



KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master's Program Application Guidelines 2027

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 & 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 Schedule A and Schedule B Entrance Exams) :

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Contemporary Art Practice	Oil Painting, Japanese Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Video, Sculpture and 3D Modeling, Ceramics, Textiles (Dyeing and Weaving), Performance, Art & Curatorial Practices	60
Arts and Culture Studies	Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Properties, Cultural Heritage Science, Cultural Studies, Archaeology, Japanese Garden Research, Cultural Policy Studies, Art Theory and Art History, Aesthetics, 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, Regional Cultural Design	
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	Kohei Nawa_ Perception: Practice & Research Program, Hoshina and Ohashi Lab	

* You cannot pursue multiple majors at once.

* In the Art & Curatorial Practices Program, which is part of the Contemporary Art Practice Field, some classes and faculty discussions may occasionally be conducted 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 2027
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 2027
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 2027. *Those with the ability to study in Japanese.
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 2027.
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 2027. *Those with the ability to study in Japanese.
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 2027.
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 2027.
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, 2027.

In addition to the above, applicants who meet the graduate school enrollment qualifications established by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology(MEXT) are also eligible to apply.

For details, please refer to the "Entrance Qualification for Master's Courses and Doctoral Courses" section on the MEXT website.

[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 2027.
- 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.

	Schedule A Entrance Exam	Schedule B Entrance Exam
Application Submission Period	Postmarked between August 7(Fri) – 20(Thu) (Applications from abroad must be received by this date.)	Postmarked between November 23(Mon) – December 3(Thu) (Applications from abroad must be received by this date.)
Announcement of Preliminary Results	October 8(Thu) 10:00 JST	February 1(Mon) 2027 10:00 JST
Oral Examination*1	October 17(Sat) – 25(Sun) (Exam will take place on one of these days)	February 12(Fri) - 19(Fri) 2027 (Exam will take place on one of these days)
Announcement of Final Results	October 30(Fri) 10:00 JST	February 26(Fri) 2027 10:00 JST
Enrollment Procedure Deadline	November 11(Wed)	March 10(Wed) 2027

* 1 The oral examination will be conducted in person or online. Please refer to page 12 for details.

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.

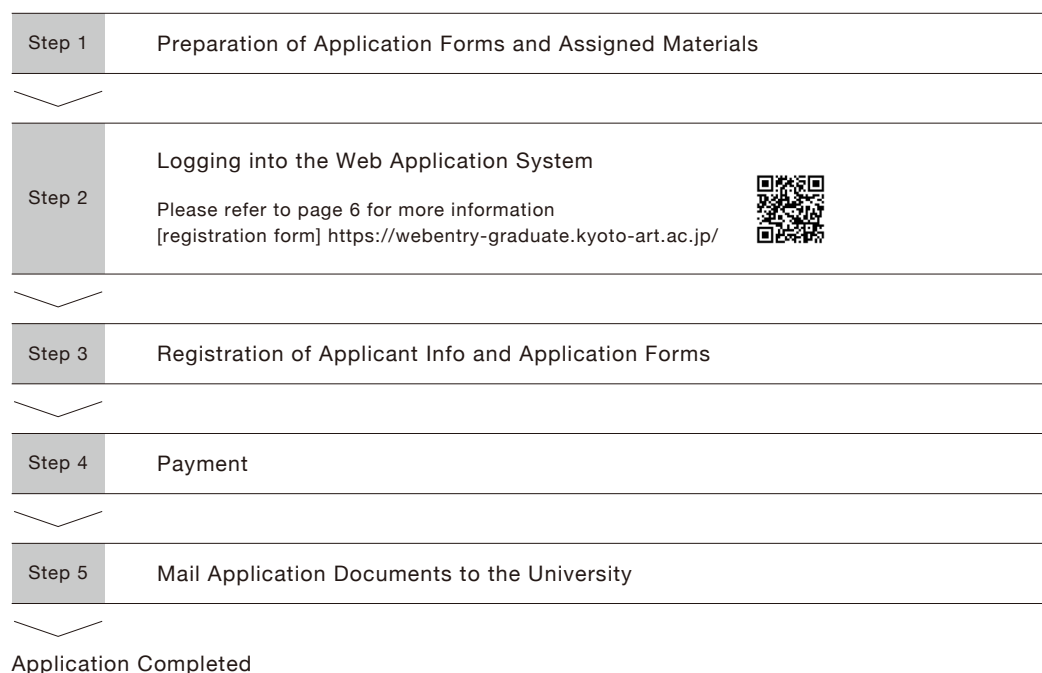
Please check our website for details on the schedule.

[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.
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.
- If you are submitting encrypted PDF files, please be sure to include a document listing the password.
- 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)".

1	Application Form: Complete the form online, then print and submit it via postal mail.
	Please enter each item of "Applicant Information" directly and upload it to the appropriate section. * 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). * Please avoid snapshots, low-quality photos, and edited images.
2	Interview Materials: Enter the information directly into the Web Application System.
	Please enter details of your past research or art practice in Japanese. * Information about language proficiency (English and/or Japanese) is optional. Certificates are not required.
3	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation: Mail original documents only; photocopies aren't accepted.
	Please submit a Certificate of Graduation, not a Diploma. * If you have completed an advanced course (including those expected to finish in March 2027), please submit certificates for both the regular course and the advanced course. * 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). * If only a diploma is issued, please refer to "Regarding Application Documents" on page 5. * For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.
4	Bachelor's Degree Certificate (if applicable): Mail original documents only; photocopies aren't accepted.
	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. * The form is unnecessary if the degree you have obtained (bachelor's) is clearly stated on your Certificate of Graduation. * If only a diploma is issued, please refer to "Regarding Application Documents" on page 5. * For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.
5	Academic Transcript: Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	Please submit an academic transcript showing all of your grades from enrollment to graduation. All grades relevant to the degree are required. * If you have transferred schools, please submit your grades from before the transfer as well. * For graduates of educational institutions in mainland China, an English certificate issued by CHSI is also acceptable.
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 section.
	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. * Please check each website for details on how to apply for issuance. * We recommend applying early, as it may take one to two months from application to issuance. * We do not accept certificates issued by degree certification institutions other than the CDGDC or CHSI.

7	List of Assigned Materials for Submission : Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	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. * 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. * If the signature column is blank or incomplete, the assigned materials will not be considered submitted, and your application may not be accepted.
8	Address Sheet for Envelopes : Postal Submission
	First, download and print the designated form from the university website. Then, complete the required information and affix it to an envelope. * For details, please refer to "How to Submit Application Documents" on page 11.

International students are required to submit the following documents together.

Graduate Special Research Students enrolled at this university are exempt from requirements 11 - 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 section.
	Please upload the PDF of the page in your passport with your name and photo.
10	Residence Card : Upload PDF documents to the designated section.
	If you have a Residence Card, please upload a PDF version showing both the front and back. * Please make sure to submit a copy, even if the back side is blank.
11-1	Certificate of Attendance / Academic Transcript : Upload a PDF to the designated section, and mail the original document.
	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. * If your enrollment period is too short for the Japanese language school to issue a certificate, you do not need to submit one. * If you are currently enrolled as a research student or equivalent at a Japanese university, please submit a "Certificate of Enrollment" instead.
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. * If the same information is included in requirement 11-1, or if the Japanese language school is unable to provide this information (e.g., because you have already graduated or your enrollment period is too short), you do not need to submit one.
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 section.
	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 section (issued within the last year).
	Please upload the complete set of official documents required for the information listed in Section 12 above. * If the sponsor is self-employed, freelance, or otherwise unable to provide an annual income certificate, please submit a bank certificate instead. * Please note that we may ask you to submit additional documents.

Assigned Materials for Submission

Please submit the following materials as assigned. Note that these materials will differ depending on your chosen major/field.

[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 2027.

[Assigned Material 1]

Research Plan	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. · Write in 1,200-2,000 Japanese characters (above-mentioned or 600-1,000 English words for the applicants to the Art & 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. * Illustrations and tables are not included in the word count. * Include your title on the first line and your name directly below it. * Page numbers must be placed at the bottom of each page. * 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 2]

Short Essay in English	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." * 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 & 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	Please submit a thesis in your desired field of study. · 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. * If you have completed a graduation thesis on your research field of interest, please submit it as is (If the document is written in foreign language, a Japanese translation must be attached). * If you have not yet completed a graduation thesis on your research field of interest, please submit a summary of the graduation thesis you are currently writing in the number of words given above. * 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 (a summary of graduation thesis, portfolio, etc.) as reference materials in addition to the thesis in the field you wish to study. * If your graduation thesis is in a language other than Japanese, you must attach a Japanese translation. * If illustrations or tables are included, do not count them in the number of text characters. The layout is up to you. * If you wish to submit materials other than those listed above that demonstrate research achievements and details, please submit them as reference materials.
[B] Portfolio	Please organize the content around the artwork you have produced so far. · Please keep the portfolio to approximately 30 pages including the cover page, in A3 size. · Please submit in a PDF format of approximately 20MB. Please include URLs linking to your work in your portfolio; it is preferable that these URLs lead directly to viewable versions of your work. Please refrain from solely providing QR codes. * 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. * 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. * If you wish to include past performance-based works (such as stage productions, animations, or other video works) in your portfolio, we recommend adding a direct URL for each work. The content of each link must remain unchanged until the oral examination is complete. Any modifications will prevent your works from being reviewed.

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

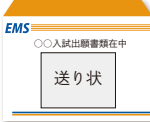
Payments are made using the system provided by SB Payment Service Co., Ltd. Therefore, you will need to connect to SB Payment Service's external website to pay the Examination Fee.

* 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.

Postal Mail	[Postmark valid] within the application period [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.  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.).   Kyoto University of the Arts Admissions Office 2-116, Uryuyama, Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-8271, JAPAN (TEL +81 75-791-9833) Address
Delivering documents in person	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 * 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.

[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.
- We will not accept documents submitted outside the application period. We also do not accept partial submissions of documents at a later date (unless the university specifically requests additional documents).
- 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.

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 Q&A session. Please prepare thoroughly in advance.
- In your oral presentation, please specifically elaborate on your achievements to date and your research plan after enrollment.
- Language proficiency may be assessed during the Q&A session following an oral presentation.

【Arts Major】 : In-Person Format

<Examination Venue>

Kyoto University of the Arts, Uryuyama Campus (2-116 Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan)

<Oral Examination Schedule>

Schedule A	October 24(Sat) • 25(Sun) (Exam will take place one of these days.) *Applicants cannot choose their dates.
Schedule B	February 16(Tue) - 18(Thu) 2027 (Exam will take place one of these days.) *Applicants cannot choose their dates.

- 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 you can promptly carry in and out, unpack and repack by yourself.
- If you are preparing a summary and references for your oral presentation, 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.

<Special Notes> Applicants in the fields listed below must be sure to review the special notes.

• Japanese Painting

You must bring an actual work no larger than size 50 on the day of the exam.

(If you do not bring your work, you will not be allowed to take the oral exam.)

• Photography and Video

Be sure to bring a portfolio or works (such as art pieces or art books) for reference.

• Art & Curatorial Practices

Please deliver your oral presentation in Japanese or English.

The Q&A session will be conducted in both Japanese and English.

[Major of Art and Environment] : Online Format

<Examination Venue>

Online

<Oral Examination Schedule>

Schedule A	October 17(Sat) - 25(Sun) (Exam will take place one of these days.) *Applicants cannot choose their dates.
Schedule B	February 12(Fri) - 19(Fri) 2027 (Exam will take place one of these days.) *Applicants cannot choose their dates.

- 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 of the examination, and you will not be permitted to take the oral examination.

<Notes>

- Please test your internet connection in advance. Instructions will be provided on your admission ticket, so please be sure to check them.
- Ensure stable internet connectivity and take the exam in a room where ONLY the examinee is present during the exam period.
*To prevent fraud, no others are permitted to be present. Additionally, we may ask you to show your surroundings on camera.
- Examinees are strictly prohibited from taking photographs, making audio or video recordings, live-streaming the exam to other locations, or taking notes on the exam content.
- In the event of any misconduct, your exam may be invalidated.

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.

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Announcement of Acceptances

	Schedule A Entrance Exam	Schedule B Entrance Exam
Announcement of Preliminary Results	October 8(Thu) 10:00 JST	February 1(Mon) 2027 10:00 JST
Announcement of Final Results	October 30(Fri) 10:00 JST	February 26(Fri) 2027 10:00 JST

- 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 Wednesday, March 31, 2027.
 - 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 2027. 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 GAKKENSAI 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 tuition and costs for courses designed to deepen students' understanding of Japanese culture and language. 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.

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

Scholarship System

This scholarship system exempts one-third of the annual tuition fee for 2 years to outstanding students who require financial assistance(those with annual household income of 6 million JPY or less).

We will select a small number of candidates among those admitted under Schedule A Entrance Exam.

* If a selected candidate withdraws from the university after being admitted, or if they are deemed to be significantly unsuitable for the scholarship program, their scholarship status will be revoked.

* Selected candidates will receive a scholarship for two years; however, the scholarship for the second year may be revoked based on their academic performance and classroom attitude during the first year.

Research, Production, and Presentation Grant Program

This program was established to support research, production, and presentations for collaborative projects that students plan independently and carry out with initiative and enthusiasm. In particular, we provide support for international activities.

Following applications from students, a rigorous review process—including document screening and presentations—is conducted to determine which activities will be selected and the amount of grant awarded.

<Previous Year's Results>

Number of Selected Projects: 6

Grant Amount: Approximately 250,000 to 400,000 JPY

FAQs

Q : Can I contact the graduate school faculty directly?

A : We cannot provide faculty contact information. We also do not forward emails. If you would like to consult with a faculty member regarding your research area, please refer to page 4 and apply for a faculty consultation.

Q : Can I choose my supervisor in the master's course?

A : The university will assign and determine your supervisor after you are admitted, taking into account your research topic and interests.

Q : Are all classes conducted in Japanese?

A : All classes are generally conducted in Japanese. Some programs are also offered in English.

Q : Can I enroll as a research student before entering the master's or doctoral program? Is there a research student program?

A : Our university offers no research student program.

Q : Is there a separate entrance exam for international students? Also, are there any Japanese language test requirements for international students applying to the entrance exam?

A : We do not offer a separate entrance examination for international students. Furthermore, there are no Japanese language test requirements for graduate school applications. However, as stated on page 3 of the Application Requirements, the ability to study in Japanese is required.

Q : Could you confirm in advance whether I meet the eligibility requirements?

A : We do not conduct individual pre-screening regarding eligibility. We verify eligibility based on the documents submitted during the application period. Please be sure to check the eligibility requirements listed on page 3 of the Application Guidelines yourself and determine whether you meet them.

Q : Is a certificate from a vocational school required?

A : Certificates from vocational schools are not required for the application. Even if submitted, they will not be included in the selection process.

Q : Can I choose the date and time of the oral exam?

A : You cannot schedule the exam yourself. We will notify you of the date and time when the admission ticket is released. Please take the exam at the designated date and time.

Q : How can I confirm whether the documents I mailed have been received?

A : Please check using the tracking service provided by the shipping carrier you used. You can check the status on each company's website. If the status shows "Delivered," your documents have been received. The university will contact you only if your documents are incomplete or have other issues.

Q : Will the results be posted on the university's website?

A : The exam results will be released on the Web Application System at 10:00 am(JST) on the scheduled date.

Q : I have already completed graduate school at another institution. Do I still need a university graduation certificate and a Bachelor's degree certificate?

A : To verify your eligibility for graduate school admission, we require a "University Graduation Certificate" and a "Bachelor's Degree Certificate".

Q : I won't be able to submit some of my application documentation by the deadline. May I send the additional parts after the deadline?

A : We cannot accept documents that arrive after the deadline. Please ensure that all documents arrive by the deadline.