

Application Guidelines

April 2027 Enrollment

Master's Degree Program in Economics

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: Payment of Examination Fee

- Pay via flywire* (online payment service)
*see the appendix below

STEP 3: 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.

Residents Outside Japan

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STEP 3: 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.

Online Application Note

You will need to use the UCARO (online payment service) applicant portal to print your admission ticket, check the exam results, and complete enrollment procedures. We will provide instructions on how to use UCARO (online payment service) approximately one week before the exam date, so please register as a member in advance.

Number of Students Accepted

Fall Exams : A few

Spring Exams : A few

Admissions Schedule

Residents of Japan

<Fall Exams>

- Application Period: September 25 – October 2, 2026
- First Screening Results: Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date
- Second Screening (Online Interview): November 7, 2026
- Announcement of Results: November 14, 2026
- Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees): November 14 – 20, 2026

<Spring Exams>

- Application Period: December 7 – 11, 2026
- First Screening Results: Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date
- Second Screening (Online Interview): February 20, 2027
- Announcement of Results: February 26, 2027
- Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees): February 26 – March 3, 2027

Residents Outside Japan

<Fall Exams>

- Application Period: August 28 – September 9, 2026
- First Screening Results: Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date
- Second Screening (Online Interview): November 7, 2026
- Announcement of Results: November 14, 2026
- Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees): November 14 – 27, 2026

<Spring Exams>

- Application Period: November 9 – 16, 2026
- First Screening Results: Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date
- Second Screening (Online Interview): February 20, 2027

- Announcement of Results: February 26, 2027
- Enrollment Procedure Period (Payment of Admission and Tuition Fees): February 26 – March 5, 2027

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

- **Application Form (Form 1)**
- **Application Sheet (Form 2)** - Attach a recent photograph.
- **Research Proposal (Form 3)**

- **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).
- **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.
- **China Higher Education Student Information (CHSI) Verification (If applicable)**
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.)
- **Certificate of Residence** (only the residents in Japan are required to submit)
- **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.

Proof of English proficiency must be submitted as follows:

- **TOEFL:** A copy of the Test Taker Score Report (or Examinee Score Report); and/or An Official Score Report sent directly from ETS to Ryukoku University – Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe). Institution Code: 8488
- **IELTS:** A copy of the Test Report Form (TRF) showing the visible test report number.
- **Duolingo English Test:** A screenshot of the Duolingo English Test score certificate; and Send the official test results directly to Ryukoku University – Graduate School of Economics via the Duolingo website. Select “Ryukoku University – Graduate School of Economics” from the organization list. Test results must be received by the University by the application deadline.

Appendix Payment of the Examination Fee

Examination Fee: 35,000 yen

The payment method and deadline are as follows. Examination fees are non-refundable.

Payment Methods	Payment Due Date	Precautions
Payment of the exam fee (in local currency) via the online payment service (Flywire)	Within the application deadline	[Strictly enforced]

Please access the “Flywire” payment page via the URL below or by scanning the QR code. 【Flywire Payment Page (For Exam Fees and Enrollment Fees Only)】

<https://ryukoku-adm.flywire.com>

Please follow the on-screen instructions to enter the necessary payment information and complete the process.



Be sure to enter the exact amount of the exam fee listed above (degree student: 35,000 yen).

A processing fee applies when paying via Flywire. Any fees incurred during the payment process are the responsibility of the payer. Fees vary depending on the payment method.

Also, be sure to enter “294001” in the “Application Number or Exam Number” field on the Student Information Entry page.

- Please do not select payment methods listed as follows. The university will not issue an invoice.

「A Payment notice/bill/invoice from institution is required」

- Please be sure to complete the payment process by the last day of the application period. If we cannot confirm that you have completed the payment process within the application period, your application will not be accepted.

- Please be very careful not to make any errors when entering the amount. If the payment amount is insufficient, your application will not be accepted.
- If the University is unable to receive the payment—for example, if the payment process is not completed due to an unsuccessful Flywire authentication—the application will not be accepted.
- The URL and QR code above link to a dedicated page for applying to this entrance exam and completing enrollment procedures. They cannot be used to pay tuition after enrollment.

Important Notices for Applicants

- Application documents will **not** be returned under any circumstances.
- 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.
- For the latest information about the program, please visit our website:
Website: <https://www.econ.ryukoku.ac.jp/daigakuin/en/eprogram/>
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.