



KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master's Program Application Guidelines 2026

This document provides an overview of the application guidelines for non-native Japanese speakers. For further information, please refer to our Japanese version website (<https://www.kyoto-art.ac.jp/graduate/>).

Japanese language proficiency is required for office procedures. Lectures and seminars are primarily conducted in Japanese, except for the Art and Curatorial Practices Program in the Contemporary Art Practice field. In this program, we welcome both English-speaking and Japanese-speaking students, including artists who aim to deepen their critical thinking in their art projects.

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Admission Policy

The following lists the basic criteria and policies expected from the candidates:

[Arts Major]

- Comprehensive skills necessary to conduct advanced research and production.
- Capacity to think flexibly and creatively that is not bound by existing values and frameworks.
- Ability to respect diverse values, engage honestly with peers, and build relationships of trust.
- Interest in international and cultural academic exchange.
- Language proficiency sufficient to write a dissertation in Japanese or English.
- Sufficient Japanese language skills to complete studies.

[Major of Art and Environment]

- A sincere interest in social issues and a willingness to seek solutions on their own initiative.
- A fundamental education in the arts with the ability to think and communicate in a flexible manner.
- A basic ability to carry out their graduate research and production according to their field of expertise.

* Please review our website for our Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy.

In order to evaluate a diverse range of applicants who possess the aforementioned qualities and skills, a comprehensive entrance examination with extensive evaluation criteria will be conducted through a research plan, dissertation, portfolio, interview, etc., and will not be judged solely on artistic skills alone.

Degrees Conferred

Master of Fine Arts or Master of Arts

Length of Study / Years of Enrollment

Length of Study	Maximum Period of Enrollment
2 years	4 years

Admission Quota

The maximum number of students admitted is as follows
(including the total number of applicants for Early [Schedule A] and Late [Schedule B] Entrance Exams) :

Arts Major

Contemporary Art Practice	Oil Painting, Japanese Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Video, Sculpture and 3D Modeling, Ceramics, Textiles (Dyeing and Weaving), Performance, Art and Curatorial Practices	60
Arts and Culture Studies	Japanese Garden Research, Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Properties, Cultural Heritage Science, Archaeology, Art Theory and Art History, Cultural Studies, Theater Studies	

Major of Art and Environment

Information Design and Product Design Field	Information Design, Graphic Design, Visual Communication Design, Design Produce, Product Design	180
Image-Making and Media Content Research Field	Video and New Media, Animation, Film Production, Content Production, Character Design, Game Design, Digital Art Video and Media Content	
Illustration and Publishing Design Field	Illustration, Visual Art, Manga and Comic Illustration, Picture Book and Book Arts	
Cultural Design and Art Education Field	Arts and Cultural Education, Cultural Design, Place Blanding	
Architecture and Environmental Design Field	Architectural Design, Interior Design, Landscape Design, Urban and Regional Design, and Japanese Garden Design (these disciplines are not separate specialties but integrated in the Field)	
Interdisciplinary Poietics Programs	Art Produce (Goto and Mizuta Lab), Art Project (Hoshina and Ohashi Lab)	

* You cannot pursue multiple majors at once.

* In the Art and Curatorial Practices Program, which is part of the Contemporary Art Practice Field, some classes and faculty discussions may occasionally be conducted in English. Theses and other documents required for degree completion may also be submitted in English.

* Each major is offered in two tracks—Domestic and International—with differing completion requirements. Please refer to the website for details.

Eligibility

①	You have graduated from a university in Japan or expect to graduate in March 2026
②	You have a bachelor's degree as stipulated by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) or expect to graduate by March 2026
③	You have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country and have been awarded a bachelor's degree, or expect to complete your studies and receive the degree by March 2026.
④	You have completed a program at a foreign university or an equivalent educational institution abroad that is accredited or approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) (e.g., foreign university programs with a campus in Japan), or expect to complete your studies and receive the degree by March 2026.
⑤	You have a bachelor's degree awarded after completing a program of at least three years of study at a foreign university or equivalent educational institution, or expect to complete your studies and receive the degree by March 2026.
⑥	You have completed a specialized program at a Professional Training College (also known as a "Senshu Gakko") designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT), or expect to complete such a program by March 2026.
⑦	You have completed a program at one of the designated educational institutions (e.g., National Defense Academy of Japan, Japan Coast Guard Academy, Japan Meteorological College), or expect to complete such a program by March 2026.
⑧	You have been recognized by the Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate and will be at least 22 years old by March 31, 2026.

[Notes]

- If you are applying as a “prospective graduate” for the conditions ①~⑦ above, you must submit documents that show you have fulfilled the eligibility requirements until the enrollment period.
- Even if you have passed the entrance exam and completed admission procedures, your admission will be revoked if you have failed to meet the eligibility requirements by the end of March 2026.
- If ⑧ applies to you, please contact the Admissions Office at least a month before the application period.

Selection Process and Entrance Exam Schedule

The selection process will be carried out in two stages.

[Preliminary Screening] Examination via documents and assigned materials.

Only those who pass the first round will be able to proceed to the final screening (oral examination).

[Final Screening] In addition to the oral examination, a final pass/fail decision will be made based on a comprehensive evaluation of the contents from the first screening.

	Early [Schedule A] Entrance Exam	Late [Schedule B] Entrance Exam
Application Period *1	Postmarked between August 8(Fri) – August 21(Thu) 2025 (Applications from abroad must be received by this date.)	Postmarked between November 21(Fri) – December 1(Mon) 2025 (Applications from abroad must be received by this date.)
Announcement of Preliminary Results	10:00 October 8(Wed) 2025	10:00 January 23(Fri) 2026
Oral Examination *2	October 18(Sat) – 26(Sun) 2025 (Exam will take place on one of these days)	February 10(Tue) – 18(Wed) 2026 (Exam will take place on one of these days)
Announcement of Final Results	10:00 October 31(Fri) 2025	10:00 February 27(Fri) 2026
Enrollment Procedure Deadline	November 12(Wed) 2025	March 11(Wed) 2026

*1 Please finish submitting your application to the Web Application System by 17:30 (JST) on the day of the deadline.

*2 The oral examination will be conducted online, except for the Contemporary Art Practice Field, where the in-person oral exam for early [Schedule A] entrance applicants will be on either October 25 (Sat) or 26 (Sun). The in-person oral examination of this Field for late [Schedule B] entrance applicants will be on 2026 February 17 (Tue) or 18 (Wed). Applicants cannot choose their dates.

Information Session / Faculty Member Interview

Faculty members from each field will hold information sessions and individual consultations.

While participation in these sessions and consultations is not mandatory,

they are held to prevent any mismatch between your research/creative work and our program after enrollment.

Please note that individual faculty consultations outside of these designated sessions are not offered.

If you have any questions or wish to consult with faculty members,

please participate in the faculty consultations or field-specific information sessions.

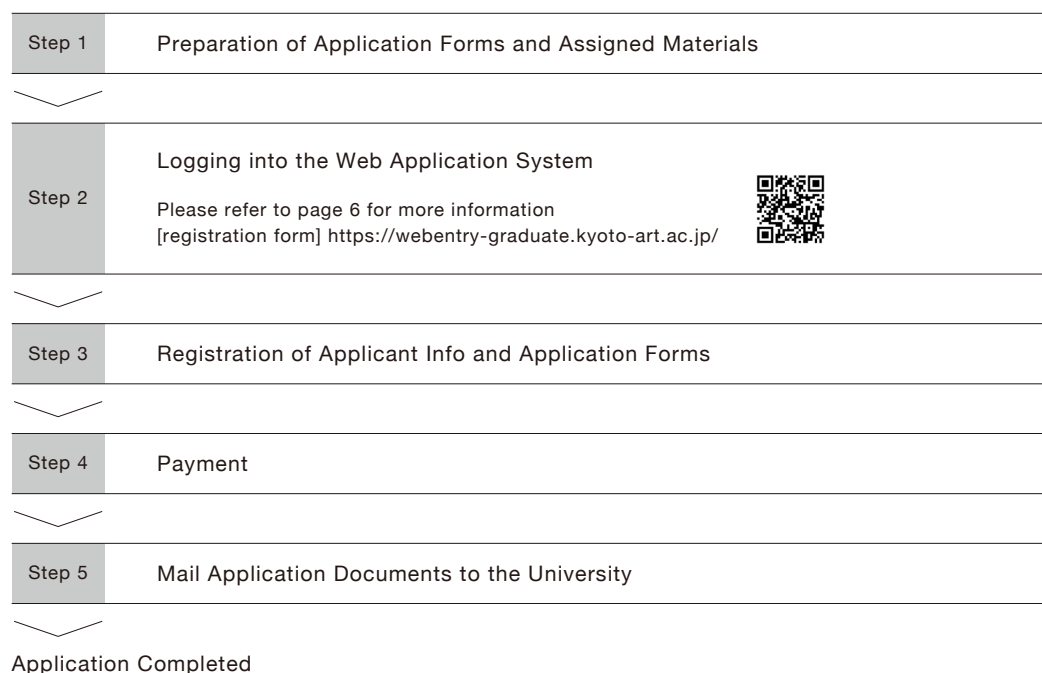
Please check our website for details on the schedule.

[Application]

<https://www.kyoto-art.ac.jp/en/academics/graduate/admission/>



Application Process



Regarding Application Documents

Please make sure to check the following as it applies to all application documents.

Please allocate a sufficient amount of time to prepare the necessary certificates and other documents, as it is expected to take some time.

- * For electronic submission of certificates, including those in a PDF format, only documents containing a QR code or URL enabling verification of the applicant's certification through a designated website will be accepted as an original. Please note that if the site has expired, it will not be accepted as a certificate.
- * Certificates issued by your graduating university are acceptable regardless of their issue date. However, we reserve the right to request further documentation to verify the information provided in your application.

[For cases where only one original certificate is issued, or if the certificate's electronic version does not include a QR code or URL for verification (e.g., graduation certificates, bachelor's degree certificates, and academic transcripts):]

Please follow one of the methods outlined below:

1. Submit a certificate notarized by a public notary in the country where the issuing institution is located.
2. Submit a copy of the original attested with the official seal by the institution that issued the certificate.

- * If the methods above are not possible due to circumstances of your home institution, please consult with the Admissions Office in advance.

[If the certificate is in a language other than Japanese or English:]

You must attach a translation officially authorized by a Japanese language school or a translation company. Submitting only the translation will not be accepted.

- If the original certificate is in Japanese or English: Please submit the original.
- If the original certificate is in a language other than Japanese or English: Please submit both the original and an official translation.

Application Procedures

- Both postal submission and online data submission of application documents are required.
- Online data submission must be completed via the Web Application System. Prescribed forms are available for download from the university website.
- All required information must be input into the Web Application System within the designated application period. (Refer to P.4 for Selection Methods and Examination Schedule.)
- Ensure that your submission (by clicking the "Apply" button) is completed within the application period. Please follow the on-screen instructions provided by the Web Application System for all data input and uploads.
- Your application will be complete upon successful completion of the following within the designated application period: entering information into and uploading documents to the Web Application System, submitting the required application forms and designated materials, and paying the Examination Fee.

[Notes on Digital Submission]

- All procedures on the Web Application System must be completed by 17:30 JST on the application deadline.
- Payment of the Examination Fee is only possible after you have completed data entry and submitted your documents via the Web Application System. Please note that applications with an unpaid Examination Fee will not be accepted. We strongly advise you to complete all procedures with ample time before the deadline.
- If you are unable to complete your application by the deadline due to network issues or device malfunctions (e.g., PC issues), our university bears no responsibility.
- Please be aware that if you leave your browser idle for more than 30 minutes during data entry, a system error may occur, causing a reversion to the last saved point and the loss of any unsaved information. We recommend frequent saving of your progress.
- Even after completing data entry, your web application is not complete until you click the "Submit Application" button. Please ensure you do not forget to click this button.
- Once your application is complete, you will not be able to modify the entered information or submitted documents. Please thoroughly review your entered information and document requirements before completing your application. Document replacements are not permitted.
- Please be advised that applications with incomplete or missing documents may not be accepted. Should our university contact you, please promptly follow the instructions provided. Communications from our university will be sent to your registered email address. Please ensure you regularly check the inbox of your registered email address.

* You may use a mobile phone address as your registered email address, but emails from the university may not reach you due to spam filter settings (i.e. blocking emails from PCs) through this method.

Application Documents (for both postal and online data submission)

Before preparing your application documents (for both postal and online data submission), you must carefully review "Regarding Application Documents" on P.5.

Additionally, the following procedures are required for your application to be complete:

- Applications must be submitted via the Web Application System.
- When submitting PDF data, do not submit encrypted PDFs.
- Please note that some application documents require both postal submission and online data submission.
- In addition to the application documents, online data submission of "Assigned Materials for Submission" is required. Details are provided on P.9.

* Please note: The documents listed below are required for applicants to the "Art Major" and "Major of Art and Environment." These requirements differ from those for the "Art Major (Correspondence Course)," so please be advised.

1	Application Form: Complete the form online, then print and submit it via postal mail.
	<p>Please enter each item of "Applicant Information" directly and upload it to the appropriate section.</p> <p>* Please also upload an ID photo (front-facing, upper body, no hats, plain background, taken within the last three months). Acceptable file formats are JPEG (.JPG or .jpeg file extensions) or PNG (.png file extension).</p> <p>* Please avoid snapshots, low-quality photos, and edited images.</p>
2	Interview Materials: Enter the information directly into the Web Application System.
	<p>Please enter details of your past research or art practice in Japanese.</p> <p>* Information about language proficiency (English and/or Japanese) is optional. Certificates are not required.</p>
3	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation: Mail original documents only; photocopies aren't accepted.
	<p>Please submit a Certificate of Graduation, not a Diploma.</p> <p>* If you have completed an advanced course (including those expected to finish in March 2026), please submit certificates for both the regular course and the advanced course.</p> <p>* If you have received a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), please submit a degree conferment certificate (if you are expected to receive a degree, a certificate of acceptance of the conferment application will suffice).</p> <p>* If only a diploma is issued, please refer to "Regarding Application Documents" on page 5.</p> <p>* For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.</p>
4	Bachelor's Degree Certificate (if applicable): Mail original documents only; photocopies aren't accepted.
	<p>Applicants who meet eligibility requirement ③ or ⑤ (on page 3)(those who have graduated from a foreign university) are required to submit this form.</p> <p>* The form is unnecessary if the degree you have obtained (bachelor's) is clearly stated on your Certificate of Graduation.</p> <p>* If only a diploma is issued, please refer to "Regarding Application Documents" on page 5.</p> <p>* For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.</p>
5	Academic Transcript: Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	<p>Please submit an academic transcript showing all of your grades from enrollment to graduation.</p> <p>All grades relevant to the degree are required.</p> <p>* If you have transferred schools, please submit your grades from before the transfer as well.</p> <p>* For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.</p>
6	Degree Certificate (Chinese accepted) / Graduates from a Chinese university only, graduates from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macau are not eligible: Upload PDF documents to the designated sections.
	<p>Graduates of educational institutions in mainland China must download and submit an "Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate" issued by either the CDGDC or CHSI.</p> <p>* Please check each website for details on how to apply for issuance.</p> <p>* We recommend applying early, as it may take one to two months from application to issuance.</p> <p>* We do not accept certificates issued by degree certification institutions other than the CDGDC or CHSI.</p>

7	List of Assigned Materials for Submission: Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	<p>First, download and print the designated form from the university website. Then, complete the form with the specified details, and upload the PDF file to the appropriate section.</p> <p>* The application form must bear the applicant's signature and stamp (or seal) to confirm that all submitted essays, artwork, etc., were written and produced by the applicant.</p> <p>* If the signature column is blank or incomplete, the assigned materials will not be considered submitted, and your application may not be accepted.</p>
8	Address Sheet for Envelopes: Postal Submission
	<p>First, download and print the designated form from the university website. Then, complete the required information and affix it to an envelope.</p> <p>* For details, please refer to "How to Submit Application Documents" on page 11.</p>

International students are required to submit the following documents together.

Graduate Special Research Students currently enrolled at this university are exempt from requirements 11 through 14.

- * "International student" refers to individuals who currently have or are eligible for a "Student" visa upon enrollment at this university.
- * If your residency status is not "Student," such as "Permanent Resident," "Long-Term Resident," "Spouse and Child," or if it allows you to work as a foreign national, then you do not qualify as an international student. However, please submit a copy of your passport and residence card to confirm your residency status.

9	Passport: Upload PDF documents to the designated sections.
	Please upload the PDF of the page in your passport with your name and photo.
10	Residence Card: Upload PDF documents to the designated sections.
	<p>If you have a Residence Card, please upload a PDF version showing both the front and back.</p> <p>* Please make sure to submit a copy, even if the back side is blank.</p>
11-1	Certificate of Attendance / Academic Transcript: Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	<p>Applicants currently enrolled in or who have graduated from a Japanese language school must upload PDFs of both their "Certificate of Attendance" and "Academic Transcript" from the Japanese language school to the designated sections, and then mail the original documents.</p> <p>* Even if the reverse side is blank, a copy must still be submitted.</p> <p>* If you are currently enrolled as a research student or equivalent at a Japanese university, please submit a "Certificate of Enrollment" instead.</p>
11-2	Japanese Language Proficiency: Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	In conjunction with item 11-1, download the "Japanese Language Proficiency" form from the university's website. Have your Japanese language school complete and stamp/seal the form, then convert it to a PDF. Upload the PDF to the designated section and mail the original document.
12	Financial Support Pledge to Study Abroad: Postal Submission
	First, download and print the designated form from the university website. Then, complete the form. This form must be filled out by hand by either the international student's financial supporter or the applicant.
13	Document that clarifies the relationship between the applicant and financial sponsor of study abroad expenses: Upload PDF documents to the designated sections.
	No submission is required if the sponsor is a relative. If the sponsor is not a relative, however, please provide a statement explaining the relationship between the applicant and the sponsor, the reason for the sponsorship, and any other relevant details.
14	Document that certifies the annual income of the financial sponsor, etc. : Upload PDF documents to the designated sections (issued within the last year).
	<p>Please upload the complete set of official documents required for the information listed in Section 12 above.</p> <p>* If the sponsor is self-employed, freelance, or otherwise unable to provide an annual income certificate, please submit a bank certificate instead.</p> <p>* Please note that we may ask you to submit additional documents.</p>

Assigned Materials for Submission

Please submit the following materials as assigned.

Note that these materials will differ depending on your chosen major/field.

Change the filename to “Alphabetic Full Name-Submission Number(1-3)”

[Notes]

- All designated submission materials must be submitted electronically. Postal submissions are not accepted.
- Submitted data will be retained until the completion of the selection process and disposed of at the end of March 2026.

[Assigned Material 1]

Research Plan	<p>Describe the content of your proposed research (including the theme, methodology, current achievements, and expected future outcomes) for graduate studies. Include a detailed annual research plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Write in 1,200-2,000 Japanese characters (above-mentioned or 600-1,000 English words for the applicants to the Art and Curatorial Practices Program in the Contemporary Art Practice Field). · Write in 40 characters × 25 lines in vertical A4 size and submit in a PDF format of under 1 MB. <p>* Illustrations and tables are not included in the word count.</p> <p>* Include your title on the first line and your name directly below it.</p> <p>* Page numbers must be placed at the bottom of each page.</p> <p>* Submissions heavily reliant on generative AI or automated translation software, or those that do not comply with the instructions above, will be subject to a deduction in score.</p>
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[Assigned Material 2]

Short Essay in English	<p>Please write a short essay in English, approximately 500-1,000 words, on the following theme: "Your career plan after completing the master's program."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide an outline of your research plan and based on this, your current desired plans, as well as your career plans after completing your graduate degree and the type of work you intend to do. * Applicants for the “Art and Curatorial Practices Program in the Contemporary Art Practice Field” must include their answer to the question, “How do you specifically envision working on a global scale?” in your research plan. * The total number of words must be indicated at the end of the essay. * Submit your essay as a PDF file (under 1MB), formatted for A4 paper (portrait orientation) with approximately one page of horizontal text. * Submissions heavily reliant on generative AI or automated translation software, or those that do not comply with the instructions above, will be subject to a deduction in score.
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[Assigned Material 3]

Please select and submit either [A] or [B] below. * Applicants to the Arts and Culture Studies Field must submit [A].

[A] Thesis	<p>Please submit a thesis in your desired field of study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The main text should be written in Japanese and should be between 8,000-12,000 characters long. · Submit your document as a PDF file under 20MB, formatted for A4 portrait-oriented paper with approximately 40 characters × 25 lines of horizontal text per page. <p>* If you have completed a graduation thesis on your research field of interest, you may submit it as is (regardless of overall volume or capacity).</p> <p>* If you have not yet completed a graduation thesis on your research field of interest, you may submit a summary of the graduation thesis you are currently writing in the number of words given above.</p> <p>* If your university major is different from the research field you wish to pursue in graduate school, please submit any materials related to your graduation research, etc (thesis, portfolio, etc) as reference materials in addition to the thesis above.</p> <p>* If your graduation thesis is in a language other than Japanese, please prepare and submit a summary in Japanese together with your graduation thesis.</p> <p>* If illustrations or tables are included, do not count them in the number of text characters. The layout is up to you.</p> <p>* If you wish to submit materials other than those listed above that demonstrate research achievements and details, please submit them as reference materials.</p>
[B] Portfolio	<p>Please organize the content around the artwork you have produced so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Please keep the portfolio to approximately 30 pages including the cover page, in A3 size. · Please submit in a PDF format of approximately 20MB. <p>* Submissions for the Information Design and Product Design, Image-Making and Media Content Research, and Illustration and Publishing Design fields must be compiled, including covers, within 5-15 pages.</p> <p>* There are no size requirements. Materials will be reviewed on-screen without printing the data. Partial enlargement will be done on the screen if need be.</p> <p>* If you are applying to a field that specializes in video production, we recommend that you set up a URL link in your portfolio so that all of the video data of your works can be viewed. The contents of the link cannot be changed until the oral examination is completed. If changes are made, the works will not be able to be reviewed. The same applies to those who are interested in stage production, including video recordings of their productions and performances.</p>

Examination Fee

35,000 JPY

The Examination Fee must be paid via the Web Application System within the designated application period. Payment will only be possible after completion of data entry and document submission through the Web Application System.

Note that, in addition to the Examination Fee, a separate handling charge is required.

Select one of the following payment methods:

- ① Pay at designated convenience stores
- ② Pay via credit card


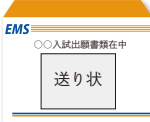

Payments are made using the system provided by SB Payment Service Co., Ltd. Therefore, you will need to connect to SB Payment Service's external website to pay the Examination Fee.

* If you choose to pay via credit card, the payment will be processed as soon as your application information is registered.

* Once the Examination Fee is paid, no changes can be made to the application information and the fee cannot be refunded.
Please carefully check the contents of your application before payment.

How to Submit Application Documents

In addition to completing the Web Application System procedures, all application documents for postal submission must be submitted by mail or in person during the application period.

<p>Postal Mail</p>	<p>[Postmark valid] within the application period</p> <p>[Domestic residents] Attach the printed "Address Sheet for envelopes" to a commercially available envelope, enclose the required documents, and send them by registered express mail from a teller at the post office, or use a tracking method such as parcel delivery.</p>  <p>Enclose the required documents in a commercially available envelop and label it as "Graduate School Entrance Examination Application Forms Enclosed". Send it by an international courier service (EMS, DHL, UPS, FedEx, etc.).</p>   <p>Kyoto University of the Arts Admissions Office 2-116, Uryuyama, Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-8271, JAPAN (TEL +81 75-791-9833)</p> <p>Address</p>
<p>Delivering documents in person</p>	<p>Submit directly to the Admissions Office counter at the university Reception hours Mon-Sat 9:00-17:30 We cannot accept applications on Sundays and holidays</p> <p>* Even if you are delivering in person, please bring the Address Sheet for envelopes attached to a commercial envelope. * The office counter will be very busy on the day of the deadline, so please submit your application well in advance or mail it as early as possible.</p>

[Notes]

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please check all application documents carefully before submission.
- Applications that fail to be submitted via the Web Application System and postal mail by the end of the application period will not be accepted.
- Documents submitted outside of the application period will not be accepted, other than additional documents designated by the university.
- Once received, the application documents and Examination Fee will not be returned under any circumstance.
- Once all application documents are submitted, applicants cannot change their major of interest or any Assigned Materials of Submission.
- If there are any changes to the information you have entered on your application (e.g. address, etc.). Please notify the Admissions Office as soon as possible.
- If any false information is found in the application, admission or acceptance may be revoked.
- We do not respond to any inquiries regarding the arrival of your mailed application forms and materials. Please check with the tracking service

Examination Admission Ticket

Notification of examination tickets and the examination schedule will be sent exclusively to successful applicants of the primary screening, following the announcement of primary screening results, via the Web Application System.

Upon receiving a message from "graduate@office.kyoto-art.ac.jp" at your registered email address, please log in to your My Page on the Web Application System to confirm your examination ticket.

- * If you do not receive your examination ticket one week prior to the examination date, please contact the Admissions Office.
- * Examination tickets will not be issued to applicants who are unsuccessful in the primary screening.

Examination Venue

Online

* As an exception, in Contemporary Art Practice Field it will be conducted in person at the following location.
Kyoto University of the Arts, Uryuyama Campus (2-116 Kitashirakawa Uryuyama, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan)

Oral Examination

- Only successful applicants of the primary screening will be eligible to proceed to the oral examination.
- The oral examination will primarily consist of an oral presentation (approximately 10 minutes) regarding your intended research and creative plan for the Master's program, followed by a question-and-answer session. Please prepare thoroughly in advance for this.
- In your oral presentation, please specifically elaborate on your achievements to date and your research plan after enrollment.
- The oral presentation must be delivered in Japanese (or in English for the applicants to the Art and Curatorial Practices Program in the Contemporary Art Practice Field).
- The Q&A session will be conducted in Japanese (and in English for the applicants to the Art and Curatorial Practices Program in the Contemporary Art Practice Field).

[Online Format]

- Assembly time for the oral examination is 15 minutes prior to the examination start time. Instructions on how to participate and the exact start time will be provided on your examination ticket.
- Screen sharing, including slides, is permissible for your oral presentation.
- Failure to be present at the examination start time will be considered an abandonment (absence) of the examination, and you will not be permitted to take the oral examination.

[In-Person Format]

- Assembly time for the oral examination is 20 minutes prior to the examination start time. The exact start time, assembly location, and other details will be provided on your examination ticket.
- You may bring research materials that serve as references for your oral presentation content to the examination venue. This is limited to what the applicant can promptly transport in and out, unbox, and pack by themselves.
- If you prepare a resume (summary) and reference materials for your oral presentation content, please prepare three copies of each.
- On the day of the examination, you must download, print, and bring your examination ticket.
- If you are late for the examination start time, it will be considered an abandonment (absence) of the examination, and you will not be permitted to take the oral examination.

Examination for Persons with Disabilities

If you have a disability and require special consideration in taking the entrance examination or attending the school, you must contact the Admissions Office for an interview before applying. During the interview, we will discuss the measures for taking the entrance examination and support for attending the school.

- (1) Please apply for an interview at least one month before each application period. Please use the QR code below to fill out and submit the "Application Form for Examination Measures and Academic Support". After submission, the Admissions Office will contact you. Please call us if you do not hear from us within 5 days.
- (2) Depending on the contents of the interview, you may be asked to submit a "Medical Certificate" or a doctor/physician's opinion.

[Contact] Admissions Office

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Announcement of Acceptances

	Early [Schedule A] Entrance Exam	Late [Schedule B] Entrance Exam
Announcement of Preliminary Results	10:00 October 8(Wed) 2025	10:00 January 23(Fri) 2026
Announcement of Final Results	10:00 October 31(Fri) 2025	10:00 February 27(Fri) 2026

- Admission results will be available for confirmation exclusively via your My Page on the Web Application System.
- No postal mail will be sent regarding any admission announcements.

* Please note that postal mail will not be sent for either the primary screening results or the secondary screening results. Applicants are required to confirm their results through their My Page on the Web Application System.

* Following the announcement of secondary screening results, successful applicants must download the admission procedure documents from their My Page on the Web Application System. Prompt confirmation and completion of all necessary procedures are required. Failure to complete these procedures by the specified deadline will result in your admission being considered as declined.

* The University will not respond to any inquiries from applicants concerning the results of the screening for designated submitted materials, including portfolios.

Enrollment Procedures

- Applicants are required to confirm the documents downloaded from their My Page on the Web Application System and to pay the "First-Year Tuition Fee (First Semester)" or "First-Year Tuition Fee (Annual)" by the admission procedure deadline. Failure to complete these procedures by the specified deadline will result in your admission being considered as declined.
- An "Admission Permit" will be mailed to those who have completed the admission procedures after the procedure deadline.
- If you have not yet obtained a status of residence at the time of your successful application in Schedule B, there is a possibility that your student visa may not be issued in time for enrollment. It is strongly recommended that you proceed with the necessary procedures promptly after your documents have been confirmed.

Cancellation of Admission / Withdrawal of Admission

- In the event of admission cancellation, the fees paid at the time of admission procedures, excluding the admission fee, will be refunded.
 - Should you decide to decline admission after completing the admission procedures, the fees paid at the time of admission procedures, excluding the admission fee, will be refunded. To request the "Withdrawal Form," please contact the Admissions Office by phone.
 - The deadline for notifying the University of your withdrawal and for requesting the "Withdrawal Form" is 17:30 JST on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.
 - After completing the required information on the "Withdrawal Form," please submit it to the Admissions Office.
- * Please request the "Withdrawal Form" only after your decision to withdraw has been finalized. Requests made at a tentative stage will not be accepted.
- * Please be advised that it may take approximately half a month to one month for the refund to be processed after the "Withdrawal Form" is received. We appreciate your understanding.
- * Refunds cannot be processed if the request deadline has passed, regardless of the reason.
- * If the refund recipient is located outside Japan, any bank transfer or remittance fees incurred during the refund process will be borne by the applicant (deducted from the refund amount).

Tuition and Fees

The first-year tuition fee is the sum of the admission fee (¥250,000), insurance premium*¹ (2-year coverage, ¥2,430), tuition, and facility/equipment fees.

For international students who will obtain a "Student" visa status upon enrollment and are eligible for the International Students Track, an additional support system fee*² (¥2,440 annually) and an international student support fee*³ (¥260,000 annually, covering expenses for understanding Japanese culture, improving Japanese language proficiency, and career support) are required. Please check below as course fees and facility fees vary according to the major of interest.

Arts Major

	Tuition Fee (Annual)	Facilities and equipment costs (Annual)
Contemporary Art Practice	1,320,000	320,000
Arts and Culture Studies	1,050,000	130,000

Major of Art and Environment

	Tuition Fee (Annual)	Facilities and equipment costs (Annual)
Information Design and Product Design Field Image-Making and Media Content Research Field Illustration and Publishing Design Field Cultural Design and Art Education Field Architecture and Environmental Design Field Interdisciplinary Poietics Programs	670,000	100,000

Currency: Yen

- The stated amount is for enrollment in 2026. Please note that tuition fees are subject to change. (Please refer to the "Admission Procedures Guide" downloadable from your My Page on the Web Application System at the time of admission announcement.)
- The first-year (first semester) tuition fee comprises the admission fee, insurance premium, and half of both the annual tuition and facilities and equipment costs. Tuition and facilities and equipment costs for the second semester are typically due in early November after enrollment.

*¹ An insurance premium of ¥2,430 is required as a student deposit. This amount includes ¥1,750 for Student Education and Research Accident Insurance and ¥680 for GAKKENSAN Personal Liability Insurance. All students are mandated to purchase this insurance to cover accidents and disasters occurring during regular and extracurricular activities, as well as injuries sustained while commuting to and from the university.

*² The support system fee of ¥2,440 is required for crisis management services for international students. This includes ¥1,980 for Medical Assistance Service usage fees and ¥460 for compensation system insurance premiums.

*³ The international student support fee covers expenses for academic support (courses designed to deepen understanding of Japanese culture and improve Japanese language proficiency) and career support. International students who will obtain a "Student" visa status upon enrollment are eligible for the International Students Track, and are required to take "Japanese Culture and Language Understanding Courses" (16 credits for completion) in addition to their major subjects.

<Tax Deduction for Working Students>

The tax deduction for working students is an income deduction that taxpayers can claim if they qualify as a "working student" under the Income Tax Act.

Conditions for eligibility include being financially independent and having annual employment income of ¥1,300,000 or less (other conditions also apply).

For further details, please consult the payroll department at your workplace or your local tax office.

Scholarship System

This scholarship system exempts half of the annual tuition fee for outstanding students who demonstrate a strong desire to study in the university's graduate program.

For the first year, selection eligibility is extended to students admitted through the early [Schedule A] entrance exam. Those selected will be designated as scholarship recipients for their first year.

Even if not selected in the first year, students may still be considered for the scholarship in their second year, based on their academic standing and performance during their first year of study.