

2026 Academic Year
Hiroshima University Graduate School of
Integrated Sciences for Life

The Program of Life and Environmental Sciences
(Master's Programs)

Student Application Guideline

[Special Selection for International Students]

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HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Student Application Guide

Hiroshima University Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life, the Program of Life and Environmental Sciences (Master's Programs)

Based on its Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, this program expects to admit students as described below.

Students who:

1. Have a broad interest in the life science fields from the molecular level to whole environments and ecosystems, and who wish to acquire basic research abilities for a specific field and to learn the theories and methods of understanding and utilizing these abilities from a comprehensive perspective supported by related expertise and skills;
2. Wish to understand various problems existing in life science and environmental science, and to solve them in cooperation with organizations outside the university and the international community;
3. Wish to play an active role as a generalist who covers areas outside life science and environmental science without being constrained by their own expertise;
4. Have acquired a command of English at the level of completing an undergraduate of university course or higher;
5. Have acquired abilities at the level of completing an undergraduate of university course or higher regarding knowledge, attitude, and skills related to their desired specialized fields; and
6. Have acquired common sense and ethical standards as a working member of society.

In order to admit such individuals, this program selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

I. Number of Students to be Admitted

Major	Number of Students Admitted
Integrated Sciences for Life	Several

II. Application Eligibility

Non-Japanese who are currently not a resident in Japan, and who meet, or expect to meet by March 31, 2026, one of the following requirements; individuals who:

- (1) Are University graduates in Japan.
- (2) Have received a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) based on paragraph 4, article 104 of the School Education Act (Act 26 of 1947. Hereafter referred to as the "Act").
- (3) Have completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country.
- (4) Have taken remote education course provided by a school located in a different country while living in Japan to complete 16 years of formal schooling of said foreign country.
- (5) Have studied at an educational institute in Japan designated by the educational policies of a foreign country as providing university courses of said foreign country (only those courses upon whose completion the individual is recognized, by the educational policies of said foreign country, as having completed 16 years of formal schooling) and is specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Hereafter referred to as the "Minister"), and have completed such courses.
- (6) Have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country's government or a related institution, or have been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and graduated from a program that requires 3 or more years to complete (Includes graduating from a program implemented by the relevant overseas school while living in Japan through distance learning, as well as graduating from a program implemented by an educational facility established with the relevant overseas country's school education system and has received the designation mentioned above).

- (7) Have completed, after a date specified by the Minister, a professional course provided by a higher vocational school (only those courses that satisfy Ministry criteria, including the requirement that the term of study be at least 4 years) that is specifically designated by said Minister.
- (8) Have been designated by the Minister (including individuals who have graduated from universities as defined in the old University Directive, acts of incorporation and organizational directives of different government agencies, or laws governing independent administrative agencies).
- (9) Were admitted to a graduate school based on the provisions of paragraph 2, article 102 of the Act, and were subsequently recognized by Hiroshima University Graduate School as having adequate academic abilities to study at the graduate school (individuals who skip grades to be enrolled in another graduate school, and subsequently wish to apply for this program).
- (10) Are at least 22 years of age and recognized in an individual review of admission eligibility carried out by the relevant Graduate School of Hiroshima University as having academic ability equivalent to or greater than that of a university graduate.
- (11) Have studied at a university for at least 3 years (including those who are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and have earned credits recognized by the relevant Graduate School of Hiroshima University with high marks.

Note: A person applying under admission requirement (9) - (11) above must first contact the Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “Support office”), and submit the specified documents by October 31, 2025.

III. Application Procedure

1. Submission Procedure

All applicants must obtain consent from their desired academic advisor in advance to apply for the Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life. After that, applicants are required to apply using “online application system”, and send the necessary documents.

(Partially online application hereinafter referred to as “online application”)

Online Application

- 1) Enter your personal information.
- 2) Pay the application fee, 30,000 yen.
- 3) All application documents must be either sent by mail or delivered in person.

Note: Online application, entering necessary information on the website and paying the application fee, is the initial registration process, and doesn't mean the completion of the application procedure. The application procedure wouldn't be completed without sending all the necessary application documents by the due date. Be sure to send all the necessary application documents to the Support office (see IX. Reminders(3)). Application documents must arrive within the specified period at the support office. Fully paper-based application without registering online application cannot be accepted in this graduate school.

(1) Application time period:

Applicants must complete all of the above procedures (from 1 to 3) within the application period October 15, 2025 to December 19, 2025.

(2) Online Application

◆Online Application and UCARO Help Desk (Japanese Speaking Only)

Service Hours: 10:00 - 18:00 (Except from December 30 to January 3)

TEL +81-3-6634-6494

<https://user-support.ucaro.net/hc/ja/requests/new>

○ About unclear points regarding the entrance examination, ask Support office (see IX Reminders (3)).

Opened: 8:30 - 17:00 (closed in Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays)

Complete the following 8 steps during the application period. Complete the following 8 steps during the application period.

Step 1: Access the Internet Application System.

Access the following web page:

Hiroshima University's Admission Information
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku/>

**Step 2: Select the item "Registration for UCARO" on the login screen of UCARO.**

Account registration for UCARO (free for charge) is required for application.

Hiroshima University uses the system of UCARO for checking the applicant's number and processing a part of admission procedure for the applicant who will pass the entrance examination. Refer to the following URL for UCARO: <https://www.ucaro.net/>

Step 3: Input your account information.

The applicant must ask Support office(see IX. Reminders(3)) to obtain the 8 digits of alphanumeric characters and input them.

Step 4: Input the information regarding the application in the Internet Application System.

Follow the instruction shown on the screen to input your name, address, etc.

Step 5: Upload your photograph.

Follow the instruction shown on the screen to upload the digital data of your photograph (File format: JPEG). It is not allowed to submit the photograph via mail.

Step 6: Pay the entrance examination fee of 30,000 yen.

Select either of the following payment method on the "Input Payment Information" screen:

1. Credit card: VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club
 2. Convenience store: 7-ELEVEN, Lawson, MINISTOP, Family Mart, Daily Yamazaki, and Seicomart
 3. ATM of a financial institution [Pay-easy]
 4. Net banking
- (Caution)
- The applicant have to pay the charge for use of the Internet Application System (1000 yen per application) in addition to the entrance examination fee.
 - The entrance examination fee once paid will not be returned for any reason after the application is accepted.
- In either case of the following items (1) and (2), the entrance examination fee once paid will be returned after deducting the transfer fee. We will mail the form of the "Refund Claim" for refund of the examination fee. Fill in the required information such as the "application number," "name in kana letters," "name," "phone number," "address," "payee account information," and "reason of refund claim," imprint your seal on the form, and mail the form to Support office(see IX. Reminders(3)) before February 27, 2026.
- The charge for use of the Internet Application System will not be repaid for any case.
- (1) The applicant does not submit the application documents or the application documents are not received.
 - (2) The payment of the examination fee is duplicated.

Step 7: Complete the registration of the application information.

Write down the application number of 6 digits that is shown on the screen.

Step 8: Deliver or mail the application documents.

All application documents must be either sent by registered mail to the support office. If you submit the application documents directly to Support office, application documents are accepted from 8:30 to 17:00 on a weekday. Please note that the office is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and national holiday. In the case of submission via mail, the documents must be sent in a registered mail and reach us no later than December 19, 2025. The documents that will be received after the date shall be accepted only when it is postmarked no later than December 12, 2025.

Indicate the phrase "Application documents for Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life, Program of Life and Environmental Sciences are enclosed" in red on the front surface of the envelope.

(3) Submit Applications to:

Support office (for contact information, see IX. Reminders(3))

(4) Others

- i. Changes in application materials after submission will not be allowed.
- ii. Application materials will not be returned.

- iii. Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/or academic fraud will result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing the examination or admission.
- iv. If an applicant cannot graduate from the university before the admission date, he/she will lose the eligibility to enter our graduate school in this session.

2. Documents to submit

Document Type	Remarks
※Personal History	Use provided forms
※Academic Transcript	Must be the originals or certified photocopies issued by the President or Dean of the university from which you have graduated
※Certificate of Graduation or Certificate of Expected Graduation	Must be originals or certified photocopies issued by the President or Dean of the university from which you have graduated. If you are a university graduate, please ensure that the certificate includes information about your degree. If you are a graduate or a current student of a university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please obtain the following document by requesting it at “中国高等教育学历证书查询(CHSI)” (http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp). Also, be sure that the online verification is available as of January 6, 2026(Tue). • <u>Applicants who have graduated</u>: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表) • <u>Applicants who are expected to graduate</u>: Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告) Please note that applicants must pay the issuing fee for the Online Verification Report by themselves. Graduates also submit an original or certified copy of “毕业证书 (Certificate of Graduation)” and “学士学位证书 (Bachelor Diploma)”.
Research Proposal	Use provided forms A detailed research proposal and the summary of your research achievement until the time of application written in Japanese or English
※Two Letters of Recommendation	1. Recommendation from the head of an institute 2. Recommendation from either an academic advisor or another teaching staff member concerned with applicant's major

- i. ※ denotes that documents written in a language other than English or Japanese must be translated into Japanese or English, with submission of both the original and translated documents.
- ii. Applicants who have taken any Japanese or English proficiency tests, such as TOEFL®, TOEIC® or JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test), are requested to submit their scores.
- iii. Applicants who have taken GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) are requested to submit their scores.
The institutional code for Hiroshima University International Programs on GRE is 2358.

The Master's Degree Program requires international students to reach a satisfactory level of proficiency in Japanese language or English language since all classes are held in Japanese or English.

3. Advance Consultation for Reasonable Accommodation in Studying

Applicants with physical disabilities, etc. who require accommodations in studying must submit an application form for advance consultation (no prescribed form), containing the following information:

- (1) Consulting and submission deadline: October 31, 2025
- (2) Information required:

- i. Applicant's name, mailing address, and phone number
- ii. Name of the university or institution that you graduated from, and name of the supervisor you wish to study under at Hiroshima University
- iii. Type and degree of the disability (A doctor's statement or a copy of physical disability certificate is required)
- iv. Accommodation requirements after admission
- v. Accommodation requirements that were provided in your previous university or institution
- vi. Explanation of how the disability affects your everyday life

IV. Admission

Date of the entrance examination : A day specified by the head of the Program between November 10, 2025 and January 6, 2026

Selection is based upon a comprehensive evaluation of transcripts, research proposal and other submitted documents. Also, we might do an interview by the Internet. Details of the interview will be announced individually by mail to the applicants.

All successful applicants are notified of the selection result by email on January 16, 2026. No telephone inquiries.

V. Admission Expenses

Admission fee: 282,000 yen

Tuition fee (annual): 535,800 yen (267,900 yen for the first semester)

Notes: 1) The admission fee will not be refunded, without exception.

- 2) Applicants will be required to pay the new tuition fee if the fee is revised. In addition, the amount of the fees listed above is as of April 2025.
- 3) The Student Support Office will inform accepted applicants separately of the details of admission procedures which are required during the designated period in the middle of March 2026.
- 4) Hiroshima University has a system of half or total exemption of admission or tuition fees for those with difficulties in paying admission or tuition fees due to economic reasons (admission fees may either be exempted or deferred). Those who would like a payment exemption or deferment should apply for this system. Applicants are ranked according to need based on household income, and waivers are granted accordingly within the budget so that, depending on necessity, the applicants may receive a waiver for all or half the tuition fees or no waiver at all.

VI. Handling of Personal Information Included in Your Application

The information you provide in the application form and other forms (name, date of birth, gender and other personal information) is used for the purpose of admission selection, exam result notification, and admission procedures. After admission, the information is used by Hiroshima University for the purpose of student affairs (scholarship applications, tuition exemption applications, etc.). This information will not be used for other purposes or provided to entities outside Hiroshima University.

VII. Application for Disclosure of Exam Results (Personal Information)

Application for disclosure of the Program of Life and Environmental Sciences -held entrance exam information pertaining to an individual can only be made by the individual who took the program's entrance exam.

Contact the Support office (for contact information, see IX. Reminders(3))

VIII. Student Dormitory

See the Student Dormitory website for application.

(https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/explore_hu/life/residence)

IX. Reminders

- (1) Please discuss the substance of your research with the professor under whom you wish to study before applying. Preliminary consultations have no impact on selection.
(<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/ilife/research/life-and-environmental-sciences>)
- (2) Hiroshima University has established the university's Rules on Security Export Control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students, etc. Therefore, please be advised that International applicants may be unable to receive their desired education or conduct their desired research due to the restriction by the above regulations.
- (3) Please contact the Support office below for any questions regarding the exams.

Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences
(Contact for inquiries only about Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life,
Program of Life and Environmental Sciences)
1-7-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima
739-8521 JAPAN
Tel: +81-82-424-6316
Email : souka-gaku-sien@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

X. Others

Smoking is prohibited entirely in all HU campuses from January, 2020.