

Application for the International Ph.D. Program in Economics

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Preface

The Department of Economics at Yokohama National University (YNU), located in the second largest metropolis in Japan, launched a new graduate program in Fall 2013 (both Master's* and Ph.D.) in economics taught entirely in English. The program is designed to provide students with academic knowledge and tools in economic theory and empirics of the highest global standards, and at the same time is well-grounded in policy-relevance. We seek motivated students from all over the world, who are eager to work as academic researchers, specialists or professionals in the international arena. Our program has two distinctive paths. First, we offer an American-style economics program with an emphasis on international economics, as well as in data analytics and international political economy. Second, we also offer a policy-oriented program employing both comparative economic systems and political economy approaches.

Graduates of the Ph.D. Program in Economics (typically 3 years) will be able to conduct leading edge research and publish their research in international journals or present their research in international conferences, with particular strengths in the field of international economics, as well as in comparative economic systems and international political economy. They will also have the opportunity to acquire high-level research skills in various methods of empirical analysis and be able to produce policy-oriented papers to further the development of emerging economies.

Our Ph.D. Program seeks candidates who have already obtained the skills and knowledge in economics at a Master's level and who have strong motivation and the aptitude to continue studying economics at a deeper level both theoretical and empirically. After completion of their Ph.D. degree, graduates would typically go on (or return) to a career in academia, work at international organizations, or return to their home country in a high-level government position.

In our Ph.D. Program, we offer advanced economic courses. Through thesis advising, seminars and workshops our faculty members support the doctoral candidates' work on academic papers that can ultimately be presented at international conferences and submitted to internationally refereed journals for publication. The goal is to complete a doctoral dissertation of the highest caliber. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics is conferred upon completion of the program.

*From 2023 intake, application for International M.A. Program has been suspended.

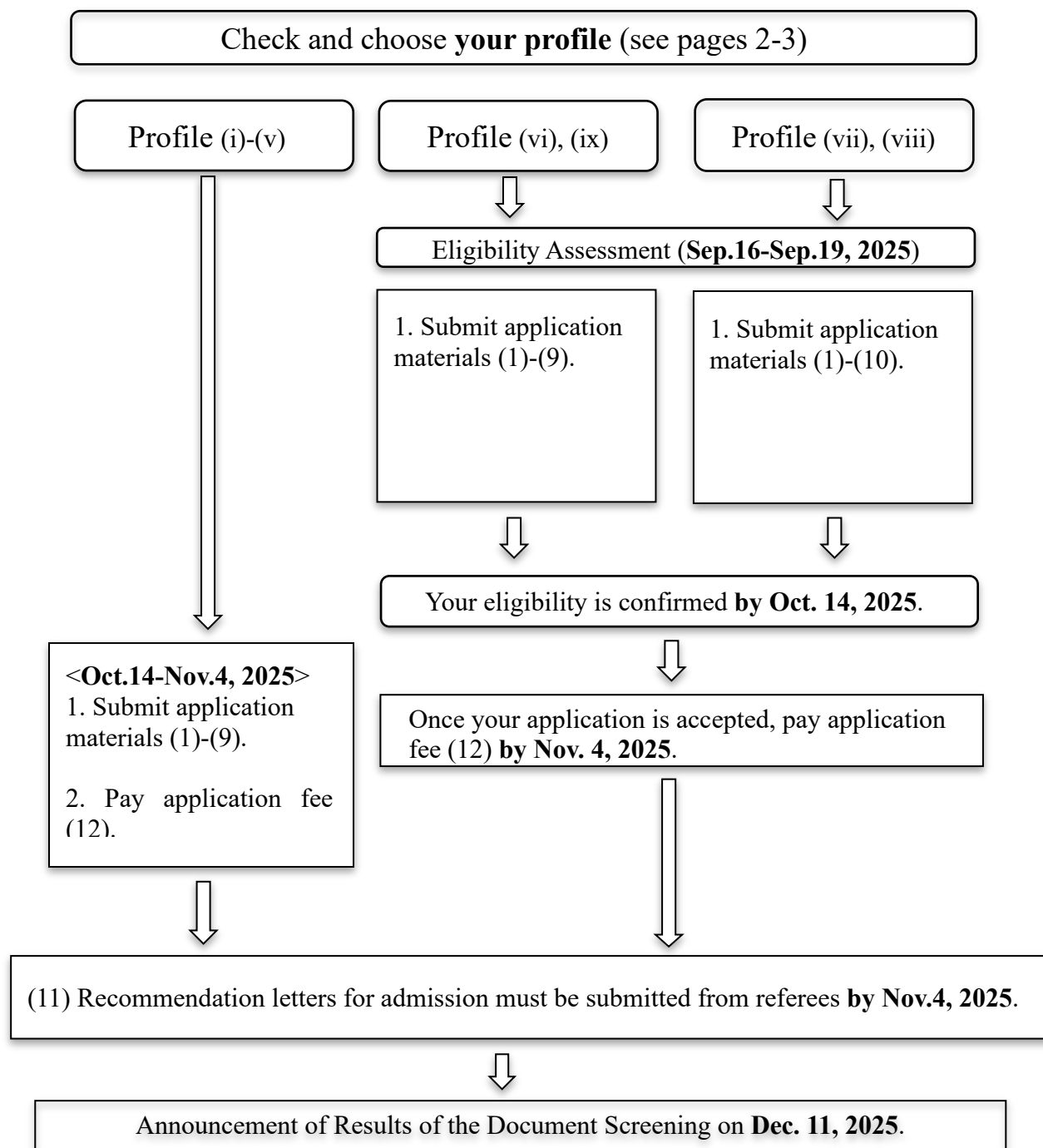
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Quick Guide

—*Submission of your application materials*—

(See pages 4-8 for details on application materials (1) through (12).)



See Application and Screening Schedule on pages 11-12 for further details.

First, Determine Your Profile.

Applications can only be accepted from among applicants who meet one of the following profiles:

(i) Applicants who obtained or are scheduled to obtain by September 30, 2026 a master's degree or a professional degree from a Japanese graduate school.

(ii) Applicants who obtained or are scheduled to obtain by September 30, 2026 a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a country or countries other than Japan.

(iii) Applicants who received education through correspondence courses provided by a country or countries other than Japan while residing in Japan and obtained a master's degree.

(iv) Applicants who completed a program of a university (a graduate school) of a country other than Japan in its Japanese campus recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and obtained a master's degree.

(v) Applicants who completed a program of United Nations University and obtained a master's degree.

(vi) Applicants who received education from a graduate school in a country or countries other than Japan, a university (a graduate school) of a country other than Japan in its Japanese campus recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the United Nations University, and passed qualifying examinations, and who are recognized by the graduate school of YNU as having the appropriate academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree.

(vii) Applicants who graduated from a Japanese university, and who have been engaged in research at a university or a research institute in Japan or a country other than Japan for at least two years, and who are recognized by the graduate school of YNU as having the appropriate academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree based on the applicant's research output.

(viii) Applicants who completed a 16-year program of school education from elementary school through university in a country or countries other than Japan or through correspondence courses provided by a country or countries other than Japan while residing in Japan, and who have been engaged in research at a university or a research institute in Japan or a country other than Japan for at least two years, and who are recognized by the graduate school of YNU as having the appropriate academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree based on the applicant's research output.

(ix) Applicants who do not meet any one of the profiles (i)-(viii) above, who have been recognized by the graduate school of YNU in their individual application eligibility assessment process as having an ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree, and who are at least 24 years old or will be 24 years old by September 30, 2026.

[Special Remarks on Application Eligibility]

- 1) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profile (vi) prior to application.
- 2) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profiles (vii), (viii), and (ix) prior to application.
- 3) To obtain a student visa, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support student life in Japan.

Degree Conferred

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Number of Students Admitted Each Year

The Department of Economics plans to admit around ten students to the International Ph.D. Program in Economics and the existing Ph.D. program conducted in Japanese combined. The Department will decide the number for each program, taking into account numerous factors including the quality of applicants to each program.

Language Requirement

1) English:

All the lectures and seminars will be conducted in English and therefore, students are expected to have a good command of English.

2) Japanese:

Students are recommended to have passed N-4 level JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) or have the equivalent or higher command of Japanese, at the time of enrollment.

It is also recommended that students should take Japanese language classes as a recommended subject* if their command of the language is equal to N-2 level or lower.

Though students do not need Japanese language academically, they need N-4 or higher level of command in Japanese to live comfortably in Japan.

* Japanese language classes are not counted as the credits for completion of program.

Application Period

See Quick Guide on page 1. For further details, see Application and Screening Schedule on pages 11-12.

- 1) September 16, 2025 -September 19, 2025 : Application Eligibility Assessment Period
(If your eligibility profile is (vi)-(ix), all application materials except application fee and recommendation letters for admission must arrive at the Graduate School Affairs Office by September 24, 2025.)
 - 2) October 14, 2025 -November 4, 2025: Application Period
- All the dates are in Japan Standard Time.

Application Materials

(1) Web application forms (Refer to sections (2) through (12) for details on requirements.)

Enter your name, birth date, sex, citizenship, address, phone, email, educational and employment history, an English proficiency test score, GRE Quantitative Reasoning percentile point (if available), GPA (if available), three academic references, intended field of study, statement of purpose¹, list of research papers², two Ph.D. thesis advisors of your choice³, application status of scholarship from the government on the web application system. After completing the web application forms, download, and print them.

Note that completed applications cannot be amended. Place the printed application forms and other documents in one envelope and send them by registered mail to the following address:

Graduate School Affairs Office
Yokohama National University
79-4 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku
Yokohama, 240-8501 Japan

Documents must arrive no later than November 7, 2025.

1. The statement should address three concerns: (Approx. 1000 words.)
 - Describe one research problem, project, or area for Ph.D. study that excites you.
 - How has your background prepared you to pursue such a research problem?
 - How can the Ph.D. program in Economics at YNU help you realize your interests and goals?
2. List both published and unpublished research papers. Provide bibliographic information.
3. Provide names of up to two Ph.D. thesis advisors of your choice in the order of your preference. The list of faculty members potentially available for thesis advising can be found on the website of the International Ph.D. Program in Economics. <http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

(2) Writing samples

Submit a copy of your master's thesis, articles published in academic journals, or working papers. You can upload up to three writing samples. If the writing samples are written in a language other than English¹, upload a 800 word (minimum) English summary² along with each sample. If you do not have any one of the above, submit an English summary of the research/study you have carried out thus far³. Print your name in the upper left-hand corner of

the first page. *Embed fonts into your documents*⁴.

1. “Language other than English” including Japanese.
2. The main text excluding the reference list, footnotes, figures and tables must be 800 words minimum. There is no upper limit. If the writing samples are co-authored, describe your contributions in detail.
3. For example, if you are planning to write a master’s thesis later, you can describe what you intend to contribute in your thesis. Alternatively, you can pick up several courses you have taken in your graduate study and explain how you think these courses will be useful for your research at YNU. If you are involved in a joint research project instead of single-authored thesis, you can describe the project itself and contributions that you made for the project.
4. A document file in which fonts are not embedded may not be readable on our side even if it can be read with your computer. For details of embedding fonts, please read a manual of the software or program you used for making your documents.

(3) Academic transcripts for graduate education

Academic transcripts must include the school’s official seal or signature. Be sure to also submit the standards for grade assessment. If a course title, a grade, or any other information in the transcripts contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation should be attached.

Submit certificates pertaining to your Eligibility for Application. Applicants who meet the eligibility profiles (vii), (viii), (ix) should submit academic transcripts for undergraduate education instead.

(4) The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) from the graduate school

The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) must include the school’s official seal or signature. Applicants who graduated from the school in a country other than Japan and obtained a master’s degree should also submit the certificate of degree conferment unless the degree conferment can be confirmed on academic transcripts.

Submit certificates pertaining to your Eligibility for Application. Applicants who meet the eligibility profile (vi) must submit the certificate of passing qualifying examinations and have the appropriate academic ability equivalent or superior to a master’s degree or a professional degree. Applicants who meet the eligibility profiles (vii) and (viii) must submit the certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) from the undergraduate school. Applicants who meet the eligibility profile (ix) must submit the certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) or the certificate of the enrollment period (or the prospective enrollment period) pertaining to the last school attended.

(5) Academic transcripts for undergraduate education

Applicants who meet the eligibility profiles (vii), (viii), (ix) must submit academic transcripts for undergraduate education. Academic transcripts must include the school’s official seal or signature. Be sure to also submit the standards for grade assessment. If a course title, a grade, or any other information in the transcripts contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation should be attached.

The other applicants are advised to submit academic transcripts for undergraduate education if available.

(6) English proficiency test scores or university certificate

All applicants, whose native language is not English or who have not completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years, must submit TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition and Paper Based Test), IELTS (academic module/Online) or Duolingo scores.

Minimum score requirements for admission are TOEFL iBT 79, PBT 550, IELTS academic module/Indicator 6.5 or Duolingo English Test 105.

Make arrangements to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution. The official scores must reach YNU by September 24, 2025 if your eligibility profile is (vi)-(ix), and by November 7, 2025 if your profile is (i)-(v).

The ETS institutional code for YNU is 0410 and the department code is 1801.

Note that in all cases only the results of tests taken after November 7, 2023 will be considered as valid for your application.

[Special Remarks on the English language requirement waivers and the university certificate for your English proficiency]

1) The English language requirement will be waived if you are a native or completed your bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within last 5 years in the following countries; US, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa.

2) Even if you completed your bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within last 5 years in the other countries including India, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc., you are not exempt from the requirement. However, you can provide an official letter from the university certifying that English was the language of instruction instead of official test score by testing institution.

(7) GRE score

If available, submit a Certified GRE Score Report. Note that only the Quantitative Reasoning Score will be used for evaluation. Official scores must be sent directly from the testing institution by the deadline. The ETS institutional code for YNU is 0410 and the department code is 1801. Note that in all cases only the results of tests taken after November 7, 2023 will be considered as valid for your application.

(8) Documents showing other strengths

If available, submit these documents.

(9) Document validating your nationality and residence status

This document may be, for example, a copy of your passport or a certificate issued by an embassy office in Japan. It should be prepared in English; attach a translation if it is issued in any other language. If you reside in Japan, you must also submit copies of both sides of your Residence Card issued by Ministry of Justice.

(10) The certificate of employment (for eligibility profiles (vii) and (viii) only)

Applicants who meet the eligibility profiles (vii) and (viii) must submit the certificate of employment at a university or a research institute in Japan or a country other than Japan for at least two years.

(11) Three letters of recommendation

Three faculty members of the school you last attended, typically the graduate school where you earned or will earn a master's degree, must write letters of recommendation. Provide the names, affiliations, addresses, work phone numbers, and official University email addresses of three faculty members. You must provide at least one referee, typically your academic supervisor, with (2) the writing samples you submit and ask him/her to comment on them. Each referee will be contacted via email by the web application system and requested to submit a letter of recommendation on the system.

Be sure to contact your intended referee in advance to 1) confirm that you have his/her current email address, 2) double check that he/she is willing to upload a reference on your behalf prior to fully completing your web application, and 3) explain that he/she will be sent an email from no-reply@e-apply.jp with the following subject line: [Yokohama National University International Ph.D. Program in Economics] - Letter of Recommendation Upload Request].

Note: YNU is not responsible for technical problems with the referee's email server.

(12) Application fee: 5,000 yen

The application fee must be paid by credit card or China UnionPay card through the web application system in principle. The fee is payable only after your eligibility is confirmed by the graduate school. You will be requested to enter your email address when making the application fee payment. Enter the same email address as the email address you entered for the web application. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit a printout of this email by postal mail.

If you reside in Japan and don't have any credit card, you can pay the application fee at a) a convenience store (7-Eleven, Lawson, Family Mart), b) ATMs supporting Pay-easy, or c) Internet banks supporting Pay-easy.

Notes:

- You will be responsible for any additional payment fees that are required at the time of payment.
- Details of payment, please refer to the explanation about payment at the Web application system
- When you pay at convenience store or ATMs supporting Pay-easy, be sure to bring the relevant numbers which were indicated in the Web application system with you and make payment.
- Please attach the original receipt for your payment on a sheet specified by the Graduate School Affairs Office and submit it.

Applicants, who have been nominated for scholarship programs designated by YNU, are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for exemption, a copy of your scholarship certificate must be submitted along with the application documents. If you have further questions about the application fee requirements, please contact the Graduate School Affairs Office.

[Notes regarding the payment of application fee]

*a) Any fees incurred in making payments must also be paid by the applicant.
b) Please make sure to avoid double payment of the fee.
c) The application fee will not be refunded once the application procedure is completed, except under the following circumstances:*

i) Where the payment was made, but the application was not submitted (either by non-submission of the application materials or by non-acceptance of the materials).

ii) Where double payment of the fee was made.

Please note that there will be no refund in case where the payment was made from an account outside of Japan.

Regarding the details of refund procedure, please contact the Graduate School Affairs Office.

[Important Points on Completing Application Materials and Submitting Your Application]

1) The application procedure depends on the individual's eligibility profile. See the table in page 11-12 for details.

2) Do not use nicknames or abbreviations when writing your name on the application documents. You must write your name in English as it appears in your passport.

3) To send documents, please use registered express mail such as Federal Express, DHL, UPS or an equivalent air courier, by which we can track delivery.

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*Documents must arrive no later than November 7, 2025.

4) No changes to any of the documents are allowed after submission.

5) For non-English documents, the document-issuing school or authority must provide a corresponding English or Japanese translation of the original language. If the school or authority does not provide such a service, the documents must be translated and verified by an outside translation organization and certified to be the same as those issued by the school or authority. Be sure to submit both the original documents and the certified translations.

6) Application documents submitted cannot be returned.

7) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be cancelled, even in the event that the candidate has already been admitted to the university.

Screening

Screening is done in two stages – document screening based on application materials, followed by an online interview.

Online Interview

Based on the application documents submitted, short-listed applicants will be invited for the next screening, the online interview.

[Important Points on the Online Interview]

You will be informed of the method (typically we use Teams), time and date of interview immediately after the announcement of results of document screening.

Please get your PC environment prepared so that you can run the designated application for the interview.

Applicants with Special Needs

Applicants with physical disabilities, applicants who are visually impaired, applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing, applicants with significant health or medical problems, and applicants who get injured after submitting the application are welcome at the Department of Economics and should contact the Graduate School Affairs Office as soon as possible to discuss their particular needs. The purpose of this procedure is to alert the Department of Economics of the particular needs of the applicant/student, so that preparations can be made to provide the necessary support and make appropriate arrangements for the applicant/student.

Handling of Personal Information

Personal information will be handled in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" and the "Regulations Concerning the Protection of Personal Information held by Yokohama National University.

- (1) Information of an applicant including result of entrance examination and personal information written in application materials will be used for the selection for admission to the University and the following purposes.
 - (i) Communicating with successful applicants (sending materials related to scholarships, insurance and other benefits, events after enrollment, etc., and student co-op materials) and enrollment procedures.
 - (ii) Class placement after enrollment and documentation of benefits such as entrance fee waiver (except for international students) and tuition fee waiver upon application by the applicant.
 - (iii) educational affairs after enrollment (student registration management, academic advising, etc.)
 - (iv) Public relations and various surveys and research by the University (including surveys and analysis to improve admissions selection methods and university education).
 - (v) Personal information of enrolled students may be disclosed to the extent necessary for the registration processes of the Alumni Association and Alumnae Association, which are affiliated organizations of the University
- (2) When using the information in the various operations described in (1) above, some of the operations may be performed by contractors engaged by the University (hereinafter referred to as "Contractors").
YNU will provide all or part of the personal information to the Contractor to the extent necessary to perform the work entrusted to the Contractor.

Admissions Decision

Admissions decision will be announced on January 15, 2026 by posting the examinee identification number of each successful candidate on the following website:

<http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

The identification numbers will be posted on this website for about one week after the initial announcement. The successful candidates will subsequently receive an official certificate of passing the entrance exam and other enrollment-related documents via digital files. YNU will not respond to any enquiries regarding the results of the screening process or admission.

Application and Screening Schedule [The eligibility profiles i)-v)]

Procedure	Dates	Details
Application and Payment of the Fee	Oct.14-Nov.4, 2025 Documents should reach YNU by Nov. 7, 2025	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Pay (12) the application fee of 5,000 yen by credit card or China UnionPay card using the web application system. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) along with the printed application forms (1) and the printed email by postal mail.
Letters of Recommendation for Admission Due	Nov.4, 2025	Referees for the admission application must submit (11) on the web application system by this date.
Announcement of Results of the Document Screening	Dec.11, 2025	The IDs of the applicants who pass the document screening are announced on the program's homepage. http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html
Arrangement for Schedule for "Online" Interviews	Dec.11-Dec.12, 2025	The time and date for the interview are arranged by email.
Interviews	Dec.15-Dec.19, 2025	Applicants are interviewed in their countries using an online meeting application.
Announcement of Final Results on Admission	Jan.15, 2026	The IDs of applicants who pass the final selections for admission based on the interview are announced on the program's homepage and contacted by postal mail. http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html

Application and Screening Schedule

[The eligibility profiles vi), vii), viii) & ix)]

Procedure	Dates	The eligibility profile vi)	The eligibility profiles vii), viii) & ix)
Online Application (Eligibility Assessment)	Sep.16-Sep.19, 2025 Documents should reach YNU by Sep. 24, 2025	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) along with the printed application forms (1) by postal mail.	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) along with the printed application forms (1) by postal mail. Applicants who meet the eligibility profile (vii) and (viii) must additionally submit the original copy for (10).
Confirmation of Application Eligibility	Oct.14, 2025	After your eligibility is assessed by the graduate school, you will be notified of the result by email.	
Application and Payment of the Fee	Oct.14-Nov.4, 2025 Documents should reach YNU by Nov. 7, 2025	Your application is accepted when your eligibility is confirmed by the graduate school. After your application is accepted, pay (12) the application fee of 5,000 yen by credit card or China UnionPay card using the web application system. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit a printout of this email by postal mail.	
Letters of Recommendation for Admission Due	Nov.4, 2025	Referees for the admission application must submit (11) on the web application system by this date.	
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Admissions and Tuition

You will formally enter the program on October 1, 2026.

The incoming students must complete the admission procedure by postal mail by the designated date. Failure to do so will be considered as a withdrawal from the program.

The incoming student must pay precisely the admission fee of 282,000 yen at the time of the admissions procedure.

[Notes]

1) Tuition for the first semester is 267,900 yen (535,800 yen for the full year). The admission fee and the tuition figures are for 2025 and are subject to change. The tuition is subject to change during the years of enrollment. The revised tuition must be paid from the time the change takes place.

2) Further information is provided to the applicants who pass the final selections.

Key Addresses and URL

1) All the documents for applications to be submitted **by postal mail** [except (6) the certificate for English proficiency test scores and (7) certified score report of GRE] must be sent to the following address:

Graduate School Affairs Office
Yokohama National University
79-4 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku
Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN

Phone: 81-45-339-3659

Email: int.gakumu-all@ynu.ac.jp

2) YNU Web Application System

<https://e-apply.jp/e/ynu/>

3) Website of International Graduate Programs in Economics

<http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

TOEFL/IELTS/GRE

1) The Official Score Report of TOEFL/GRE is sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to YNU. The Official Score Report is different from Examinee Score Report sent to individual examinees. Make sure you make an arrangement using the following institutional codes early so the Official Score Report will arrive at YNU by the deadline. The TOEFL/GRE administration offices in each country explain the procedure for requesting the Official Score Report to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Official Score Report, etc. on their websites. Keep the Score Report Request Acknowledgement sent to you from ETS after requesting for the Official Score Report to be issued just in case the graduate school needs to verify the fact that you made a request to ETS.

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2) The IELTS Test Report Form is sent directly from the IELTS administration office in each country to YNU. You can request to send IELTS results directly by selecting Yokohama National University on their website. The Test Report Form is different from what is sent to applicants taking IELTS. Make sure you make an arrangement early so the Test Report Form will arrive at YNU by the deadline. The IELTS administration office in each country explains the procedure for requesting the Test Report Form to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Test Report Form, etc. on their website.

3) IELTS ONLINE

YNU accepts IELTS Online results of Academic Module. IELTS Online results are provided in an electronic format. You need to download the result, print it out and then send it with other admission documents.

4) DUOLINGO

You have to take the test on the web and request the Duolingo Test Center to share the results with us, Yokohama National University (GSISS = Graduate School of International Social Sciences). You can take the test at home with the proper equipment recommended by Duolingo.

Housing

Ooka International Residence

Ooka International Residence is a quality housing complex for the international community of students, researchers, faculty and administrative staff of YNU, aimed to promote multicultural exchanges and mutual understanding. The average commute time to YNU is 40 minutes.

International students with Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) or foreign government scholarships are given priority in applications to Ooka International Residence (as of 2025).

Minesawa International Student Dormitory

Minesawa International Student Dormitory is a 5-minute walk from the university. It has only single rooms.

There are two periods for moving into the dormitory: April and October. The maximum length of residency is one year. There are monthly residence fees and charges.

Applications to fill vacant rooms are accepted twice each year. Because of the large number of applicants, residents are selected by lottery. International students with Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) or foreign government scholarships cannot apply for a single room in Minesawa. (as of 2025).

Tokiwadai International Residence

Tokiwadai International Residence is a new housing complex where students and researchers live. The faculty promotes multicultural exchanges and mutual understanding among residents.

In a Shared Unit, eight students share a living room, kitchen and two bathrooms. They have their own bedroom. Other accommodation options include single rooms and large family rooms.

For more information, check the YNU website below:
<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/student/#housing>

Scholarships and Financial Support

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho, MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship (hereafter, “MEXT scholarship”) and Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship (Gakushu Shoreihi) for Privately Financed International Students are available for international students enrolled full-time in the program.

(1) MEXT Scholarship

The Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) offers scholarships and international travel expenses for international students who study in higher education institutions selected on the recommendation of:

- 1) a Japanese embassy or consulate general (Embassy Recommendation), and
- 2) the Japanese university in which the student plans to be enrolled if he/she is privately financed and wishes to arrive in Japan just before enrollment.

The scholarships provide the monthly stipend (148,000 yen as of 2025 but it may be changed) for the period necessary for the grantee to complete the regular course contingent upon excellent academic performance. YNU offers a tuition waiver to students with the MEXT scholarships. The MEXT scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence or Tokiwadai International Residence. The average commute time to YNU is 40 minutes.

1) Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (Embassy Recommendation)

Scholarship recipients are recruited and initially screened by a Japanese embassy or consulate general, depending on the country. The application process differs by country, therefore, please inquire at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country for details.

For more information, check the MEXT and YNU websites.

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm

https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/admissions/mext_research-embassy/

2) Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (Special Program, University Recommendation) *[Apply through YNU after IPhD application]*

The International Ph.D. Program (IPhD) in Economics is going to apply for the International Priority Graduate Programs by MEXT. If the program is selected, MEXT will offer scholarships and international travel expenses. Applicants with excellent academic records are recommended to MEXT through YNU. The scholarships will be offered until the end of the standard program term.

Students graduating from universities with Agreements with YNU will be given preferential treatment.

For further information, please see the following websites:

<https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/scholarships/special.html>

https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/admissions/mext_research-university/

[Important Points on Eligibility]

- 1) Age: Applicants must be born on and after April 2, 1991)
- 2) Nationality: Applicants must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with Japan.
- 3) Visa : Selected applicants must newly obtain a (College) Student (留学 : RYUUGAKU) visa from the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of their nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of “Student.”
- 4) Arrival in Japan: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by the accepting university within two weeks before and after the starting date of the university’s relevant academic term for that year.
- 5) Other scholarships: Applicants should not be scheduled to receive any other scholarship. This includes a state scholarship from your country or any other country including Japan, any scholarship from private or non-governmental organizations, etc.

Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is not eligible.

- 1) Any applicant who is an active member of the military or a civilian employed by the military during the scholarship period.
- 2) Any applicant who was a grantee of a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past, not having had at least three years of research or teaching experience between the completion of the first scholarship and the start of the second scholarship period.
- 3) Any applicant who has already applied for this scholarship through another university.

Selection and Results Notification

- At the time of the Online Application for International Ph.D. Program
Applicants will inform their intention to apply for the PGP scholarship.
- After announcement of results
IPhD will notify the three successful nominees of the PGP scholarship selection results together with results of the entrance examination.
- By Mid February, 2026
IPhD will recommend nominees to MEXT.
- By the first week of July 2026 (tentative)
IPhD will notify successful recipients of the scholarship selection results.

(2) JASSO Scholarship

- 1) **Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Honors Scholarship (Gakushu Shoreihi) for Privately Financed International Students by Pre-arrival Admission (University Recommenders)**
[Must be applied for after matriculation]

Japan Student Services Organization (hereafter "JASSO") offers MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students who attend a university or other institution of higher education in Japan. In conjunction with this scholarship, JASSO sponsors a reservation program that sets aside scholarships allotments for privately financed international students who enroll in a graduate school in Japan directly from overseas (i.e. applicants do not have to visit Japan before enrollment). Privately financed international students who enroll in YNU's International Ph.D. Program in Economics meet these criteria.

The scholarship (graduate level) is paid in the monthly amount determined for that traditional Japanese school year (April-March). The amount is subject to change each year. For reference, the monthly stipend for the 2024-2025 school year was 48,000 yen.

After a scholarship has been reserved for an applicant, it is awarded for a certain period that is based on the time when the applicant enrolls in a Japanese graduate school. For students enrolling in the International Ph.D. Program in Economics in October 2026, the duration of the scholarship is six months, from October 2026 to March 2027.

After enrollment, eligible students will be notified of application.

All applications must be processed through YNU. Direct applications from students will not be accepted.

For more information, check the JASSO website below:

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/shoreihi/about.html

2) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

Privately financed international students studying at YNU are eligible to apply for MEXT Honors scholarships offered by JASSO. Application for the scholarship should be made through university recommendation. Please note that the JASSO scholarship is highly competitive.

(3) Support through Yokohama National University

1) Global Doctoral Program for Academic Career Support (GDACS)

The Global Doctoral Program for Academic Career Support (GDACS) is a doctoral program for faculty members of universities in emerging nations. The long-term objective of this program is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of education and research at partner and other institutions and to the promotion of joint research with YNU by providing opportunities for their faculty members and researchers to study abroad and earn a doctoral degree.

Applicants do not need to pay an application fee. Successful applicants are exempt from admission and tuition fees.

Applicants should submit the following documents after confirming their eligibility.

1. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's current institution (Form 1)
2. Letter of recommendation from the academic advisor at YNU (Form 2)

For more details, please refer to the YNU website below. Application forms can also be downloaded from the website.

<https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/admissions/gdacs/>

*If you want to apply for GDACS, you should do so within the application period of the International Ph.D. Program in Economics.

2) Yokohama National University Tuition Waiver Program for Privately Financed International Students

Those who wish to receive the waiver, check the YNU website.

https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/support/tuition_scholarship/

(4) Other scholarships

There are some scholarships from private organizations and non-governmental organizations, which international students can apply for after matriculation. However, both the number of recipients and the amount paid are limited. For further information, please contact the Financial Support Section of the Student Support Division after being admitted to YNU.

Scholarships from Foreign Government, private organizations and non-governmental organizations

1) Foreign Government Scholarships

Foreign Government Scholarships are available for those who are sent to Japan to study by the government of their home country. Please inquire at the relevant authority in your country for details.

The foreign government scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence or Tokiwadai International Residence, from Ooka International Residence the average commute time to YNU is 40 minutes.

2) Scholarships from private organizations and non-governmental organizations in Japan

Please note that these scholarships are highly competitive.

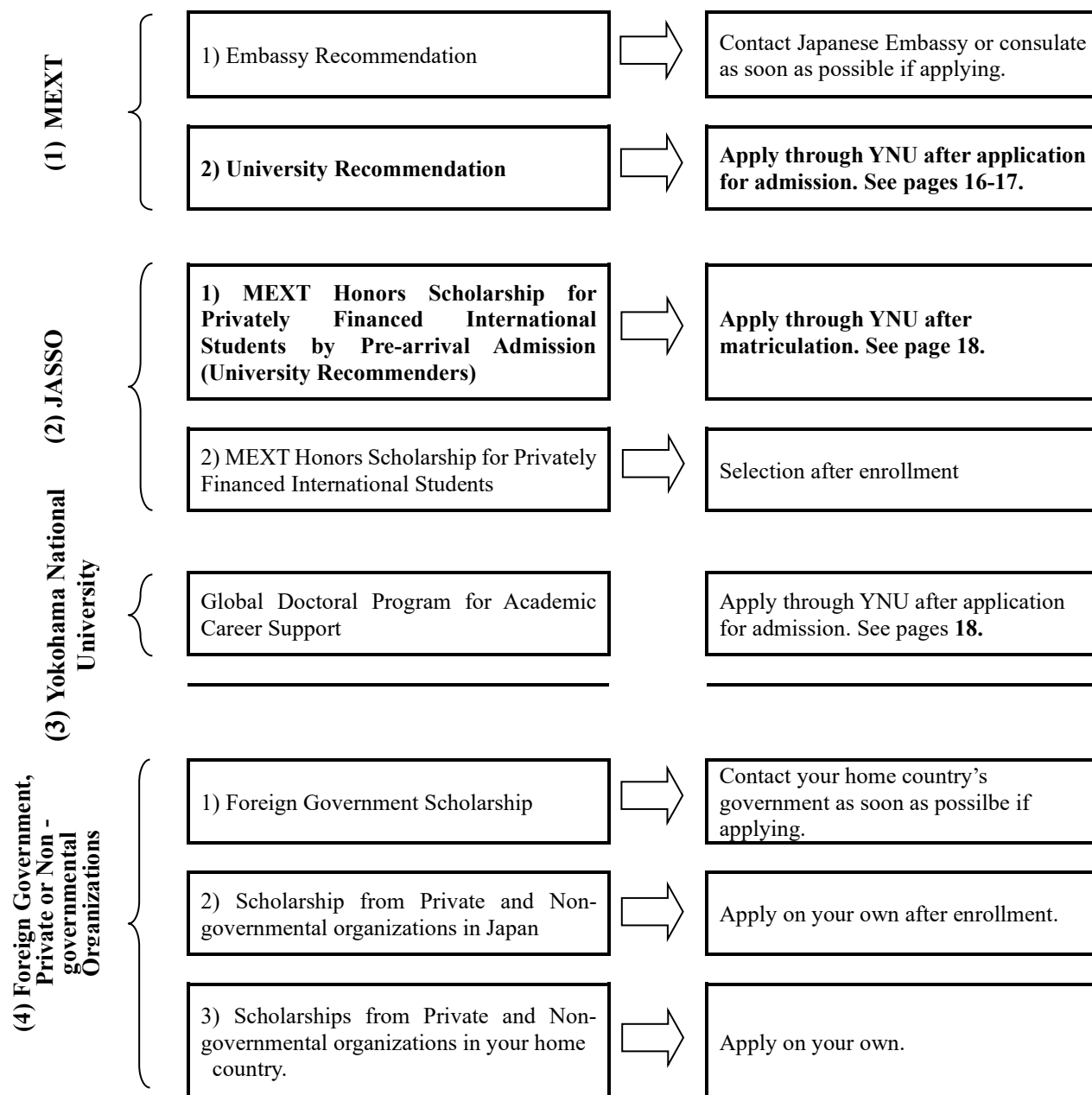
For more information, check the YNU website below:

https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/support/tuition_scholarship/

3) Scholarships from private organizations and non-governmental organizations in your home country

You can apply on your own.

The following chart shows scholarships offered by MEXT, JASSO (i.e. MEXT Honors Scholarships), YNU and foreign governments or other organizations for privately financed international students.



Information from YNU in the Event of Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that make it difficult to conduct the examinations according to the prescribed schedule due to disruptions in public transportation, natural disasters, man-made disasters, epidemics, infectious diseases, etc., YNU will provide information on the following website.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the examination schedule and the method of admission selection may be changed prior to the selection of applicants.

International Ph.D. Program in Economic website

<https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

Yokohama National University website

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/>

Use of ChatGPT and Other Generative AI Tools

We are urging our students to take note of the precautions concerning the use of generative AI tools including ChatGPT. Regarding the documents necessary for our entrance examination, please prepare and submit them based on the following reminder. In addition, international students must abide by their national and regional policies, laws, and regulations as required.

Reminder

Information entered into generative AIs could be used for AI learning or leaked to unintended parties. Furthermore, the source of the information obtained from generative AIs is not clear and may contain fabricated data, biased views, or ethically problematic expressions.

Regarding an application form and other necessary documents, please prepare them in accordance with our Admission Policy and submit them at your own responsibility, ensuring that no wrongdoing is being committed and that no discrepancies in academic skills are suspected after admission.