

**Department of Integrated Global Studies (IGS)  
School of Integrated Arts and Sciences**

**Overseas Entrance Interview Examination for International Applicants in July  
For Admissions in April 2024**

**Main Points of Application Guide**

(For details, please refer to the application guide, scheduled to be released in April 2023 on the IGS Homepage.)

Notice of Change for Applicant Selection Process, etc. due to the influence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Hiroshima University may change the examination schedule, applicant selection process, application requirements, etc. due to the influence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In the case of change, Hiroshima University post a notice on the website. Please make sure to check the Hiroshima University website (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/nyushi>) regularly.

### 1 Number of Students to be Admitted

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(Note) The number of students to be admitted in the Overseas Entrance Interview Examination for International Applicants in July will be included in the number of students to be admitted in the Overseas Entrance Interview Examination for International and Japanese Applicants in November.

### 2 Application and Selection Schedule

The times and dates on this document are based on Japan Standard Time (JST).

Application and selection process	Date
Application period	From June 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023
First selection	Document screening
Announcement of the first selection results	July 14, 2023
Final selection	Time and date specified by the university between July 26, 2023 and July 28, 2023
Announcement of the final selection results	August 4, 2023
Enrollment date and start of the semester	April 1, 2024

### 3 Admissions Policy

See the application guide to be released in April 2023.

### 4 Application Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following **Requirements 1 to 3**.

#### Requirement 1: Nationality

Applicants must have a nationality other than Japanese at the time of application. Persons who have a Japanese nationality at the time of application cannot apply for this examination.

## Requirement 2: Educational Qualifications

Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions:

- (1) Persons who have completed, or who are expected to complete 12 years of school education in a country other than Japan by March 31, 2024, or those possessing equivalent academic qualifications specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (Note 1).

(Note 1) Those possessing equivalent academic qualifications specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology means that you meet any one of the following qualifications from a to e:

- a. Persons who will be at least 18 years old by March 31, 2024, and who have, in a country other than Japan, passed or are expected to pass a nationally recognized academic qualification test certifying that the applicant has academic ability equivalent to a 12-year school education curriculum (including examinations equivalent to national examinations; the same shall apply in the next item).
- b. Persons who have completed, in a country other than Japan, a school curriculum that is equivalent to that of senior high school level (including those who have passed an examination in the said country that is recognized as an academic qualification test that certifies the applicant has an academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of those who have completed such a curriculum), and who have, by March 31, 2024, completed, or who are expected to complete a pre-university preparation education curriculum required for admission to universities in Japan, which is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, or other preparatory curriculum consisting of education relating to subjects required for admission to universities in Japan and training at facilities separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- c. Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, completed, or who are expected to complete, in a country other than Japan, a school curriculum that is equivalent to that of senior high school level, which is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (only if the completion of the curriculum is considered comparable to the completion of an 11-year or more-year school curriculum in the said country, and the curriculum satisfies other requirements specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).
- d. Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, completed, or who are expected to complete, a curriculum at an educational institution established in Japan within the scope of the educational system of a foreign country, that is equivalent to the curriculum of schools that correspond to high school level in the said country (only if the completion of the curriculum is considered comparable to the completion of a 12-year school curriculum in the country's educational system).
- e. Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, completed, or who are expected to complete, a curriculum at an educational institution established in Japan within the scope of the educational system of a foreign country, that is equivalent to the curriculum of schools that correspond to high school level in the said country (except if the completion of the curriculum is considered comparable to the completion of a 12-year school curriculum in the country's educational system), and who have completed the preparatory education curriculum specified in item b above.

(Note 2) **Persons who have attended international schools and American schools may not be eligible to apply, or it may take time to confirm their application eligibility.** For this reason, they should inquire about their eligibility as early as possible before April 28 as they may need to apply for the individual review by Hiroshima University described in (7).

- (2) Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, obtained, or who are expected to obtain, the International Baccalaureate qualification granted by the International Baccalaureate Organization, which is a foundation established in accordance with the Swiss Civil Code.

- (3) Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, obtained, or who are expected to obtain, the Abitur certificate, recognized as the qualification for admission into a university by the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (4) Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, obtained, or who are expected to obtain, the Baccalauréat diploma, recognized as the qualification for admission into a university by the Republic of France.
- (5) Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, obtained, or who are expected to obtain, the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A Level), recognized as the qualification for admission into a university by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- (6) Persons who have, by March 31, 2024, completed, or who are expected to complete, a 12-year education curriculum in a school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) headquartered in California, the United States of America; the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) headquartered in Colorado, the United States of America; the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) headquartered in Massachusetts, the United States of America; or the Council of International Schools (CIS) headquartered in South Holland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- (7) Persons who have been recognized through an individual review by Hiroshima University as being equivalent to or higher than a high school graduate in scholastic activity, and will be at least 18 years old by March 31, 2024. (Note 3)

(Note 3) Persons whose academic background falls under (7) must apply for an individual review by Hiroshima University from May 8, 2023 to May 12, 2023. For details of the individual review, see the application guide to be released in April 2023. Persons who are not sure of their application eligibility should contact IGS before April 28.

### Requirement 3: English Language Requirements

Applicants must satisfy one of the requirements noted in the following items 1 through 9.

Those who are unable to take the English Language Proficiency tests below due to influence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) must contact the IGS before April 28.

email: [igs-application@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:igs-application@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)

1. Cambridge English	160 or above in overall score The eligible tests are described below: B1 Preliminary, B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2 First, B2 First for Schools, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency
2. EIKEN	A passing Pre-1st grade or above EIKEN CSE score is not used for this application. The eligible tests are described below: The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency (Conventional type), EIKEN S-Interview, EIKEN S-CBT
3. GTEC (CBT Type only)	1180 or above
4. IELTS™ (Academic Module)	5.5 or above The eligible tests are described below: Paper-based IELTS (Academic Module), Computer-delivered IELTS (Academic Module), IELTS for UKVI (Academic Module)
5. TEAP (4 skills)	Test of English for Academic Purposes 309 or above
6. TEAP CBT (4 skills)	Test of English for Academic Purposes Computer Based Test 600 or above
7. TOEFL iBT®	72 or above TOEFL iBT®, TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, and TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition scores from a single test date is accepted. My Best™ scores is not accepted.
8. TOEIC®	TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test and TOEIC® Speaking & Writing Tests 1560 or above (This score is determined by multiplying your S&W score by 2.5 and adding your L&R score) TOEIC-IP is not accepted.

9. Persons who satisfy either one of the following two requirements:
- a. Persons who have undertaken three years or more of their secondary education (Senior high school, Junior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction; or
  - b. Persons who are taking or have taken the International Baccalaureate Diploma with English as the language of instruction.

## 5 Application Procedures

Complete the following procedures (1) to (3) within the application period stated below.

- (1) Input of application data into our internet application system
  - (2) Payment of application fee\* through our internet application system
  - (3) Submission of application documents through registered mail
- \* Application fee (JPY 17,000) + Processing fee (JPY 900)

## 6 Application Periods

**From June 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023, NO LATER THAN 17:00 (Japan Standard Time)**

See the application guide for the details.

## 7 Application Documents

Submit the following documents A to F within the application period.

- Document A: Personal Statement
- Document B: Educational Background
- Document C: Document to Prove Your Application Eligibility
- Document D: Document to Prove Your English Language Proficiency
- Document E: Academic Transcripts and Test Results
- Document F: Copy of Passport

### (IMPORTANT)

1. In principle, application documents must be originals, unless otherwise designated. For certificates and other documents that cannot be reissued, submit a certified copy\*<sup>1</sup> instead of the original document, because none of your submitted application documents can be returned.

\*<sup>1</sup>A copy certified by an official organization (preferably an organization, such as a school, that issued the said document) as true to the original, and on which the said organization has placed its official seal

2. Documents serving as certificates written in a language other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by a Japanese or English translation. Please attach an official translation with the translator's name, contact information and signature or official seal for documents\*<sup>2</sup>. The translations are accepted only when they are made by the organization that issued the said document, a translation company, or a qualified translator\*<sup>2</sup>.

\*<sup>2</sup>Except for the documents attached to the Personal Statement 3 (Additional Information) form (Document A).

3. If the applicant's present name is different from that written on the application documents due to a name change or other reasons, please provide a copy of official documents, such as an official copy of the applicant's family register, issued by an official institution, to prove that the applicant is the same person as the person indicated on the documents submitted.

### **Document A: Personal Statement**

Submit all the "Personal Statement 1", "Personal Statement 2" and "Personal Statement 3 (Additional Information)" forms.

On the Personal Statement 1 and 2 forms, write essays on two topics, which will be presented in the application guide.

On the Personal Statement 3 (Additional Information) form, indicate whether you have any documents that prove your accomplishments and achievements. When you have such a document or documents, write the title and a brief explanation of the document(s) on the form. Then submit the form with the relevant documents attached (photocopies are accepted). Please classify all the documents under a maximum of five categories (e.g. volunteer work, speech contests, and so on).

\*Examples of documents that can prove your accomplishments and achievements

If you have an experience of winning a prize in an English speech contest or other activity, taking proficiency examinations in foreign languages other than English, studying abroad, or participating in events such as the Science Olympics or other contests or competitions at national and higher levels, submit the documents that prove your participation and/or results in such events.

**Document B: Educational Background**

Submit the completed specified form for your Educational Background (1/2) and (2/2).

**Document C: Document to Prove Your Application Eligibility**

Submit this document to prove your application eligibility by completing the following applicable items (1) through (7). If you are scheduled to obtain your eligibility document by March 31, 2024, submit an official statement to certify your status. For details, see the application guide to be released in April 2023.

Application Eligibility [Educational Qualifications]	Application Documents
(1)	Certification of completion of a 12-year curriculum
(2)	International Baccalaureate Diploma
(3)	Certificate granted to those who have the Abitur qualification
(4)	Baccalauréat diploma
(5)	Document to show GCE-A Level examination results
(6)	Certification of completion
(7)	Copy of the review results sent from Hiroshima University

**Document D: Document to Prove Your English Language Proficiency**

Applicants should submit any one of the certificates noted in the following items (1) through (9). If applicants have more than one score, choose only ONE of the following tests.

Only certificates obtained after April 2021 are valid, regardless of the specific expiration dates of scores, etc.

- (1) Cambridge English
- (2) EIKEN
- (3) GTEC (CBT Type only)
- (4) IELTS™ (Academic Module)
- (5) TEAP (4 skills)
- (6) TEAP CBT (4 skills)
- (7) TOEFL iBT®
- (8) TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test and TOEIC® Speaking & Writing Tests
- (9) Applicants who meet one of the following conditions (a or b) are NOT required to submit score certificates of external English proficiency tests to prove their English language proficiency. Alternatively, submit the English Language Requirement Confirmation Form (prescribed form):
  - a. Persons who have undertaken three years or more of their secondary education (Senior high school, Junior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction. Those who have undertaken their secondary education in a country other than Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom or the United States should additionally submit a document that proves that English is the primary language of instruction at school (e.g., certificate issued by the high school attended by the applicant); or
  - b. Persons who are taking or have taken the International Baccalaureate Diploma with English as the language of instruction.

**Document E: Academic Transcripts and Test Results**

If the applicant has the certificates or other documents specified in both (E1) and (E2) below, submit the documents of both types. If the applicant does not have the certificates or documents specified in (E2), it is sufficient to submit the documents of type (E1) only.

**(E1) Academic Transcripts**

Application Eligibility [Educational Qualifications]	Application documents	Description
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	Academic transcript	Submit the original or a certified copy of your full transcripts. <u>The transcripts must contain all courses taken for the last three years of your secondary education issued by your school(s).</u> Furthermore, those who have attended the pre-university course need to submit the certificate of grades for this course.
(6)	Academic transcript from an international school which has been accredited by an international evaluation organization	Submit the original or a certified copy of your full transcripts. <u>The transcripts must contain all courses taken for the last three years of your secondary education issued by your international school,</u> which also includes a clear statement that the school has been accredited by an international accreditation organization (WASC, ACSI, NEASC or CIS) designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. If the academic transcript does not clearly state that the school has been accredited by an international accreditation organization (WASC, ACSI, NEASC or CIS), submit a separate document to prove that the school has been accredited by any of the above organizations.
(7)	In cases when further documentation is necessary, applicants will be informed regarding the results of their previously submitted documents, and also regarding which further application documents will be required for submission.	

(Note) If you cannot submit the document (E1) —or if you are unsure of the content of document (E1)— please send an email inquiry to the IGS (address: [igs-application@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:igs-application@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)) as early as possible.

**(E2) Mandatory or standardized test results to enter the university**

Applicants who have taken the following mandatory or standardized national tests must submit the original or a certified copy of the examination result certificates.

**a. Mandatory or standardized national test results to enter the university, or to complete a 12-year school education curriculum**

- International Baccalaureate: final examination results certificate of six subjects
- Abitur: results certificate of the Abitur
- Certificate of the results of the Baccalauréat
- Standardized tests for university admission in the relevant country/region (e.g. China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, etc.)

**b. Standardized test result certificates**

- SAT Subject Test \*
- ACT \*
- EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students) \*, etc.

\* Applicants can submit a copy of the score report.

**Document F: Copy of Passport**

Submit a copy of the page(s) that contains the applicant's name, nationality and photograph of his/her face. If the applicant does not have a passport, he/she must submit a copy of an official document that certifies his/her nationality.

## 8 Applicant Selection Process

Applicants are selected through the first and final selections.

### (1) First selection

The screening is done based on application documents (personal statement (Document A), document to prove your English language proficiency (Document D), and academic transcripts and test results (Document E)).

### (2) Final selection

The applicants who have passed the first selection will be interviewed in English via the Internet. The interview examination will be held on the **time and date specified by the university between July 26, 2023 and July 28, 2023**. The details will be sent via email individually only to applicants who have passed the first selection.

## 9 Announcement of the Selection Results

(1) Announcement of the first selection results                      At 12:00 on July 14, 2023 (scheduled)

(2) Announcement of the final selection results                      At 12:00 on August 4, 2023 (scheduled)

The selection results can be seen on the UCARO website (No announcement will be made on our official website).  
Inquiries by phone or other means about the selection results will not be accepted.

## 10 Enrollment and Tuition Fees

a. Enrollment fee    JPY 282,000

b. Tuition fee (full-year)                                  JPY 535,800

- The enrollment fee, once paid, will not be returned under any circumstances.

- **In the case of tuition revision during enrollment, students will be required to pay the revised tuition fee.**

\* **The above amounts are valid as of January 2023.**

**Successful applicants will be notified separately about the actual fees to be paid and specific payment methods.**

## 11 Scholarships

### (1) IGS Scholarship

Applicants who possess a nationality other than Japanese and have “Ryugaku” student visas, including those who have initiated the application process are eligible for the IGS Scholarship.

### (2) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship

Applicants who are not reside in Japan and will come to Japan to enroll in IGS will have an opportunity to apply for a Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students awarded by JASSO.

## 12 Pre-Enrollment Education

IGS will provide pre-enrollment education materials to all successful applicants in order to prepare them for the subjects they will study within the program.