

Application Guidelines

April 2026 Enrollment

Master's Degree Program in Economics

Application Process

To apply to **Ryukoku University**, applicants must register in advance on the UCARO examination portal.

All required procedures are to be completed through the UCARO platform.

For detailed information on UCARO, please refer to the “UCARO Manual” (Japanese / English versions) available at:

- <https://www.ryukoku.ac.jp/admission/nyushi/> (Admissions Information section)
 - https://www.ryukoku.ac.jp/admission/nyushi/pdf/ucaro_e.pdf (UCARO Manual)
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Residents of Japan

STEP 1: Preparation of Application

- Confirm the admission schedule and selection methods.
- Confirm your eligibility to apply.
- Prepare the required application documents.

STEP 2: Application via UCARO

- Create an account on the UCARO (online application system).
- Submit your application through UCARO.

STEP 3: Payment of Examination Fee

- Pay the examination fee through UCARO.

STEP 4: Submission of Application Documents

- Send the application documents by post within the application period (registered mail with delivery confirmation and express mail).
✂ Submission by post only.
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Residents Outside Japan

STEP 1: Preparation of Application

- Confirm the admission schedule and selection methods.
- Confirm your eligibility to apply.
- Prepare the required application documents.

STEP 2: Application via UCARO

- Create an account on the UCARO online application system.
- Submit your application online via UCARO.

STEP 3: Payment of Examination Fee

Choose one of the following methods:

- Pay via UCARO using a credit card, **or**
- Pay via **Flywire** (online payment service).

STEP 4: Submission of Application Documents

Choose one of the following methods:

- Send your original application documents by post within the application period (registered mail with delivery confirmation / express mail), **or**
- Send your original application documents by courier service such as EMS, DHL, etc.

Number of Students Accepted

A few

Admissions Schedule

Residents of Japan

- **Application Period:** December 8–12, 2025
- **First Screening Results:** Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date
- **Second Screening (Online Interview):** February 21, 2026
- **Announcement of Results:** February 27, 2026
- **Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees):** February 27 – March 4, 2026

Residents Outside Japan

- **Application Period:** November 10–17, 2025
- **First Screening Results:** Notified approximately three weeks after the application deadline
- **Second Screening (Online Interview):** February 21, 2026
- **Announcement of Results:** February 27, 2026
- **Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees):** February 27 – March 6, 2026

Applicants must send a complete set of application materials to the following postal address. Please plan ahead, taking into account several days for international postal or courier delivery to Japan.

Admissions Office, Ryukoku University

67 Tsukamoto-cho, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 612-8577, Japan

Application Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy **all three** of the following requirements:

1. Applicants must hold **non-Japanese citizenship**.
2. Applicants must have **completed, or be expected to complete, a 16-year course of formal education** outside Japan.
3. Applicants must have obtained one of the following English proficiency test scores **within two years** prior to the final date of application:
 - TOEFL iBT: 70 or above
 - IELTS (Academic): 5.5 or above
 - Duolingo English Test: 100 or above

Applicants who have earned or will earn a bachelor's degree (or higher) from an English-speaking university are exempt from the above English test requirement, provided they submit an official letter from the university certifying that all courses were taught in English.

Application Documents

All documents must be prepared in **English**. Please submit the certificates issued in English. If the certificates are in any other language, have them translated into English by your embassy/consulate, the school you graduated, or a professional translation company, and submit them together with a translation certificate (with an official seal) confirming that the translation accurately reflects the original. The format of the translation certificate is not specified.

Please submit the original certificates. Copies will not be accepted.

Please download the designated forms (Form 1–4) from the following URL:

<https://www.econ.ryukoku.ac.jp/daigakuin/en/eprogram/>

Once completed, print the forms on **one side of A4 or letter-sized paper**. Ensure that all documents are clear and legible.

Documents to be Submitted

1. Application Form (Form 1)
2. Application Sheet (Form 2)
 - Attach a recent photograph.
3. Research Proposal (Form 3)
4. Two Letters of Recommendation (Form 4)
 - Each letter must be written by an evaluator who can assess the applicant's academic potential and character (e.g., a faculty member or an expert in the applicant's field).
5. Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Academic Transcript
 - Both documents must be officially certified; photocopies are not accepted.
 - Do **not** send the original diploma.
 - If you are expected to graduate (or complete your current program), please submit a Certificate of Expected Graduation (or Expected Completion). In that case, you must submit an official Certificate of Graduation (or Completion) at the time of enrollment procedures after your graduation (or completion).
 - The academic transcript must include all grades earned at the university.
 - Applicants who have completed or will complete education in the **People's Republic of China** must obtain the following verification (English version) from the **China Higher Education Student Information Online Verification System**:
<https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp>
 - Graduates: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate
 - Current students: Online Verification Report of Student Record
Print the downloaded PDF file and attach the certificate with your application documents. The validity of the documents must extend beyond the date of the examination.
(Applicants who studied in Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macau are not required to submit these forms.)
6. Certificate of Residence (**only the residents in Japan are required to submit*)
7. Official English Proficiency Test Scores
 - TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module), or Duolingo English Test scores obtained within the last two years are accepted.
 - Applicants who have obtained a bachelor's degree from an English-speaking institution are exempt from submitting this document (see "Application Eligibility" above).
 - Proof of English proficiency must be submitted as follows:

TOEFL

1. A copy of the Test Taker Score Report (or Examinee Score Report); **and/or**
2. An Official Score Report sent directly from ETS to Ryukoku University – Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe).
 - o Institution Code: **8488**

IELTS

1. A copy of the Test Report Form (TRF) showing the visible test report number.

Duolingo English Test

1. A screenshot of the Duolingo English Test score certificate; **and**
 2. Send the official test results directly to Ryukoku University – Graduate School of Economics via the Duolingo website.
 - o Select “Ryukoku University – Graduate School of Economics” from the organization list.
 - o Test results must be received by the University by the application deadline.
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Important Notices for Applicants

1. Application documents will **not** be returned under any circumstances.
2. Offers of admission and scholarships are made on the assumption that all information provided by the applicant is accurate. Ryukoku University reserves the right to **revoke admission** if any falsified information, forged academic records, or plagiarism in the Research Proposal is discovered.
3. For the latest information about the program, please visit our website:
 - o Website: <https://www.econ.ryukoku.ac.jp/daigakuin/en/eprogram/>
 - o Email inquiries: econ-office@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp

Admission Policy

The Master's Degree Program seeks to foster researchers with a profound understanding of the global society and the ability to develop theoretical frameworks and conduct applied analyses. It also aims to nurture highly skilled professionals who possess both advanced practical abilities and a strong sense of ethics grounded in academic knowledge.

To achieve these goals, we welcome applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Individuals who aspire to contribute to peace and development in regional and global communities, who meet the eligibility requirements for admission, who are eager to learn, and who demonstrate strong potential.
- Individuals who wish to engage in research of an international standard or to acquire advanced practical expertise.
- Individuals who aim to become leaders actively involved in public and social affairs.

To promote a creative and intellectually stimulating research environment, applicants with academic or professional backgrounds outside the field of economics are also encouraged to apply.