

2026 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL COURSE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (Ph.D.Course) (ENTRANCE IN OCTOBER)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT STUDIES, KYUSHU UNIVERSITY

Those applying for the International Doctoral Course in Educational Studies, Department of Education, Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies at Kyushu University should observe the following procedures. The course will commence, October 1, 2026.

1. Department and Admission Capacity

Department	Course Name	Admission Capacity
Department of Education	International Doctoral Course in Educational Studies	Restricted number of Students

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 Division 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 Division by Friday, May 22, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the results of this evaluation on Monday, June 1, 2026.

[Documents to be submitted for a Separate Screening Process for Entrance Qualification]

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (9) in "5. Documents to be Submitted"

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 Division of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University.

The Student Affairs Division 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 Division 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. In addition, considering of international postal conditions, applicants may submit all application documents via email to the Student Affairs Division, prior to sending by airmail.

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.

(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 Master’s 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 Master’s course) in the space for “Message to Payee” in the bank transfer form.

Bank	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation [三井住友銀行]
Branch	Fukuoka Branch [福岡支店]
Branch Address	ZIP code 812-0011 1-1-1, Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka, JAPAN [福岡県福岡市博多区博多駅前1丁目1番1号]
Account Type	Saving Account [普通預金]
Account Number	7119240
Account Holder	Kyushu University [九州大学]
Account Holder’s Address	ZIP code 819-0395 744, Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka, JAPAN [福岡県福岡市西区元岡744]
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, 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

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

However, before your application, you are advised to get permission of acceptance by your prospected supervisor in advance. Please refer to “12. Prior Contact before Application” in details.

(1) Application Forms 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
- IELTS (Academic Module) Test Report Form

*The Score Report or Score Certificate must be submitted either as an original, a certified 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

- Certificate of Graduation and Transcript from a Postgraduate Master's Program Completed Abroad
 - Other Score Report or Certificate than direct delivery of TOEFL Score Report –
Student Affairs Division (Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies), Kyushu University
744 Motoooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka-City, Fukuoka 819-0395 JAPAN
Tel: 81-92-802-6362 E-mail: jbkkyomu1ed@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
- (5) Research Proposal (use provided form)
 - Research proposal after admission must be written in English on the provided form, and not exceed 2,000 English words.
 - (6) 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.
 - If you haven't written your Master's thesis, you don't have to submit it.
 - This document is NOT NECESSARY for those applying in accordance with Qualifications for Application (4).
 - (7) A copy of the applicant's Master's degree thesis
 - If you haven't written your Master's thesis, you don't have to submit it.
 - Master's degree thesis is NOT NECESSARY for those applying in accordance with Qualifications for Application (4).
 - (8) 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.
 - (9) 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 and interview. All applicants will be informed to take an oral exam. 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 (Ito Campus, Kyushu University), at 10:00am on Friday, July 31, 2026.

In addition to above official announcement, the results will be posted on the Graduate School of 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. Admission Period

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 mid to late 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 website.

Download location: <https://www.hues.kyushu-u.ac.jp/candidate/application/>

(2) In the case of submitting application documents by mail, applicants MUST send a scanned data (PDF 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 Division, 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 Division, Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University
744 Motoooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, 819-0395, JAPAN
jbkkyomu1ed@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

12. Prior Contact before Application

If you would like to be enrolled this Course, you must get permission of acceptance by your prospected supervisor in advance.

(Faculty members of the International Course in Educational Studies)

Professor	EDWARD VICKERS
Professor	KIMURA TAKUYA
Associate Professor	CHEN SICONG
Associate Professor	SEVILLA-LIU ANTON
Associate Professor	HANAI WATARU

Please refer to the URL below for details on how to contact your prospected supervisor.

<https://www.hues.kyushu-u.ac.jp/eng/admission/#section04>

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.

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How to make the Payment for the Application Fee by Credit Card, Union Pay.

24 hours a day, 365 days a year, you can pay anytime! Easy, Convenient and Simple!

You can pay the Application Fee by using Credit Card, Union Pay.



Access

<https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>



Online Transaction

1. Top Page

Click "Examination Fee".

2. Terms of Use and Personal Information Management

Please read the Terms of use and Personal Information Management.
Click "Agree" button located in the lower part of this page if you agree with these terms.
Click "Not agree" button located in lower part of this page if you do not agree with these terms.

3. School Selection

Select "Kyushu University (Undergraduate Schools)" or "Kyushu University (Graduate Schools)."

4. School Information

Read the information carefully and click "Next".

5. Category Selection

Choose First to Fourth Selection and add to Basket.

6. Basket Contents

Check the contents and if it is OK, click "Next".

7. Basic Information

Input the applicant's basic information.
Choose your credit card and click "Next".

Paying at Credit Card

Input Credit Card Number (15 or 16-digits), Security Code and Expiration date.

All of your application information is displayed. Check and Click "Confirm".

Click "Print this page" button and print out "Result" page.

Paying at Union Pay

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the card payment.

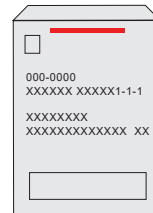
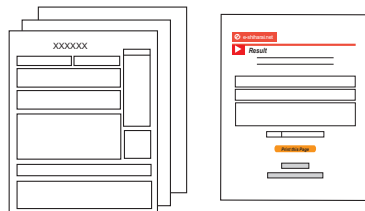
Please click the "Application Results" button in the upper part of this site (e-shiharai.net).

Please write down the "Receipt Number" given when you complete your application, and enter your "Payment Method", "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date". Please make sure your printer is ready.

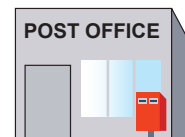
Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

Enclose the printed "Result" page in an application envelope with other necessary application documents.

Necessary application documents



Mail it via post



[NOTICE/FAQ]

- You can make a payment anytime, during the payment period mentioned in the application instructions.
Please refer to the application instructions and complete payment in time.
- Please complete payment by 11:00 pm Japan time, on the last date of the payment period.
- Please note that refund is not possible once you have made a payment of Application fee.

- A fee is added to Examination fee. For further info, please visit our website.
- It is possible to use a card which carries a name different from that of the applicant. However, please make sure that the information on the basic information page is that of the applicant him/herself.
- If you did not print out "Result" page, you can check it later on Application Result page. Please enter "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date" to redisplay.
- Please directly contact the credit card company if your card is not accepted.

For questions or problems not mentioned here, please contact:

E-Service Support Center Tel : +81-3-5952-9052 (24 hours everyday)

October 2026
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TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL COURSE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT STUDIES, KYUSHU UNIVERSITY

Examinee No. *1	
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Name		
Sex (Check)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Attach photograph (4cm x 3cm) of upper body, facing the camera with no hat/cap, taken within the past 3 months. </div>
Current Student Number*2		
Date of Birth	Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ (Age: _____)	
Nationality		
Most Recent Educational Background	University: _____ Graduate School: _____ Department: _____ Course: _____ Subject: _____ Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Completion (Expected)	
Title of Bachelor's Thesis		
Current Address	Postal Code () Tel: ()	
E-Mail		
Preferred Supervisor	Name of your preferred supervisor: _____ (Date of prior consultation YYYY /MM /DD)	

*Notes:*1 Do NOT fill in the Examinee No. space.

*2 This item only applies to students currently enrolled at Kyushu University.

October 2026 Screening for the International Doctoral Course in Educational Studies

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
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SUMMARY OF MASTER'S THESIS

Please write in no more than 2,000 English words.

Examinee No. *1		Name	
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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

This research proposal must not exceed 2000 words in English.

Examinee No. *1		Name	
Research Topic :			

Notes: If more space is needed you may use next page as necessary.

*1 Do NOT fill in the Examinee No. space.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kyushu University Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies

Name			Male	Examinee No. ^{*(1)}	
Date of Birth	Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ (_____ Years Old)		Female		
Desired Department	Department:		Course:		
Current Occupation	Title		Name of Organization		
<p>Titles of applicant's published academic papers, books, research presentation at academic societies, panel discussions, international conferences, patents, and inventions.</p>		<p>Title, volume number, issue number, year of academic journals of the academic papers (for articles in print or currently being submitted, please include a note to that effect). Titles and dates (month, day, and year) of all the presentations at academic societies, panel discussions, and international conferences.</p>		<p>Author(s) (list all authors, including the applicant's name, in the order listed on each document)</p>	

*Notes: (1) Do NOT fill in the Examinee No. space.
 (2) For all published academic work, please include the actual work or a copy.
 For all public presentations of research, please include a summary or abstract.

