

Application Guideline for International M.A. Program in Economics

For October 2022 Admission



Department of Economics

Yokohama National University

Japan

[IMPORTANT]

The selection method may possibly be modified due to any changes in circumstances related to coronavirus disease 2019. Please keep yourself updated by referring to the latest information on the website of the relevant Dept. in the Graduate School of International Social Sciences.

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 M.A. 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. Second, we also offer a policy-oriented program employing both comparative economic systems and political economy approaches.

Graduates of the M.A. Program (typically taking two years) will leave YNU with a broad, but high level of knowledge in economics. Together with an in-depth knowledge of domestic, regional, and international affairs in both developed and emerging economies, graduates can apply these skills in their future careers, whether it be in government, the private sector, or if they choose to continue on an academic path.

Our M.A. Program welcomes not only those applicants straight out of a Bachelor's degree, but also those who already have some work experience and who strive to improve and augment their existing knowledge of economics to a level equivalent to a US or European graduate school.

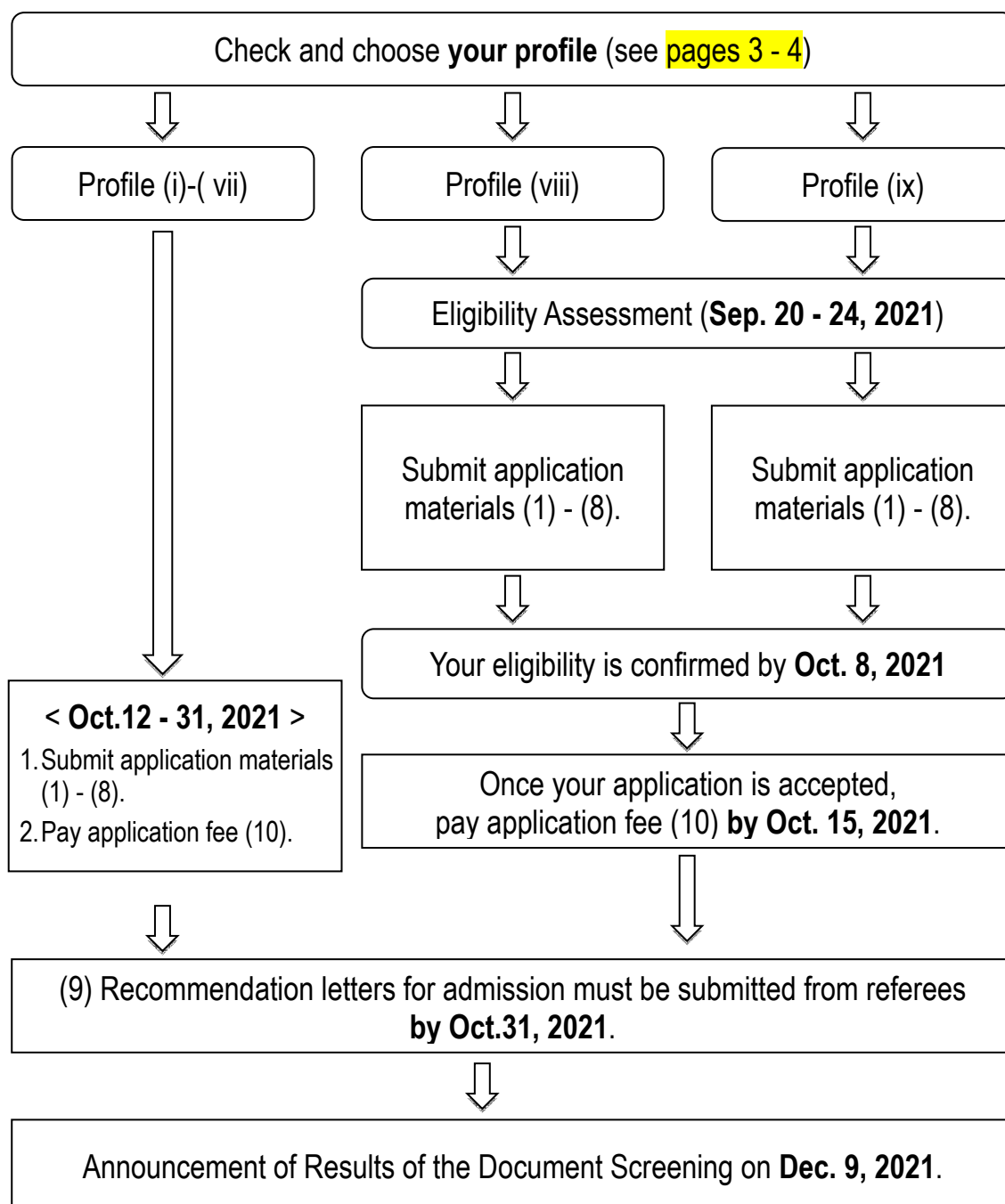
Our M.A. program offers not only an American-style economic track, but also a policy-oriented research track. Students can learn graduate level economics in such courses as international economics, international finance, public finance, economic development and environmental economics. Advanced microeconomics and advanced statistics (econometrics) can also be pursued further. Each student has the option of either taking a Qualifying Examination or writing a traditional Master's thesis, in addition to the required credits, for fulfillment of the degree. Those who choose to write a thesis will be instructed by his/her own academic supervisor (one of our faculty members). The aim of our curriculum is to cultivate not only candidates who wish to pursue doctoral research, but also business experts and internationally-minded civil servants specializing in economic analysis. The degree of Master of Arts in Economics is conferred upon completion of the program.

International M.A. Program in Economics (IMAP) stems from several of our former M.A. programs conducted in English, which were based on agreements with the World Bank and the Indonesian government and admitted around ten public servants from developing countries a year since 1996. We decided to launch IMAP as an open M.A. program in order to attract students from diverse backgrounds, however small its initial scale may be relative to our existing M.A. program conducted in Japanese.

1. Quick Guide

- Submission of your application materials -

(See **pages 5 - 9** for details on application materials (1) through (10).)



See Application and Screening Schedule on **page 11** for further details.

2. First, Determine Your Profile.

Applications can only be accepted from among:

A) Applicants who received higher education from Japan's educational institutions and meet one of the following profiles:

<p>(i) Applicants who graduated after March 1952 or are scheduled to graduate by the date shown in the right from an existing Japanese university.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges or colleges of technology by the date shown in the right, fulfill requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, and will have applied for degree conferment to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation by April 2022.</p> <p>(vi) Applicants who obtained or are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by the date shown in the right from Japanese vocational schools.</p>	Sep. 30, 2022
<p>(vii) Applicants who received education under Japan's old education system such as the old university and old normal high school and obtained a qualification equivalent to graduation from university.</p> <p>(viii) Applicants who entered a graduate program of another Japanese university by skipping grades and who are recognized by the graduate school of YNU as having the appropriate academic ability in order to follow the graduate courses.</p>	

or

B) Applicants who received higher education from educational institutions in a country or countries other than Japan and meet one of the following profiles:

<p>(iii) Applicants who completed or are scheduled to complete by September 30, 2022, a 16-year program of school education from elementary school through university in a country or countries other than Japan. See Special Remarks item 3) next page.</p> <p>(iv) Applicants who received education through correspondence courses provided by a country or countries other than Japan while residing in Japan and are otherwise identical to applicants (iii).</p> <p>(v) Applicants who were enrolled in non-Japanese schools located in Japan, such as Temple University Japan Campus, Far Eastern Federal University Hakodate Campus, and Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Japan Campus and Beijing Language and Culture University Tokyo Campus, and are otherwise identical to applicants (iii).</p>

or

C) Other Applicants:

- (ix) Applicants who do not meet any one of the profiles (i) - (viii) above but have been recognized by the graduate school of YNU in their individual application eligibility assessment as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate and are at least 22 years old or will be 22 years old by September 30, 2022.

[Special Remarks on Application Eligibility]

- 1) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profiles (viii) and (ix) prior to the application.
- 2) Profile (ii) refers to applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges or colleges of technology that are recognized as fulfilling requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (in reference to Article 6, Paragraph 1 of Japan's Rules for Degrees).
- 3) If you have completed an undergraduate degree with less than 16 years of education from elementary school to university, we recommend you have the eligibility assessment completed prior to the online application for the program. Please contact the Graduate School Affairs Office for further details.
- 4) Profile (ix) refers to applicants who do not have a qualification as a university graduate, such as those who graduated from junior colleges, colleges of technology, vocational schools, miscellaneous educational institutions, or those who graduated from a university in a country where a 16-year program of school education is not required, and who have been engaged in research as a research student or a researcher at such institutions as follows for at least one year.
 - A university in Japan (or in a country or countries other than Japan)
 - Japan's Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, or equivalent
- 5) To obtain a student visa, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support student life in Japan.

3. Degree Conferred

Master of Arts in Economics

4. Number of Students Admitted Each Year

The Department of Economics plans to admit around thirty-eight students to IMAP and the existing M.A. program conducted in Japanese combined. The Department will decide the number for each program, considering numerous factors including the quality of applicants to each program.

5. Language Requirements

1) English:

All the lectures and seminars will be conducted in English and therefore, students must 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 take Japanese language classes at YNU 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 towards the credits for completion of the program.

6. Scholarships

Both the International M.A. Program (IMAP) and International Ph.D. Program (IPhD) in Economics were selected as International Priority Graduate Programs (hereafter “PGP”) by MEXT. MEXT shall allocate scholarships and international travel funding to Japan for one IMAP student and two IPhD students YNU selects from among students entering the program each year. In addition, the PGP scholarship recipients will receive a tuition waiver from YNU. As for the details on this, please refer to the section ‘Scholarships Details’ toward the end of this brochure.

7. Application Period

See the Quick Guide (page 2), and for details, Application & Screening Schedule (page 11-12).

Application for Eligibility Assessment	Sep. 20 – 24, 2021	The postmark must be no later than October 31, 2021.
Application for Admission	Oct. 12 – 31, 2021	

8. Application Materials

(1) Web Application Forms (Refer to the following (2) - (10) for details.)

Enter your name, birth date, sex, citizenship, address, phone, email, educational history, employment history, research activity history, an English proficiency test score, GRE Quantitative Reasoning percentile point, GPA (if available), two academic references, intended field of study, statement of purpose¹, two advisors of your choice², application status of scholarship from government, and any need for TA-ships and/or tuition waiver, etc. 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, JAPAN 240-8501

1. The statement of purpose should include what you have studied thus far, what you wish to study in the program, and your future career goal. (Approx. 1000 words.)
2. Provide names of up to two advisors of your choice in the order of your preference. The list of faculty members potentially available for advising can be found on the website of the International M.A. Program in Economics.
<https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

(2) Writing Samples

Upload a copy of your undergraduate senior thesis. If the thesis is written in a language other than English¹, upload an 800-word (minimum) English summary² along with the thesis³. If you do not have a completed thesis, submit an English summary (800 words minimum) of the research/study you have carried out thus far⁴. Print your name in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. ***Embed fonts into your documents.***

- 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.
- 3) If the thesis is co-authored, describe your contribution in detail.
- 4) For example, if you are planning to write a senior 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 undergraduate 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.
- 5) 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 undergraduate education

Academic transcripts must include the school's official seal or signature. Submit transcripts for all the schools you attended if you transferred between schools. Be sure to also submit the standards for grade assessment. If a course title, a grade, or any other information in the certificates contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation should be attached.

(4) The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) from the university

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 the bachelor 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 profile (ii) should submit the certificate of degree conferment or the certificate of receipt of degree conferment application instead.

(5) English proficiency test scores or university certificate

If you have not completed your bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last 5 years, you must submit one of the following English test scores.

Name of Test		Min. Score Requirements for admission	
TOEFL	iBT / iBT Special Home Edition*	79	* Added in response to COVID-19 circumstances
	PBT	550	
IELTS	Academic / Indicator*	6.5	
Duolingo*		105	

Plan to have an official score be sent directly from the testing institution. It must reach YNU by the following date.

Eligibility Profile	Due Date	In all cases, only the results of tests taken after Oct. 31, 2019, will be considered as valid.
(viii) or (ix)	Oct. 1, 2021	
(i) - (vii)	Nov. 8, 2021	

[Special Remarks] English language Requirement Waivers and University Certificate

- 1) The English language requirement will be waived if you have 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 an official test score by a testing institution.

(6) GRE Score

A Certified GRE Score report is one of the important elements for evaluation. It has to be delivered directly from ETS by the due date shown in (5) above.

Only the Quantitative Reasoning scores will be used for evaluation. In all cases only the results of tests taken after Oct. 31, 2019, will be considered as valid.

(7) Documents showing other strengths

If available, you may submit additional documents which show other academic achievements.

(8) 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 the Ministry of Justice.

(9) Two Letters of Recommendation

Two faculty members of the school you last attended, typically the undergraduate school where you earned or will earn a bachelor's degree, must write letters of recommendation. Provide the names, affiliations, addresses, work phone numbers, and official University email addresses of two 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 M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in Economics] - Letter of Recommendation Upload Request].

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

(10) 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 convenience store (Seven-Eleven, Lawson, FamilyMart, Circle K and Sunkus only), where you need to use the information terminal device located inside and pay at the check-out counter. Then 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 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 service charges 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 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 application documents. You must write your name in English as it appears in your passport.
- 3) It is recommended that you send documents by registered express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, UPS).
- 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. However, certain materials that cannot be reissued will be returned upon request by December 9, 2021. Attach a note to this effect.
- 7) If it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or any necessary details or documents have been omitted, the admission will be cancelled, even in the event that the applicant has already been admitted to the university.

9. Screening

Screening is done in two stages - document screening based on application materials, followed by an IP Phone interview.

Online Interview

Short-listed applicants via document screening will be invited to the next stage, the Online interview.

[Important Points on the Online Interview]

You will be informed of the method (communication software, etc.), time and date of interview immediately after the announcement of the results of document screening.

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

10. 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.

11. Privacy Policy

YNU is committed to protecting the individual privacy of applicants and students by restricting the use of all collected information as specified by Policies on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Yokohama National University based on the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies. In accordance with these policies, the information on this application may be used by YNU officials only for appropriate administrative and research purposes.

12. Admissions Decision

Admissions decision will be announced on January 13, 2022, by posting the applicant identification number of each successful candidate on the following website.

<https://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 applicants will subsequently receive an official certificate of passing the entrance exam and other enrollment-related documents via postal mail. YNU will not respond to any enquiries regarding the results of the screening process or admission.

13. Application and Screening Schedule - 1/2

Eligibility Assessment

Procedure	Dates	Eligibility Profile	
		i) - vii)	viii) & ix)
Application for Eligibility Assessment	2021 Sep. 20 - 24 Documents Due: Oct. 1	N.A.	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Submit by post the original copies of (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the printed application form (1).
Confirmation of Application Eligibility	Oct. 8	N.A.	After your eligibility is assessed by the graduate school, you will be notified of the result by email.

Admission

Procedure	Dates	Eligibility Profile i) - vii)	Eligibility Profile viii) & ix)
Application for IMAP and Payment	2021 Oct.12 - 31 Documents Due: Nov. 8	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Pay (10) 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 by post the original copies of (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the application form (1) and the email both printed out.	Your application is accepted when your eligibility is confirmed by the graduate school. After your application is accepted, pay (10) 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 by post the printout of that email.
Letters of Recommendation Due	Oct. 31	Referees must submit (9) on the web application system by this date.	
Announcement Results of Document Screening	Dec. 9	The IDs of the applicants who pass the document screening are announced on the program's homepage. https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html	
Scheduling and Interviews (Oral Exam)	Dec. 9 - 12 Dec.13 - 20	You will be informed of the method, time and date of interview. Online Interviews	
Announcement of Final Results	2022 Jan.13	The IDs of applicants who pass the final selections based on the interview are announced on the program's homepage and contacted by postal mail. https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html	

Application and Screening Schedule - 2/2

PGP Scholarship

Procedure	Month / Year *	Details
[Notification] Scholarship Nominees	2022 Not Specified (Late Jan.)	Successful applicants for admission who declared the wish for scholarship with sufficient eligibility will be informed as nominees for scholarship by YNU faculty members (email).
Recommendation of Nominees	Late March	YNU will recommend the nominees for the scholarships to MEXT.
[Notification of Results] MEXT > YNU	End of June	YNU will be informed of official results of selection by MEXT.
[Notification of Results] > Applicants	Early July	Applicants shall be informed of final results of scholarship selection by an e-mail from YNU.
Designated Scholarship Payment	October	Scholarship payment will start when grantees arrive in Japan.

* Schedule is subject to change.

14. Admissions and Tuition

You will formally enter the program on October 1, 2022.

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 precisely pay the admission fee of 282,000 yen at the time of 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 **2021** 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.

15. Key Addresses and URL

- 1) All the documents for applications to be submitted **by postal mail** [except (5) the certificate for English proficiency test scores and (6) 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, JAPAN 240-8501
Phone: 81-45-339-3655
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

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

16. Notes on Official Score Reports

1) TOEFL / GRE

The Official Score Report has to be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to YNU. It is different from the Examinee Score Report for you (individual examinee). Please be sure to request well in advance with the codes below so that the report will reach YNU by the deadline.

Yokohama National University - Institutional Code:	0410
Dep. of Economics - Department Code:	1801

Keep the Score Report Request Acknowledgement by ETS just in case you need to show proof of your request to ETS.

2) IELTS

The IELTS Test Report Form has to be sent directly from the IELTS administration office in each country to YNU. The form is different from the one given to you.

Please be sure to request well in advance so that the Test Report Form should reach YNU (at the address shown below) by the deadline.

Admissions Division, Student Affairs Department Yokohama National University 79-8 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku Yokohama, JAPAN 240-8501
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* Both ETS and IELTS administration offices in each country show the request procedure, the number of days required for issuance, etc. on the web.

3) 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.

17. 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 2021).

For more information and application, visit <http://www.int-residence.jp/english/>.

International Student House and Minesawa International Student Dormitory

YNU has two dormitories for its international students: YNU International Student House and the Minesawa International Student Dormitory. The former dormitory is a 5-minute walk from Gumyoji subway station. The latter dormitory is a 5-minute walk from the university. The Minesawa International Student Dormitory has only single rooms, and the International Student House has shared rooms and family rooms as well as 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 or International Student House (as of 2021).

For more details, please refer to the application guidelines distributed by the Student Support Division in early July.

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://tokiwadai-ir.jp/en/>

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/student/housing/tokiwadai/>

18. Scholarships Details

There are some scholarships from the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) or *Monbukagakusho*), Japan Student Services Organization (i.e., Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship), private organizations and non-governmental organizations, which international students can apply for.

(1) Japanese Government Scholarships

The Japanese Government offers scholarships and international travel expenses for international students who study in higher education institutions, selected on the basis of:

1. Embassy Recommendation

Scholarship recipients are recruited and initially screened by a Japanese embassy or consulate general. 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.

http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1330944.htm

http://www.mext.go.jp/component/a_menu/education/detail/__icsFiles/afieldfile/2019/04/12/1415360_02.pdf

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/admissions/scholarship/mext/>

2. University Recommendation

University Recommendation is a type of selection that students are recommended to MEXT by the Japanese university which will accept you as a research student.

It is divided into 4 categories, "General", "Special Program", "SATREPS" and "e-Asia".

YNU recommends students under the two categories: "Special Program" (PGP) and "General".

1) [Special Program: International Priority Graduate Programs \(PGP\)](#)

2) [General Program](#)

1) Special Program: International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP)

The International M.A. Program (IMAP) and International Ph.D. Program (IPhD) in Economics were selected as the International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP) by MEXT. MEXT shall allocate scholarships and international travel funding to Japan for one IMAP student and two IPhD students YNU selects from among students entering the program each year. In addition, the PGP scholarship recipients will receive a tuition waiver from YNU.

The PGP scholarship provides a monthly stipend of 147,000 yen (subject to change) for one IMAP student for up to two years of study (contingent upon excellent academic performance) and a monthly stipend of 148,000 yen (subject to change) for two IPhD students for up to three years of study (contingent upon excellent academic performance). The PGP scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence (about a 40-minute commute from YNU) or Tokiwadai International Residence located on campus

Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2022 (i.e., born on and after April 2, 1987). Applicants residing in Japan (or planning to reside in Japan) before the Fall 2022 semester starting on October 1, 2022, are not eligible for this PGP scholarship offer from IMAP and IPhD in Economics.

Applicants must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of 2.30 (out of 3.00) or above in the last two academic years and be expected to maintain the equivalent level during the scholarship period.

- Number of recipients: IMAP: One (1) IPhD: Two (2)
- Scholarship Application Period: Mid. January to Mid. February 2022
(The postmark will be stipulated for deadline.)
- The application materials described in the next page are to be submitted by postal mail.

Note: Effective for applications for October 2014 onwards, the Japanese Government Scholarship (University Recommendation) selection will be subjected to a listing of Priority Regions as assigned by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan.

The Priority Regions, 2017 are as follows: ASEAN, East Asia, Southwest Asia including India, Russia and CIS countries, Africa, Middle East, South America, Central and Eastern Europe, USA.

For more information, please click the following links for the web sites of YNU and MEXT.

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/admissions/scholarship/mext/>

世界の成長を取り込むための外国人留学生の受入れ戦略 “Strategy on Accepting Foreign Students to Gain from the Advancements of Other Countries” (18, December 2013), Working Group for the Strategic Promotion of Exchange between Japanese and Foreign Students

Required Application Materials

1. Application for Japanese Government Scholarship (duplex, i.e., double-sided, printing)
2. Field of Study and Study Program (duplex, i.e., double-sided, printing)
As to the above 1. And 2., Formats can be downloaded on the web page with the URL shown below.
<https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/scholarships/special.html>
3. Photograph (4.5×3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full faced, no hats. Write your name and nationality on the reverse side and paste it onto the application form. Digital photographs also acceptable).
4. Abstract of thesis or research paper
5. Recommendation from a high-ranking person such as the dean of a department, the program director, or a person in an equivalent position at the last university attended addressed to Dr. UMEHARA Izuru, President, Yokohama National University.

Address

All scholarship application documents must be sent to the following address by postal mail:

Graduate School Office, Graduate School of International Social Sciences
Yokohama National University
Address: 79-4 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku Yokohama, JAPAN 240-8501

Important Points on Application Submission

1. It is recommended that you send the scholarship application documents by registered express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, UPS).
2. The scholarship application documents and the application materials for International M.A. Program can be sent together.
3. Application scholarship documents cannot be returned.

Selection and Results Notification

2021

November Document Screening The PGP scholarship candidates will be selected.

December Screening Interview

2022

Mid. - January YNU will notify the three successful nominees of the PGP scholarship selection results. They will have to send their application documents to arrive YNU by the due date to be specified later.

Mid. - March YNU will recommend nominees to MEXT.

End - June MEXT will notify YNU the names of selected scholarship recipients.

Early July YNU will notify successful recipients of the scholarship selection results.

October The PGP scholarship funding will commence in October following grantee's arrival in Japan.

※ The detailed schedule will be announced later.

2) General Program: Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation) *[Apply through YNU after IMAP application]*

MEXT offers scholarships and international travel expenses to privately financed international students who plan to enroll in Japanese universities. Applicants with excellent academic records are recommended to MEXT through YNU. And the scholarships will be offered until the end of the standard course term.

For further information, please review the following websites:

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

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/admissions/scholarship/mext/>

Important Points on Eligibility for the preceding 1) Special and 2) General Programs

- 1) Age: Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2022 (i.e., born on and after April 2, 1987)
- 2) Nationality: Applicants must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.
- 3) VISA: Selected applicants must obtain a (College) Student (留学 : RYUUGAKU) visa from the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of their nationality, in principle, prior to their arrival in Japan.
- 4) Arrival Date in Japan: Applicants must arrive in Japan within the period YNU sets. Applicants should not reside in Japan or plan to reside in Japan before the Fall 2021 semester. Those who live in Japan between the application period and October 2022 are not eligible unless they plan to return to their countries of origin before their enrollment.
- 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.

Screening (IP-Phone Interview)

To confirm the eligibility based on the Application Guidelines Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship, short-listed applicants will be invited for an IP-Phone interview at the admission screening stage.

Notice: MEXT scholarship selection is subject to a listing of priority regions as assigned by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan.

Priority Regions: Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Laos, Southwest Asia, Russia and CIS countries, Africa, Middle East, South America, Central and Eastern Europe, USA.

For more information, check the following JASSO website:
[Japan Student Services Organization \(JASSO\) - JASSO](#)

(2) Japan Student Services Organization (hereafter “JASSO”) Scholarships Programs

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 2021-2022 school year is 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 2022, duration of the scholarship is six months, from October 2022 to March 2023. Students need to compete for the Monbukagakusho (regular) Honors Scholarships or other scholarships for privately financed international students during the subsequent period.

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

The 2022-2023 application for MEXT Honors Scholarship by Pre-arrival Admission (University Recommenders) must be made after matriculation.

For more information, check the JASSO website below:

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/scholarships/shoureihi/tonichimaeyoyaku.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) Yokohama National University Scholarship

1) Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program

YNU is recruiting students who want to enter its graduate schools as Doctoral Students, Master's Students and Special Research Students in October 2022 or April 2023 under the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program.

For more information, check the YNU website.

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/admissions/scholarship/csc/>

The latest Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program information (admission in October 2022) will be available in the autumn semester, 2021.

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

① Outline

The Yokohama National University (YNU) Tuition Waiver Program for Privately Financed International Students is aimed at promoting the acceptance of academically excellent international students and providing financial support after their admission to YNU. Screening is solely based on academic performance, and high-ranked applicants will be entitled to a 100%, 50%, or 30% exemption from tuition fees according to their academic results. Likewise, those entering doctoral programs will be entitled to a 100% or 50% exemption from tuition fees.

② Eligibility

Privately financed international students who apply for entrance examinations designated by YNU for regular curricula offered by undergraduate colleges and graduate schools at YNU and have or are scheduled to obtain the status of residence as "Student" required by Japanese law ("Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act") are eligible for the program.

NB: International students sponsored or dispatched by their governments, as well as privately financed international students aided by JICA, World Bank, foreign governments, and other institutions for their tuition fees, are not eligible for the program.

③ Evaluation and screening

Screening will be held based on results of entrance examinations. As for undergraduate and master's programs, the top 50% of privately financed international students at each undergraduate college or graduate school will be entitled to the program. More specifically, the top 10% of students will be given a 100% exemption from tuition fees; the following 20% of students, a 50% exemption; and the other 20% of students, a 30% exemption. As for doctoral programs, the top 50% of students will receive a 100% exemption from tuition fees; the remaining students, a 50% exemption.

④ Application procedure

Those who wish to receive the waiver must download the “Application Form/Expense Plan Form” from the website below and submit it to the relevant college or graduate school when applying for admission.

<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/student/tuition/waiver/>

⑤ Notification of the result and necessary procedures

Applicants will receive notification of the result along with the announcement of entrance examination results. Those selected as prospective recipients must complete the predetermined procedures to be officially judged as recipients of the program. The notification of entitlement (announcement of results) will be provided on a semester basis via the Student Information System.

⑥ Remark

The exemption period is for two consecutive semesters after admission to YNU. Following that, the University will review applicants' qualifications, as well as percentages of exemption from tuition fees, for each semester based on their academic performance. Those who wish to apply to receive the tuition waiver program for their second and subsequent years must submit the designated documents by the due date. Details will be announced around December 2022 on the YNU website.

(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 which 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:

<http://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/expense/foreign/>

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

You can apply on your own.

The chart below summarizes the variety of scholarships available.
See the relevant page(s) for details.

(1) MEXT

1) Embassy Recommendation	⇒	Contact Japanese Embassy or consulate as soon as possible if applying.	Page 16
2) University Recommendation	⇒	Apply through YNU after application for admission.	Page 16 - 19

(2) JASSO

1) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students by Pre-arrival Admission (University Recommenders)	⇒	Apply through YNU after matriculation.	Page 21
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(3) Yokohama National University

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(4) Foreign Government, Private or Non-governmental Organizations

1) Foreign Government Scholarship	⇒	Contact your home country's government as soon as possible if applying.
2) Scholarship from Private and Non-governmental organizations in Japan	⇒	Apply on your own after enrollment.
3) Scholarships from Private and Non-governmental organizations in your home country.	⇒	Apply on your own.