If you would like to refer to theses for the 2019 competition, please visit the SPSE Office.

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