

## **Application Guidelines**

### **April 2027 Enrollment**

### **Master's Degree Program in Economics**

### **for Evacuee and Refugee Students**

#### **Pre-selection Process**

Eligibility for this program is limited to evacuees and refugees currently residing in Japan. Applications to this program are open only to candidates pre-selected through either “Education Pathways”(EP) or the “UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Program” (RHEP). Application documents must be submitted to Ryukoku university through either of these organizations. For details on the selection process, please contact the respective organization directly.

Education Pathways (EP): Refugees Education Japan  
<https://www.reedjapan.org/ja>

UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Program (RHEP)  
<https://rhep-japanforunhcr.org/>

#### **Admission Schedule** (Master's Degree Program in Economics, Ryukoku University)

< Fall Exam > Application Period: September 25– October 2, 2026

First Screening Result: Notified approximately one week prior to the second screening date

Second Screening (Online Interview): November 7, 2026

Announcement of the Result: November 14, 2026

#### **Number of Students Accepted**

Fall Exams : A few

## **Application Process**

STEP 1: Applying to either “Education Pathways”(EP) or the “UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Program (RHEP) to become recommended candidate for Ryukoku Program

STEP 2: Selection at the Programs

Selection at EP or RHEP to become recommended candidate for Ryukoku Program

STEP 3: Submission of Application Documents

Your application materials is submitted to Ryukoku University through EP or RHEP by the application deadline of Master’s Degree Program in Economics, Ryukoku University.

STEP 4: First Screening and UCARO(online admission service) Member Registration

After we check and review your application documents and confirm your eligibility and suitability for admission to our program (first screening), we will send an email directly to you with instructions on how to access and use UCARO. You are required to register yourself as a member of UCARO when you start the process.

\*Thereafter, all administrative procedures related to the admission process, from the entrance examination (second screening) through enrollment, including printing-out your admission ticket and checking the exam result, should be completed via UCARO.

\*We will provide instructions on how to use UCARO approximately one week before the second screening.

\*No online application or exam fee payment is required.

## **Application Eligibility**

You must be an evacuee or refugee and meet 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

You are required to submit both documents (1) and (2) as follows.

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 note that if you are unable to obtain documents such as academic transcripts, we may accept alternative documents (such as a statement regarding your educational background) in their place.

### (1) Documents that Prove Your Evacuees or Refugee Status

1. Application Sheet for Evacuee or Refugee
2. Copy of Refugee Status Certificate, etc.
3. Copy of Residence Card in Japan

Note:

#### ① Application Sheet for Evacuee or Refugee

There are sections where you must attach a photo. If you are admitted, the photo will be used for your student ID card, academic records, and other purposes. Please wear appropriate attire that is suitable for use until graduation (non-uniform attire is preferred).  
※If you wish to replace the photo on your student ID card after enrollment, a fee will apply.  
※You can replace the photo during the enrollment process.

The university will contact applicants directly based on the information provided on this

application form, so please fill it out carefully to ensure there are no errors. Please make sure the information here matches what you provided on your application for admission.

② Copy of Refugee Status Certificate, etc

※ Only for applicants applying as evacuees or refugees

Please submit copies of your “Certificate of Refugee Status” and other relevant documents.

③ Copy of Residence Card

※ Only for applicants applying as evacuees or refugees

Please submit copies of the front and back of your Residence Card on A4-size paper.

(2) Documents for academic review

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)
5. Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Academic Transcript
6. Certificate of Residence
7. Official English Proficiency Test Scores
8. Certificate of Attendance from a Japanese Language Education Institution, etc. (Original)

Note:

① 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.

② 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).

③ 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.)

#### ④ 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). Instead, an official letter from the university certifying that all courses were taught in English must be submitted.

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).

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.

Select "Ryukoku University – Graduate School of Economics" from the organization list.

Test results must be received by the University by the application deadline.

#### ⑤ Certificate of Attendance from a Japanese Language Education Institution, etc. (Original)

• Applicants who have previously attended Japanese language schools are required to submit certificates, written in Japanese or English, indicating their attendance record and academic performance.

If the certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach certified

translations into Japanese or English, each bearing an official seal.

## **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:

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

Email inquiries: [econ-office@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp](mailto: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.