

Application for International M.A. Program in Economics

For October 2020 Admission



Department of Economics

Yokohama National University

Japan

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.

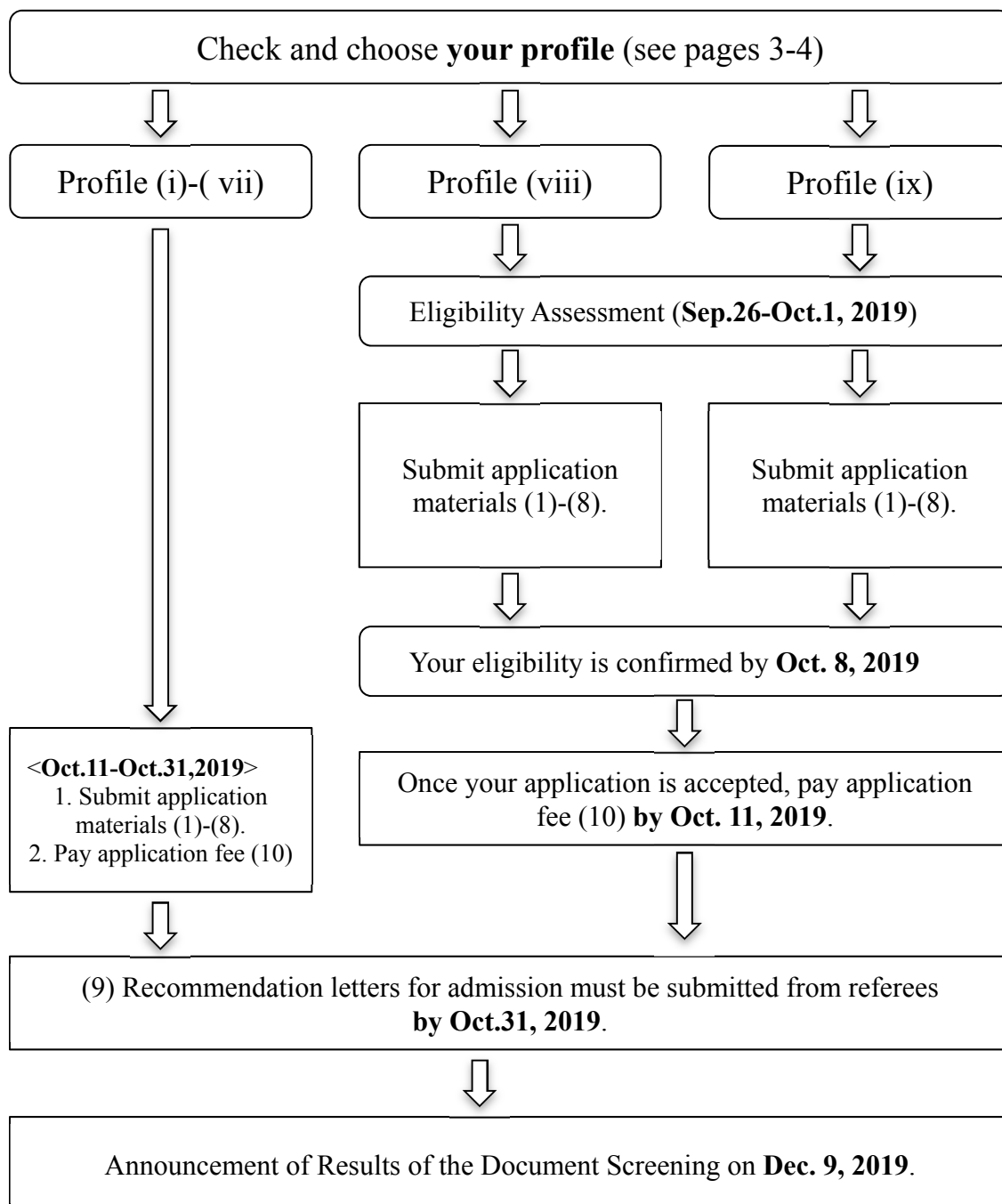
Our M.A. program offers not only an American-style economic track, but also a policy-oriented research track. First, in the core, students can learn graduate level microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, economic systems and economic policy. Second, in the advanced courses, various fields are offered such as international economics, public economics/finance, economic development and environmental economics. Advanced microeconomics and advanced statistics (econometrics) can also be pursued further. Third, 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 existing M.A. programs conducted in English, which are based on agreements with the World Bank and the Indonesian government and have admitted around ten public servants from developing countries a year since 1996. We have 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.

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.

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:

(i) Applicants who graduated after March, 1952 or are scheduled to graduate by September 30, 2020 from an existing Japanese university.

(ii) Applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges or colleges of technology by September 30, 2020, 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 2020.

(vi) Applicants who obtained or are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2020 from Japanese vocational schools.

(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.

(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.

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:

(iii) Applicants who completed or are scheduled to complete by September 30, 2020 a 16-year program of school education from elementary school through university in a country or countries other than Japan.

(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).

(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).

or

C) Other Applicants:

(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 as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate and who are at least 22 years old or will be 22 years old by September 30, 2020.

[Special Remarks on Application Eligibility]

1) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profiles (viii) and (ix) prior to application.

2) In (ii) applicants who are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2020 refer 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, according to Article 6, Paragraph 1 of Japan's Rules for Degrees and who will have applied for degree conferment to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation by April 1, 2020.

3) Applicants who completed less than 16 years of education from elementary school to university and have completed an undergraduate degree may be eligible to apply. Please contact Graduate School Affairs Office for detail.

4) Applicants who meet profile (ix) refer to applicants who do not have a qualification as a university graduate, such as applicants who graduated from junior colleges, colleges of technology, vocational schools, miscellaneous educational institutions or 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 a university in Japan or a country or countries other than Japan, Japan's Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, or an equivalent research institution for at least one year.

5) To obtain a student visa, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support student life in Japan.

6) Applicants eligible for the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program for Public Policy and Taxation (WB-PPT), Indonesian Government Scholarship Program (IGS), Indonesia Linkage Program (ILP) or African Economics and Business Initiative (AEBI) program should only apply for WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI. One should not apply for both International M.A. Program in Economics (IMAP) and WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI. Although the educational program of IMAP is similar to those of WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI, no tax law courses, internship at the National Tax Agency, or field trips are available in IMAP.

Degree Conferred

Master of Arts in Economics

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, taking into account numerous factors including the quality of applicants to each program.

Language Requirement

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

Application Period

See Quick Guide on page 2. For further details, see Application and Screening Schedule on page 11-12.

- 1) September 26, 2019- October 1, 2019: Application Eligibility Assessment Period
(If your eligibility profile is (viii) or (ix), all application materials except application fee and recommendation letters must arrive at the Graduate School Affairs Office by October 1, 2019.)
- 2) October 11, 2019-October 31, 2019: Application Period
(The postmark must be no later than October 31, 2019.)

All the dates are in Japan Standard Time.

Application Materials

(1) Web Application Forms (Refer to sections (2) through (10) for details on requirements.)

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 the 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
79-3 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku
Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN

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 a 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

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 or PBT) or IELTS (academic module) scores. Minimum score requirements for admission are TOEFL iBT 79, PBT 550, or IELTS academic module 6.5. Make arrangements to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution. The official scores must reach YNU by October 1, 2019 if your eligibility profile is (viii) or (ix), and by October 31, 2019 if your profile is (i)-(vii). 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 October 31, 2017 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 the applicant is a native of or completed his/her bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years in the U.S., the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or English medium universities in Canada or South Africa.

2) Applicants who completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years in other countries, such as India, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc., are not exempt from the English language requirement. Instead of submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores, these applicants can provide an official letter from the university certifying that English was the language of instruction.

(6) GRE Score

Submit a Certified GRE Score Report. Note that only the Quantitative Reasoning Scores 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 October 31, 2017 will be considered as valid for your application.

(7) Documents showing other strengths

If available, submit these documents.

(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 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 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 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 6, 2019. Attach a note to this effect.
- 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 IP Phone interview.

IP-Phone Interview

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

[Important Points on the IP-Phone Interview]

Please get your PC environment prepared so that you can run Skype for an interview. You must prepare the following items for the interview and test your equipment and software together well in advance of the interview.

- 1) Software: Skype (free software). You can download and install it for free.
- 2) Your Skype name: You can create your Skype account (Skype name) while installing the software.

3) Internet connection: broadband (i.e. high-speed Internet connectivity)

4) Equipment: built-in or separate web camera and microphone

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.

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.

Admissions Decision

Admissions decision will be announced on January 14, 2020 by posting the examinee 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 candidates 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.

Application and Screening Schedule

| Procedure | Dates | The eligibility profiles i)-vii) | The eligibility profiles viii) & ix) |
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| Application Eligibility assessment | Sep.26, 2019-Oct.1, 2019 | N.A. | Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the printed application forms (1) by postal mail. |
| Confirmation of application eligibility | Before Oct.8, 2019 | N.A. | 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.11, 2019-Oct.31, 2019 | 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 the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the printed application forms (1) and the printed email by postal mail. | 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 a printout of this email by postal mail. |
| Letters of Recommendation Due | Oct.31, 2019 | Referees must submit (9) on the web application system by this date. | |
| Announcement of Results of the Document Screening | Dec.9, 2019 | 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 | |
| Arrangement for Schedule for "IP Phone" Interviews | Dec.9, 2019-Dec.12, 2019 | The time and date for the interview are arranged by email. | |

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| Interviews | Dec.16, 2019-Dec.20, 2019 | Applicants are interviewed in their countries using Skype or other IP Phone service. |
| Announcement of Final Results | Jan.14, 2020 | 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 |
| Notification of the MEXT Scholarship Recommendation by YNU Faculty Members | | Applicants who pass the final selections for admission and apply for the scholarship with sufficient eligibility will be notified of recommendation for it from YNU faculty members by email after the announcement of the final results on admission. |
| Recommendation of the MEXT Scholarship Nominees | Late March, 2020 (subject to change.) | YNU will select and recommend the nominees for the scholarships to MEXT. |
| The MEXT Scholarship Results Notification from MEXT to YNU | By the end of June, 2020 (subject to change.) | YNU will be notified of the successful recipients by MEXT. |
| The MEXT Scholarship Results Notification | By the first week July, 2020 (subject to change.) | YNU will notify the successful recipients of the scholarship selection results by email. |
| The designated MEXT Scholarship Payment | October, 2020 | The scholarship payment will start in October when grantees arrive in Japan. |

Admissions and Tuition

You will formally enter the program on October 1, 2020.

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 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 2019 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 (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
79-3 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

<https://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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| Department of Economics Yokohama National University Institutional Code: 0410 Department Code: 1801 |
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2) The IELTS Test Report Form is sent directly from the IELTS administration office in each country to YNU. 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. Use the following address:

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| Admissions Division, Student Affairs Department Yokohama National University 79-8 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN |
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Scholarships

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 2019 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 (about 40 minutes to YNU) or Tokiwadai International Residence (next to the university compound). ~~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.

http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1415352.htm

http://www.mext.go.jp/component/a_menu/education/detail/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2019/04/12/1415359_02.pdf

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

2) Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation)

[Apply through YNU after IPhD 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]

- 1) Age: Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2020 (i.e. born on and after April 2, 1985)
- 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 2019 semester. Those who live in Japan between the application period and October 2020 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:

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/tantoshu/study_j/scholarship/shoureihi/_icsFiles/afiel_dfile/2018/10/24/jutenkokulist.pdf

(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 2019-2020 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 2020, duration of the scholarship is six months, from October 2020 to March 2021. 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 2020-2021 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 2020 or April 2021 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 2020) will be available in the autumn semester, 2019.

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 2020 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 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.

(1) MEXT

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| 1) Embassy Recommendation | ⇒ | Contact Japanese Embassy or consulate as soon as possible if applying. |
| 2) University Recommendation | ⇒ | Apply through YNU after application for admission. See pages 15-16. |

(2) JASSO

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| 1) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students by Pre-arrival Admission (University Recommenders) | ⇒ | Apply through YNU after matriculation. See pages 16-17. |
| 2) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students | ⇒ | Selection after enrollment |

(3) Yokohama National University

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| Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program | ⇒ | Apply through YNU after application for admission. See page 17-18. |
| Yokohama National University Tuition Waiver Program for Privately Financed International Students | ⇒ | Submit “Application Form/ Expense Plan Form” to the graduate school when applying for admission. See pages 18-19. |

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

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| 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. |

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 2019).

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 2019).

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 bed room. 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/>