

**October 2027 Admission**

**Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences  
(Master's Course)**

# **Application Guide**

**Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable  
Development (Hiroshima University - University of Graz)**

## **◆General Selection for Joint Degree Programs**

**[for Applicants who choose Hiroshima University as the entrance university]**



**September 2026**

**Hiroshima University**

**\*These guidelines are for applicants who wish to enroll at Hiroshima University as their entrance (home) university in October 2027. Please note that applicants who choose the University of Graz as their entrance (home) university cannot apply using these application guidelines.**

### —What is the Joint Degree Program?—

The Joint Degree Program is an academic framework in which multiple universities collaborate to design a shared curriculum and award a single degree jointly upon completion. Hiroshima University offers a Joint Degree Program in collaboration with the University of Graz, focusing on the theme of Sustainability Studies (Sustainable Development).

Students enrolled in the two-year master's program spend one year studying at Hiroshima University and one year at the partner university (University of Graz). Upon successful completion, graduates are awarded a jointly conferred Master of Science degree.

Participants in this program benefit from advanced education that leverages the expertise of each institution while experiencing diverse cultures and academic environments. This unique structure helps students naturally develop language skills and intercultural competence, broadening their global perspective.

The degree jointly awarded with the partner university upon completion of the program is expected to be highly regarded for further studies and career opportunities both in Japan and abroad. Another key feature of this program is the opportunity to build valuable networks through interactions with international students and faculty members.

## Joint Degree Programs at Hiroshima University

### Majors Offered

- Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences (Master's Course)  
Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University – University of Graz)

### Partner University

University of Graz (Austria)

### Curriculum & Degree

- Two-year Master's program: one year at Hiroshima University and one year at University of Graz
- Joint supervision by faculty members from two universities (Hiroshima University and University of Graz)
- Upon completion, students are awarded a joint Master of Science degree conferred by both institutions

### Program Highlights

This program combines the strengths of Hiroshima University, which offers courses focused on development economics and public policy and the University of Graz, which specializes in business and management aspects of sustainable development. Through this collaboration, students develop the ability to conduct research and practical work using a social science-based approach.

### Admission Quota

2 students.

### Language of Instruction

English

*\*For language proficiency requirements, please refer to the next page (Important Notes Before Application “Language requirements”).*

### Financial Support

Students enrolling at Hiroshima University as their home university are eligible for the following financial support:

- **Application Fee:** Waived (Applicants to these programs are exempted from the ¥30,000 application fee.)
- **Admission Fee:** Waived (Admitted students are exempt from the ¥282,000 admission fee.)
- **Tuition Fee:** Students with outstanding academic performance may receive a full tuition waiver (annual tuition: ¥535,800, up to 2 years): See Note1.
- **Scholarship:** Students admitted to the program will receive the *Hiroshima University International Joint Degree Program Scholarship* (Endowed Scholarship) of **¥200,000 per semester**.

Note1: Criteria for Tuition Waiver Based on Academic Performance

First Year: Applicants who are recognized as academically outstanding based on

- (1) the transcript submitted at the time of application (with a GPA of 2.3 or higher on a 3.0 scale (\*)) and
- (2) entrance examination results.

Second Year: Students whose first-year GPA is 2.3 or higher on a 3.0 scale (\*).

(\*) [Reference] Method for Calculating the Academic Performance Coefficient:

$$\frac{(\text{Number of "Excellent" credits} \times 3) + (\text{Number of "Good" credits} \times 2) + (\text{Number of "Fair" credits} \times 1) + (\text{Number of "Fail" credits} \times 0)}{\text{Total registered credits}}$$

Note2: Although students move between Hiroshima University and University of Graz on a semester basis, those admitted through this entrance examination are not required to pay admission or tuition fees to University of Graz.

 **Student Mobility** \*For students whose home university is Hiroshima University

The program starts in **October**, and students spend one year at Hiroshima University and one year at University of Graz during the two-year curriculum.

| LOCATION OF STUDY                  |                                      |                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> semester<br>(fall) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester<br>(spring) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester<br>(fall) | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester<br>(spring) |
| Hiroshima University<br>(HU)       | University of Graz                   | University of Graz                 | Hiroshima University<br>(HU)         |

◆ Important Notes Before Application

Please consult in advance with your prospective academic supervisor. (For details, please refer to the list of faculty members on pages 8.)

**[Language requirements]**

Applicants must submit scores from the IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge EFL or TOEIC® and meet the English proficiency requirements defined below(※), if their native language is not English and if they do not have a bachelor's or master's degree from a program that is taught in English.

(※)English language proficiency requirements

- IELTS Academic – 6.5 overall or above (with a minimum score of 6.0 in writing)
- TOEFL iBT – 95 or above (tests taken until 20 January 2026) / iBT 5 (tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards);
- Cambridge EFL (English as a Foreign Language) Applicants should have one of the following two certificates :
  - Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)) (minimum 180 points);
  - Cambridge C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)) (minimum grade C).
- TOEIC® Public Test L&R or TOEIC®-IP L&R: A score of 945 or above

◆ Admission Schedule

|                                  | Time line                                                  | Note                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Application Period</b>        | November 4, 2026 – November 17, 2026<br>(JST, must arrive) | by postal mail                                                                        |
| <b>Entrance Examination</b>      | November 24, 2026 – December 8, 2026                       | Document screening including research proposal, and oral examination conducted online |
| <b>Announcement of Admission</b> | December 18, 2026 (scheduled)                              |                                                                                       |

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(Towards a smoke-free campus)

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

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.

## **I. Admissions Policy**

### **Admission Policy of Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences**

The Master's Course of the Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

1. A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, a high level of knowledge and research skills in the humanities, social sciences, educational sciences and other related fields, and who eventually aims to contribute to creating a "peace science that can lead to sustainable development" from diversified perspectives
2. A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, a high level of knowledge and research skills in the humanities, social sciences, educational sciences and other related fields, and who has a willingness to address challenges currently, or potentially in the future, confronting human society in order to contribute to building a global society of diversity, freedom and peace

In order to admit such individuals, the Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences 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.

### **Admission Policy of Joint International Master's Programme**

In order to resolve the pressing regional and global issues related to the SDGs, especially the issues of poverty reduction, the Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University - University of Graz) is designed for fostering human resources with an ability to conduct research and engage in practice based on the fundamental principles of international cooperation in development studies and through social science approaches, and those who have excellent collaboration and communication skills and exhibit competitive capability for employment in the international labor market of universities and research institutions, governmental and international organizations, the private sector, and NGO, etc.

For fostering the above human resources, our program is seeking applicants who possess the following aspirations and motivations and essential academic abilities.

1. Persons who have a certain level of English proficiency and are interested in sustainable development issues, especially global sustainability issues.
2. Persons who are motivated to analyze and evaluate complex processes from an interdisciplinary viewpoint based on the fundamental principles of international cooperation in development studies.

In order to admit such individuals, Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using oral examination, the submitted documents, and external examinations.

## II. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted

The number of students to be admitted is defined in the table below.

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| Program                                                                                                                                                                          | Partner University<br>(country) | Degree               | Language | Number of<br>Students<br>(who choose HU<br>as their entrance<br>university) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences<br>Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable<br>Development (Hiroshima University – University of Graz) | University of Graz<br>(Austria) | Master of<br>Science | English  | Several                                                                     |

## III. Admission Requirements

- ◇The applicant must meet one of the following stipulations or expected to acquire one of the following stipulations by September 30, 2027.
  - ◇The applicant falls under stipulation 9 or 10 must refer to "Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements" and undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements.
1. A person who graduated from a Japanese university stipulated by the 1947 School Education Law (No. 26, Article 83)
  2. A person who has received a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, in accordance with the 1947 School Education Law (No. 26, Article 104, Section 7)
  3. A person who has completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country
  4. A person who has completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country, by earning the credit(s) of correspondence course(s) in the schooling program in Japan
  5. A person who has taken courses from a foreign university in Japan (completing sixteen years of education) thereby completing the required number of years of schooling, of which is recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "MEXT")
  6. A person who has 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 MEXT 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. A person who has completed the specialized curriculum of a higher vocational school, of four years or more, and has been specially selected by the Minister of MEXT
  8. A person who has been specially selected by the Minister of MEXT
  9. A person who has entered a graduate school, in accordance with the 1947 School Education Law (No. 26, Article 102, Section 2) and recognized by Graduate School as having a suitable academic ability to engage in graduate level studies
  10. A person who is 22 years old or more, recognized by Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent to that of a university graduate

### Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements

Applicants who fall under the stipulation 9 or 10 are required to undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements. The procedures are outlined below.

For those who need to undergo a preliminary evaluation, please obtain the prescribed forms from Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation by E-mail.

#### 1. Submission period

October 5 to 17:00, October 9, 2026 (Japan Standard Time, Must Arrive)

## 2. Documents to be submitted

- ◇ Each certificate must be an original. However, if a new certificate is not issued, a certified copy of the original, certified by the official organization, preferably the issuing organization, will be accepted.
- ◇ Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud would result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing the examination and completing enrollment procedure.

| Stipulation           | Document Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | How to submit                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stipulation 9         | (1) Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form)<br>(2) Personal history (use the prescribed form)<br>(3) Undergraduate and Graduate Academic transcripts<br>(4) Certificate of enrollment or graduation from a graduate school                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (1) and (2)<br>→ Submit Word files by E-mail<br>(3) and (4)<br>→ Submit original documents by mail after sending scanned original documents (PDF) by E-mail           |
| Stipulation 10<br>(※) | (1) Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form)<br>(2) Personal history (use the prescribed form)<br>(3) Statement by applicant demonstrating that he/she has an academic ability equivalent to that of a university graduate (use the prescribed form)<br>(4) Academic Transcript<br>(5) Certificate of Graduation (a certificate showing the last degree obtained)<br>(6) Certificate of Research History by the immediate supervisor (a person who has research history) | (1), (2) and (3)<br>→ Submit Word files by E-mail<br>(4), (5) and (6)<br>→ Submit original documents by mail after sending scanned original documents (PDF) by E-mail |

※ **Note for Stipulation 10:** If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please see the **Note 1 of IV. Application Procedure, 1. Application Documents.**

## 3. Address for submission

Refer to **IV. Application Procedure, 2. Application Method, item (2) “Submission Address and Contact Information for Application Documents”**.

- ◇ Documents to be submitted by mail (original or certified copy)  
The documents must be sent in a registered mail and reach us before the deadline. Please write "Documents for Preliminary Evaluation of Joint Degree Program" on the envelope.
- ◇ Documents to be submitted by E-mail  
Please send Word or PDF files by E-mail with the subject line "Submission of documents for Preliminary Evaluation of Joint Degree Program" Please be sure to separate the files for each submitted document and name the files correctly. Example "1. Preliminary evaluation application form " etc.

## 4. Notification of preliminary evaluation results

Applicant shall be notified of the result of the preliminary evaluation by E-mail on October 20, 2026.

# IV. Application Procedure

## 1. Application Documents

(For certificates that require mailing, please send the original by registered mail or bring it in person.)

- ◇ Download the prescribed forms from the website.  
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/adse/news/94423>
- ◇ Please submit all the documents listed in the following table together to the submission and inquiry address indicated in section 2, “**Application Method,**” item (2) “**Submission Address and Contact Information for Application Documents**” within the application period. Documents that have already been submitted in the “Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements” do not need to be resubmitted.
- ◇ The documents marked ✓ in the Mail column, you must send original copies by registered mail or bring them to the office.
- ◇ Each certificate, except “English Proficiency Test Score” must be an original. However, if a new certificate is not issued, a certified copy of the original by the official organization, preferably the issuing organization will be accepted.
- ◇ Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud would result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing the examination and completing enrollment procedure.

| No. | Document Type                                      | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | How to submit |           |
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| 1   | Application Form                                   | Use the prescribed form.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓             | ✓<br>Word |
| 2   | Research Proposal                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research proposal should contain an outline within 1,000 words in English, that focuses on global-scale issues concerning sustainable development.</li> <li>Use the prescribed form.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               | ✓<br>Word |
| 3   | Academic Transcript(s)                             | Officially sealed documents issued by university or faculty<br>*If the applicant enrolls in or has completed a graduate school, documents of the graduate program as well as the undergraduate program must be submitted.<br>*If there is no explanation about the grading system on the transcript, separate official documents explaining the grading system must be attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ✓             | ✓<br>PDF  |
| 4   | Diploma or Certificate of (Expected) Graduation    | Official document issued by university or faculty<br>*If the applicant enrolls in or has completed a graduate school, certificates of the graduate program as well as the undergraduate program must be submitted.<br>*Please make sure that the certificate includes the degree information.<br>*If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please refer to the Note 1 below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓             | ✓<br>PDF  |
| 5   | Two Letters of Recommendation                      | 1. Recommendation from an academic advisor<br>2. A letter of recommendation from the head of applicant's organization or the dean of the university or equivalent position that the applicants graduated.<br>*No prescribed form, refer sample form at website for detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               | ✓<br>PDF  |
| 6   | Official Test Score of an English Proficiency Test | Applicants whose mother tongue is not English are required to submit one of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An English proficiency certificate from IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge EFL or TOEIC®.</li> <li>An official certificate certifying that the applicant has completed a bachelor's or master's degree program taught in English</li> </ul> ※The score of one of the following English language certificates must not be older than two years at the time of the program's examination.<br><br>※ <b>Applicants must submit scores from the IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge EFL or TOEIC® and meet the English proficiency requirements defined below(*), if their native language is not English and if they do not have a bachelor's or master's degree from a program that is taught in English.</b><br><br><b>(*) English language proficiency requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IELTS Academic - 6.5 overall or above (with a minimum score of 6.0 in writing)</li> <li>TOEFL iBT – 95 or above (tests taken until 20 January 2026)<br/>iBT 5 (tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards);</li> <li>Cambridge EFL (English as a Foreign Language)<br/>Applicants should have one of the following two certificates:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)) (minimum 180 points);</li> <li>Cambridge C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)) (minimum grade C).</li> </ul> </li> <li>TOEIC® Public Test L&amp;R or TOEIC®-IP L&amp;R): A score of 945 or above.</li> </ul> |               | ✓<br>PDF  |
| 7   | Copy of your Passport                              | The personal details page with your photo and signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               | ✓<br>PDF  |

| No. | Document Type                                          | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | How to submit |          |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
|     |                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mail          | E-mail   |
| 8   | Copy of your Residence Card                            | Non-Japanese citizens residing inside of Japan at the time of application must submit (both sides)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               | ✓<br>PDF |
| 9   | Letter of Approval for Taking the Entrance Examination | 1. Official documents provided by university or graduate school<br>*If the applicant currently enrolls in a graduate school, letter of approval for taking the entrance examination must be submitted.<br>2. Official documents provided by the organization<br>*If the applicant currently works in private company, international organization, government organization, local government or educational organization and wishes to enroll in our graduate school while working, letter of approval for taking the entrance examination must be submitted. |               | ✓<br>PDF |

Note1: If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please submit all the following documents by E-mail.

- **Graduates:**

- (a) Certificate of Graduation (毕业证书) and Bachelor/Master's Diploma (学位证书)

- (b) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表)

- **Expected Graduates:**

- (a) Certificate of Expected Graduation

- (b) Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告)

The document (b) above must be obtained through “中国高等教育学生信息网(CHSI)”

(<https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp>). Please note that applicants must pay the issuing fee for the Online Verification Report by themselves. Also be sure that there are 15 or more days left until the expiration date of the online verification at the time of its submission.

Note2: If an applicant is unable to submit “English Proficiency Test Score Certificate”, an official document made by the university which certifies that the medium of instruction in the institution which the applicant has attended/is attending is English will be accepted.

Note3: Documents written in languages other than English or Japanese must be translated into English or Japanese. Submit both the original and translated documents.

Note4: Submit a GRE General Test Official Score, if available. (The submission of the GRE score is optional.) The Official Score Report must be sent by ETS directly to Hiroshima University (Institution Code: 2358) no later than the submission period. (The Examinee Score Report sent to applicants from ETS is acceptable as well.)

## 2. Application Method

Applicants should obtain prior consent from their desired supervisor and submit all application documents together during the application period listed below.

(1) Application time period: **November 4 to November 17 17:00, 2026 (Japan Standard Time, Must Arrive)**

◇ Documents to be submitted by mail (original or certified copy)

Without exception, it is required to mail (by registered mail) the documents to be received before the deadline.

Please write the following text clearly in red on the envelope:

“Application for Joint Degree Program, Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Science”

◇ Documents to be submitted by E-mail

Please send Word or PDF files by E-mail with the subject line "Submission of documents for Joint Degree Program, Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering ". Please be sure to separate the files for each submitted document and name the files correctly.

Example of file name: "(3) Academic Transcript (Undergraduate) " etc.

(2) **Submission Address and Contact Information for Application Documents**

**Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation), Hiroshima University**  
**1-5-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima, 739-8529 JAPAN**  
**TEL: +81-(0)82-424-6398, 6902**  
**E-mail: [koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp)**

### (3) Other Matters

- i) Documents may neither be altered nor amended after submission.
- ii) Application materials will not be returned in principle.
- iii) Personal information (name, date of birth, gender, etc) recorded on application forms will be used in the selection of entrants, notification of passing of entrance examinations, and also entrance procedures. Once successful applicants have entered the university, the university will manage the data for use in matters relating to student support (scholarship applications, tuition fee exemption applications etc). This data will not be used for any other purpose or be seen by anyone except staff of this university.

However, after an agreement has been made regarding the appropriate use of personal information, there may be cases whereby related business is entrusted to companies outside the university for the purposes of computer management.

## V. Application for persons who require special arrangements

It is the responsibility of any applicant with a disability or for any other reason who requires special arrangements to submit an application form (no prescribed form) as follows:

### 1. Application period: October 5 to 17:00, October 9, 2026

Early application is advised since in some cases it will be necessary to consider how the Graduate School (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) can meet your needs.

### 2. Contents of the application form

- (1) Applicant's name, address, and telephone number
- (2) Name of the university that applicant graduated from
- (3) Description of the disability and/or symptoms (if under treatment, attach a medical certificate)
- (4) Special Arrangements the applicant desires in the entrance examination
- (5) Special Arrangements the applicant desires for school life
- (6) Special Arrangements that was provided at the university the applicant graduated from
- (7) Conditions of everyday life

## VI. Admission

### 1. Selection Process

The academic examination consists of the Document Review (Academic Transcripts, Research Proposal, and other application documents) and the Oral Examination to evaluate the applicant's motivation for research, knowledge and applied skills in the applicant's field of specialization, English language skills, problem-solving ability, and aptitude.

### 2. Date of entrance examination

Oral Examination:

Between November 24 and December 8, 2026

※The Oral Examination will be conducted by online. The specific date, time, and connection method will be informed by the prospective applicant's academic advisor or the Support Office after the application has been accepted.

### 3. Evaluation Criteria

- (1) The Documents Review and Oral Examination will be graded on a three-level scale, with Grade C considered a fail.

|   |                                             |
|---|---------------------------------------------|
| A | Excellent (Most Appropriate for Enrollment) |
| B | Good (Appropriate for Enrollment)           |
| C | Poor (Inappropriate for Enrollment)         |

- (2) Those who have passed both the Document Review and Oral Examination will be successful applicants.

### 4. Announcement of Admission

Announcement of admission will be on **December 18, 2026 (scheduled)**.

A written notice will be sent to the successful applicants by mail. Telephone/E-mail inquiries will not be answered.

※Academic Misconduct:

The following actions constitute academic misconduct. If academic misconduct is committed, the applicant will be instructed to stop the examination and leave the examination venue immediately, and will not be permitted to take any further examinations.

If academic misconduct is discovered after a notice of acceptance has been issued or after enrollment, the applicant's admission and enrollment will be revoked.

- Intentionally registering false information during the application process (such as uploading a photograph of someone other than the applicant or providing information belonging to someone other than the applicant)
- Intentionally making false statements in, or altering, application documents

## VII. Enrollment Procedure

### 1. Enrollment Procedure

The period will be in the beginning of March. Details will be provided separately.

### 2. Fees

Admission Fee: Waived (Admitted students are exempted from the ¥282,000 admission fee)

Tuition Fee: Students enrolled in Hiroshima University as their entrance(home) university and whose evaluation results and grades are judged excellent will be exempted from tuition fee ¥535,800 per year(※).

Scholarship: Students enrolled in Hiroshima University as their entrance(home) university will receive ¥200,000 financial support per semester as the Joint Degree Program Scholarship by Hiroshima University.

※Note1: Criteria for Tuition Waiver Based on Academic Performance

First Year: Applicants who are recognized as academically outstanding based on

- (1) the transcript submitted at the time of application (with a GPA of 2.3 or higher on a 3.0 scale (\*)) and
- (2) entrance examination results.

Second Year: Students whose first-year GPA is 2.3 or higher on a 3.0 scale (\*).

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$$\frac{(\text{Number of "Excellent" credits} \times 3) + (\text{Number of "Good" credits} \times 2) + (\text{Number of "Fair" credits} \times 1) + (\text{Number of "Fail" credits} \times 0)}{\text{Total registered credits}}$$

※Note2: The students who choose Hiroshima University as their entrance(home) university do not need to pay the admission or tuition fees to University of Graz.

### 3. Other Notes

- (1) Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud will result in cancellation of acceptance, even after passing examinations and/ or completing enrollment procedures.
- (2) For applicants accepted on the condition of graduation from currently enrolled university, admission will be cancelled if s/he cannot graduate by the time of enrollment.

## List of Members

### Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University - University of Graz)

| Position            | Name                       | Research Theme                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Professor           | KANEKO,<br>Shinji          | Study on sustainable development for developing countries<br>Environmental policy studies in Asia                                                                                                                                     |
| Professor           | SHARIFI Ayyoob             | Urban planning and policy development, environmental planning and management, climate policy, sustainable cities                                                                                                                      |
| Professor           | TAKAHASHI,<br>Yoshi        | Human resource development / management, management of technology, management of small and medium-sized enterprises                                                                                                                   |
| Professor           | NAKAYA, Ayami              | Global Citizenship Education, Peace Education, Local Curriculum Development, Comparative and International Education                                                                                                                  |
| Associate Professor | JOSHI,<br>Niraj Prakash    | Climate change, agricultural technology adoption, agriculture production economics, poverty and rural development in developing country                                                                                               |
| Associate Professor | KONDO,<br>Masayuki         | Evaluation of climate change countermeasures, analysis of greenhouse gas dynamics, land use change research in tropical regions, and theoretical research on Earth's climate regulation.                                              |
| Associate Professor | CARO-BURNETT<br>Johann     | Political economy, voting behavior, international agreements, peace and conflict, behavioral economics, experimental economics, development economics                                                                                 |
| Associate Professor | CHEN Shuning               | Assessment of sustainable growth and welfare (with Inclusive Wealth accounting), Development economics: integrating resource use and environmental policy, Environmental and resource economics: sustainability and policy evaluation |
| Assistant Professor | KHAN<br>Ghulam Dastgir     | Social and Economic Impact Assessment of Development Policies                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Assistant Professor | SAIJO,<br>Harunobu         | Comparative Politics, Historical Political Economy, Authoritarian Politics                                                                                                                                                            |
| Assistant Professor | MITCHELL<br>Austin Michael | Democracy and dictatorship, government budgets and finance, political economy of development, peace and conflict                                                                                                                      |

※△Professors who will cease regular teaching within the standard completion period of the thesis for students entering in October 2027. Applicants are allowed to select him/her as supervisor, but need to inquire of the staff in Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation).

※Note that “List of Members” is subject to change due to personnel changes. In this case, you will be informed via the HP of Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences. Therefore, please confirm the HP before consulting with a professor.

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| <b>Disclosure of Personal Information on the Results of the Hiroshima University Entrance Examination in 2026</b> |
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Personal information on the results of the entrance examination (herein after referred to as “personal information”) will be disclosed **only to applicants for the Graduate School (General Selection)** in 2025.

| Item               | Information to be Disclosed                                                  |
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| Examination Result | Evaluation of the Document Review and the Oral Examination<br>(Letter Grade) |

Procedure to request for disclosure of personal information

- (1) Obtain the “Application Form for Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information for the Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University” by one of the following ways:
  - i) Make an inquiry by E-mail for electronic data of the application form.  
(koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp)
  - ii) Write “Request for Application Form for Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information” on the envelop, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (standard size: 120mm×235mm, with postage for regular mail up to 50 grams) and send it to Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation.
- (2) Bring or send the following documents to Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation.
  - i) Application Form for Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information for the Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University.
  - ii) A copy of identification document such as driver’s license.
  - iii) A self-addressed stamped envelope (standard size: 120mm×235mm, with postage for simplified registered mail up to 50 grams).

Please note that applicant may be asked for corrections if any of these are incomplete.

- (3) The Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University sends the “Notice of Determination for Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information for the Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University” to the applicant by registered mail within 30 days after the acceptance of the application.

Period for requesting Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information:

From October 15 to November 30 of the year following the entrance examination.

| Applications and Inquiries about the Disclosure of (Personal Information on) the Result of Entrance Examination |                                                                                                                    |
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| <p align="center"><b>Inquiries about Disclosure Requests<br/>based on the Law for Protection of Personal Information<br/>Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc.</b></p> |
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Aside from the above procedure for disclosure of personal information on the result of entrance examination, there is also a “Disclosure Request System” based on the law for protection of personal information held by incorporated administrative agencies, etc.

For details of this system, visit Hiroshima University’s homepage, 「トップページ」 → 「法人情報」 → 「個人情報保護」 → 「個人情報の開示請求制度」 (Japanese page only)  
([https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/about/information\\_disclosure/personal\\_info](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/about/information_disclosure/personal_info))

| <Disclosure Request and Inquiries>          |                                                                                             |
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