

Kwansei Gakuin University

Graduate Program Admission through Partner University Nomination 2026 Fall Application (2027 Spring/Fall Semester Enrollment)

[2027 Spring Semester Enrollment]

Graduate School of Humanities (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Sociology (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Economics (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Business Administration (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Policy Studies (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Language, Communication, and Culture (Master's, PhD)

Graduate School of Science and Technology (International Master's Program, Master's, PhD)

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About Graduate Program Admission through Partner University Nomination

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) has an admission system that accepts outstanding international students nominated by our partner universities nomination. Among the students admitted through this admission system, a designated number of outstanding candidates will receive the scholarship, which is intended to support their research activities. In addition, recipients of this scholarship may be recommended for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program and may have the opportunity to receive a monthly scholarship stipend and other benefits. (As nominees must meet the qualifications and conditions established by MEXT, KGU cannot guarantee that they will be awarded the MEXT Scholarship.)

*The nominees of scholarship are selected from among the successful applicants.

*If you are not selected for the scholarship, you may apply for tuition reduction and other KGU scholarships.

1. Applicable Departments

Name of Graduate School	Program Type	Course/Field of Study	Enrollment Semester	Standard Length of the Program	Language of Instruction	Campus*	Intake
Graduate School of Humanities https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_humanities	Master's	Philosophy and Ethics, Asian History, Japanese Literature and Linguistics	APR. 2027	2 Years	Japanese	NUC	A few students
	PhD	Asian History		3 Years			
Graduate School of Sociology https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_sociology	Master's	All Fields		2 Years			
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years			
Graduate School of Economics https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_economics	Master's	All Fields		2 Years			
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years			
Graduate School of Business Administration https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_business_administration	Master's	All Fields		2 Years			
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years			
Graduate School of Policy Studies https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_policy_studies	Master's	Policy Studies	APR. 2027 or SEP. 2027*	2 Years	English	KSC	
		UN System Policy Studies		2 Years			
	PhD	Policy Studies	*Only for UN System Policy Studies	3 Years	Japanese		

Name of Graduate School	Program Type	Course/Field of Study	Enrollment Date	Standard Length of the Program	Language of Instruction	Campus*	Intake
Graduate School of Language, Communication, and Culture https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academic/s/graduate/language_communication_culture	Master’s	All Fields	APR. 2027	2 Years	Japanese	NUC	A few students
	PhD	All Fields	APR. 2027 or SEP. 2027	3 Years			
Graduate School of Science and Technology https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/en/academics/graduate/science-technology.html https://sci-tech.ksc.kwansei.ac.jp/en/	Master’s	All Fields		2 Years	English	KSC	
	International Master’s Program	Physics, Nanotechnology for Sustainable Energy, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry for Environment, Bioscience, Biomedical Chemistry		2 Years			
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years	Japanese or English		
Institute of Business and Accounting https://iba.kwansei.ac.jp/en/imce/	Professional Degree Program	International Management Course (MBA program)			2 Years	English	

*Campus NUC : Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus (1-155 Uegahara Ichiban-cho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo)

KSC: Kobe Sanda Campus (1 Gakuen Uegahara, Sanda, Hyogo)

OUC: Osaka Umeda Campus (14th floor, Applause Tower, 19-19, Chayamachi, Kita-ku, Osaka)

*1 Each Graduate School accepts only a few students. Please note that KGU may decline a nomination if applications are concentrated in certain Graduate Schools.

*2 An online video interview may be conducted in order to verify the nominee's language skills or research fields.

*3 Please refer to the guideline in Japanese for programs taught in Japanese.

2. Recommendation Requirements (Qualifications)

Applicants who meet the requirements specified in I. Common Qualifications for All Graduate Schools and II. Individual Requirements for Graduate School.

I. Common Requirements for All Graduate Schools

Nominees must meet the following requirements (1), (2) and (3). Nominees applying for the Master's Program and Professional Degree Program must also meet requirements (4).

- (1) Nominees must have foreign citizenship. However, this requirement does not apply to the International Master's Program of the Graduate School of Science and Technology.
- (2) Nominees must either have obtained (or expected to obtain) a designated degree[※] from one of KGU's partner universities (See attached list of partner universities).
※[Applicants for the Master's Program or Professional Degree Program] A degree equivalent to or higher than a Bachelor's degree
[Applicants to the PhD] A degree equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree
- (3) Nominees must contact a prospective faculty member and obtain their approval for supervision before submitting applications. However, this requirement does not apply to the Institute of Business and Accounting.

■Contact Information

Graduate School of	Phone Number and Email Address	Note
Humanities	0798-54-6201	Nominees' Japanese or English language ability and field of specialization could be verified.
Sociology	Refer to the PDF in the "Note" section	https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/assets/shagaku8_2027.pdf
Economics	eco-gra@kwansei.ac.jp	
Business Administration	sba_gra@kwansei.ac.jp	
Policy Studies	ksc-admission@kwansei.ac.jp	
Language, Communication, and Culture	genkomi@kwansei.ac.jp	It is not guaranteed that you will be able to contact a prospective faculty member.
Science and Technology	EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp	

- (4) Nominees for the Master's Program and Professional Degree Program must have completed (or expected to complete) 16 years of school education in a foreign country. If nominees do not meet this requirement, they may be required to undergo an individual assessment of admission eligibility by KGU. Please contact the Center for International Education and Cooperation office at KGU no later than September 16th, 2026. (Email: intl-admissions@kwansei.ac.jp)

II. Individual Requirements for Graduate Schools

Nominees must meet all of the following requirements specified by the respective graduate school and program.

<Graduate School of Humanities>

Program Type	No.	Individual Requirements
Master's, PhD	1	Nominees must have taken two EJU subjects, "Japanese as a Foreign Language" and "Japan and the World".
	2	Nominees must have a score of 300 or higher on the EJU's "Japanese as a Foreign Language" test (the total score of "Listening", "Listening-Reading" and "Reading"), and a score of 40 or higher on the "Writing" test.
	3	Nominees must have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009) with a score of 130 or higher.

<Graduate School of Sociology>

Program Type	No.	Individual Requirements
Master's	1	Nominees must have majored in sociology, social psychology, cultural anthropology, or folkloristics or have sufficient knowledge in one in these fields.
	2	Nominees must have sufficient Japanese language skills to attend classes conducted in Japanese. Nominees are expected to have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding the written component), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009), but these qualifications are provided only as a reference and are not mandatory eligibility requirements.
	3	Nominees whose native language is not English must have a score of 80 or higher on the TOEFL iBT®, 550 or higher on the TOEFL PBT® or TOEFL ITP®, or 5.5 or higher on the IELTS.
PhD	1	Nominees must have majored in sociology, social psychology, cultural anthropology, or folkloristics or have sufficient knowledge in one of these fields.
	2	Nominees must have sufficient Japanese language skills to attend classes conducted in Japanese. Nominees are expected to have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding the written component), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009), but these qualifications are provided only as a reference and are not mandatory eligibility requirements.
	3	Nominees whose native language is not English must have a score of 80 or higher on the TOEFL iBT®, 550 or higher on the TOEFL PBT® or TOEFL ITP®, or 5.5 or higher on the IELTS.

*In the Graduate School of Sociology, lectures, seminars, and other courses are conducted mainly in Japanese. However, some professors may provide supervision in English. In principle, master's theses and doctoral dissertations should be written in Japanese, but submission in English may be permitted in some cases. Applicants who wish to write their thesis or dissertation in English should consult with their prospective academic supervisor in advance and obtain their consent.

<Graduate School of Economics>

Program Type	No.	Individual Requirements
Master's	1	Nominees must have majored in economics.
	2	Nominees must have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding written questions), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009). If nominees do not have a certificate must submit the prescribed form issued by the Graduate School of Economics. (The applicant must be certified by a Japanese language school or other institution as equivalent to N1 of the JLPT).
	3	Applicants from non-English speaking countries must have one of the following scores or qualifications. ①A score of 62 or higher on the TOEFL iBT® (MyBest scores cannot be used), ②A score of 600 or higher on the TOEIC® L&R (excluding IP tests), ③A grade pre-1 or higher on the EIKEN (Test in Practical English Proficiency), ④A score of 5.0 or higher on the IELTS. (The test must have been taken within the past two years from the date of application.)
PhD	1	Nominees must have majored in economics.
	2	Nominees must have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding the written component), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009). If nominees do not have a certificate, they must submit the prescribed form issued by the Graduate School of Economics. (The applicant must be certified by a Japanese language school or other institution as equivalent to N1 of the JLPT).
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<Graduate School of Business Administration>

Program Type	No.	Individual Requirements
Master's	1	Nominees must have majored in Commercial Science or Business Administration or otherwise be able to demonstrate equivalent academic competence.
	2	Nominees must have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding the written component), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009).
	3	Nominees whose native language is not English must have a score of 80 or higher on the TOEFL iBT®, 550 or higher on the TOEFL PBT® or TOEFL ITP®.
PhD	1	Nominees must have majored in Commercial Science or Business Administration.
	2	Nominees must have a score of 240 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (excluding the written component), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (Level 1 before 2009).
	3	Nominees whose native language is not English must have a score of 80 or higher on the TOEFL iBT®, 550 or higher on the TOEFL PBT® or TOEFL ITP®.

<Graduate School of Policy Studies>

Program Type	Individual Requirements
Policy Studies (Master's, PhD)	Nominees must have a score of 270 or higher on the EJU's Japanese as a Foreign Language test (including written questions), or have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1.
UN System Policy Studies (Master's)	Nominees must have sufficient English language skill to attend classes conducted in English and complete assigned coursework.

<Graduate School of Language, Communication, and Culture >

Program Type	Individual Requirements
Master's, PhD	Nominees must have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1, or those with equivalent Japanese language skills.

<Graduate School of Science and Technology>

Program Type	Individual Requirements
Master's	Nominees must have sufficient Japanese language skill to attend classes conducted in Japanese.
International Master's Program	Nominees must have sufficient English language skill to attend classes conducted in English.
PhD	No Individual Requirements.

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Program Type	Individual Requirements
Professional Degree Program	Language Proficiency: Applicants must have a score equal to or higher than the minimum scores listed below. A minimum qualifying score is required from one of the following exams: TOEFL iBT (85), TOEFL ITP (570), IELTS (6.0), TOEIC (780), Duolingo DET (115), Pearson PTE-A (55), or Cambridge CPE (169). Note 1: Only scores that are valid as determined by each testing organization at the time of application will be accepted. For English proficiency tests other than the Cambridge CPE, scores must be within two years of the test date. Please note that expired scores cannot be used. Note 2: Regarding TOEFL iBT scores: Starting in January 2026, a band score system ranging from 1 to 6. The score categories for test-takers before and after the implementation of the new scoring system on January 21, 2026, are as follows: A minimum overall score of 85 (Pre-January 2026 scoring system) or 4.5 (post-January 2026 scoring system)

3. Application/Recommendation Documents

Please submit the documents listed in “I. Common Documents for All Graduate Schools” and “II. Individual Documents for Graduate Schools”.

(Note)

*All documents must be prepared in either Japanese or English.

*Where “Prescribed Format” is indicated as “Yes”, applicants must use the form provided by the university.

*Additional documents may be requested.

I. Common Documents for All Graduate Schools

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Application Form	-Please fill in the information in data format (Handwritten entries are not accepted).	Yes
(2) Recommendation letter from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)	-Detailed recommendation is not necessary. However, the applicant's name and intended graduate school must be stated.	No
(3) Original Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Certificate of Expected Graduation (Completion) issued by the most recently attended university (graduate school)	-Please submit the original. 【Applicants to the Master's and the Professional Degree Program】 - Submit the certificate(s) issued in English by the most recently attended university (graduated school). - Applicants who have completed a graduate school program must submit Certificates of Graduation (Completion) from both their university and graduate school. 【Applicants to the PhD Program】 -Please submit the original completion certificate issued by the most recently attended graduate school.	No
(4) Original transcript issued by last university (graduate school) attended	-Please submit the original. 【Applicants to the Master's and the Professional Degree Program】 -Please submit the original transcript issued in English by the most recently attended university (graduate school). -Applicants who have completed a graduate school program must submit transcripts from both the university and graduate school. -If your CGPA is not stated on your transcript, please provide your CGPA when submitting your transcript. 【Applicants to the PhD Program】 -Please submit the original transcript issued by the most recently attended graduate school.	No
(5) Photocopy of the applicant's passport	-Please submit the A4 size photocopy of the applicant's passport bio data page.	No
(6) Scholarship Application Form	-Submission is required even if the applicant does not wish to be considered for a scholarship.	Yes

<Graduate School of Humanities>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) A copy of the Master's thesis or summary of thesis.	-Only for applicants to the PhD	No
(2) Research plan		Yes
(3) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	-Original Certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either: the Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009).	No

<Graduate School of Sociology>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) A copy of the Master's thesis or summary of thesis.	-Only for applicants to the PhD	No
(2) Research plan		Yes
(3) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	-Original Certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either; the Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009).	No
(4) Original Certificates of English Language Ability	-Original Certificate of TOEFL® or IELTS score. -Only for applicants whose native language is not English.	No

<Graduate School of Economics>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) A copy of the Master's thesis or summary of thesis	-Only for applicants to the PhD -Summary of thesis must be written in Japanese	No
(2) Research plan		Yes
(3) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	-Original Certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either; the Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009). -Applicant who do not have a certificate must submit the prescribed form issued by the Graduate School of Economics. (The applicant must be certified by a Japanese language school or other institution as equivalent to JLPT N1).	No
(4) Original Certificates of English Language Ability	-Original Certificates of TOEFL iBT®, TOEIC® L&R or IELTS score, or Certificate of Passing EIKEN (Test in practical English Proficiency). -Only for applicants whose native language is not English.	No

<Graduate School of Business Administration>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members	--Please fill it out in English or Japanese.	No
(2) A copy of the graduation thesis and summary of thesis	-Only for applicants to the Master's Program -Summary of thesis must be written in Japanese	No
(3) A copy of the Master's thesis and summary of thesis.	-Only for applicants to the PhD -Summary of thesis must be written in Japanese	No
(4) <i>Shingaku chousasho</i> (進学調査書)	-The signature of the supervisor is required. -If you wish to enroll in the Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies, your supervisor's signature is also required for approval. Follow your supervisor's instruction regarding how to sign the form.	Yes
(5) Research Plan	-Only for applicants to apply for the research course	Yes
(6) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	-Original Certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either; the Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009)	No
(7) Original Certificates of English Language Ability	-Original certificate of TOEFL® score. -Only for applicants whose native language is not English	No

<Graduate School of Policy Studies>

■Graduate Department of Policy Studies (Master's ・ PhD):

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members	-References should be written in Japanese or English.- References must include the recommender's handwritten signature.	No
(2) Research Plan	-Applicants must contact and obtain approval from a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications.	Yes
(3) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	- Original certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either; the Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009)	No
(4) Copies each of the Master's thesis and summary of the thesis	-Please submit three copies each. -Summary should be approximately 400 Japanese letters or 100 words in English. *Only for applicants to the PhD	No

■Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies (Master's):

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members	-References should be written in English. - References must include the recommender's handwritten signature.	No
(2) Statement of Purpose	-Applicants must contact and obtain approval from a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications.	Yes
(3) Copy of Certificate of Language Test Score/ Transcript	-Please submit a copy of the score report or transcript for any one of the following: TOEFL iBT®, TOEFL ITP®, IELTS or TOEIC®. -Only scores that are within the validity period specified by each	No

	testing organization will be accepted. -Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete, a bachelor's degree program conducted in English in a country where English is an official language are exempt from submitting English proficiency test scores.	
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<Graduate School of Language, Communication, and Culture >

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members		No
(2) Research Plan	-Please fill it out in Japanese	No
(3) Copy of the Master's thesis or an alternative work and its summary	- Only for applicants to the PhD -Japanese: up to 7,000 letters or English: up to 2,000 words - PC entry is permitted. Documents must be prepared on A4-sized paper in portrait orientation and horizontal writing format. Documents written in Japanese should be formatted with 40 letters per line and 35 lines per page.	No
(4) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	-Original certificate of Japanese language proficiency, either; Score Report or Score Confirmation Report of EJU, or Certificate or Score Report of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009)	No

<Graduate School of Science and Technology>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members	-Applicants to the International Master's Program are required to submit more than two home institution's supervising faculty members. -Applicants to International Master's Program and Master's Program may substitute recommendation letters from a person who knows the applicant academically.	No
(2) Resume	【Applicants to the Master's Program and the PhD Program】 -Please fill out the prescribed form. 【Applicants to the International Master's Program】 No prescribed format	Yes (Except for International Master's Program)
(3) A copy of graduation thesis / Master's thesis (research thesis) or summary	【Applicants to the Master's Program and the International Master's Program】 -Please submit the copy of graduation thesis or summary of thesis. 【Applicants to the PhD Program】 -Please submit the copy of Master's thesis (research thesis) or summary of thesis.	No
(4) Reasons for application	【Applicants to the Master's Program and PhD Program】 -Please fill out the prescribed form. 【Applicants to the International Master's Program】 -No prescribed format -Please prepare a statement of purpose within three sheets of A4 paper.	Yes (Except for International Master's Program)
(5) Original Certificates of Language Ability	【Applicants to the International Master's Program】 -Original score reports or transcripts for tests such as TOEIC and TOEFL (recommended) 【Applicants to the Master's Program】 -Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (original score report of JLPT N1 or EJU) 【Applicants to the PhD Program】 <Japanese Speaker> Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (original score report of JLPT N1 or EJU) <English Speaker> Original score report or transcript for test such as TOEIC and TOEFL (recommended)	No

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Submission documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Recommendation letter from home institution's supervising faculty members	-Written in English by a teacher at the university (or graduate school, language school) attended, by a person who is familiar with the applicant's work, or superior at the applicant's place of employment. (References written by the applicant or a member of his/her family are not acceptable.) -References should be written in English on official letterhead of the university or other institution to which the recommender belongs. -References should be with recommender's hand written signature.	No
(2) Reason for Application & Brief Essays on Prescribed Topics and program choice	-Please follow the instructions written on the cover page and complete it by the applicant. -From four specialized study/programs (Management, Marketing, Finance, and Family Business Management), choose one program that the applicants plan to major in, and select it on the cover page. - Add page numbers at the bottom of each page.	Yes
(3) Original certificate of English language ability	-Please submit the original score report for TOEFL ITP, TOEFL iBT, IELTS, TOEIC, Duolingo DET, Pearson PTE-A, or Cambridge CPE. -Even if you are a native English speaker, you are required to submit one of the above English proficiency score reports. (Notes) -Score must be within the validity period specified by each organization. -If you are unable to upload a score certificate of TOEFL (TOEFL-ITP, TOEFL-iBT), you may send it directly to our university from the test administrator's office (ETS website). -DI code: 3818 KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY -Department Code: 02 Graduate Business Organization -If you have no choice but to submit a copy, please write on the reverse side of all copies 'I hereby certify that this copy is identical to the original.' as well as put your handwritten signature.	No
(4) Original certificate providing evidence of management-related knowledge [Recommended]	- If the applicants have documents to certify their qualifications or ability to follow a graduate-level management course, other than a "certificate of English language ability", please submit them. (i.e., a score certificate of GMAT or GRE, thesis, and academic papers written in English) (Note) -Since some applicants may find it difficult to submit the documents for this 8), we can review your application documents without it. However, please note a complete set of application documents with this 8) is more favorably evaluated, and thus positively affects your likelihood of being accepted to the	No

	International Management Course. -If you have no choice but to submit a copy, please write on the reverse side of all copies 'I hereby certify that this copy is identical to the original.' as well as put your handwritten signature.	
(5) Professional Background	-Applicants with full time work experiences are encouraged to submit a separate sheet to describe their work experience in detail. (i.e., company name, period of employment, department, position, roles & responsibilities, achievements, and promotions)	No

4. How and Where to Submit Documents

Please follow the steps below and complete both (1) and (2). Please note that submitting data alone does not constitute a complete application.

(1) Submission of electronic files (by the applicant)

All documents listed below must be submitted in electronic format (as prescribed) during the application period.

File Format	- Kwansei Gakuin University Graduate Program Admission through Partner Universities Nomination Application Form: Excel (.xlsx) - All other documents: PDF (.pdf) ※All documents must be combined into a single PDF file.
File Name	Files must be saved using the applicant's full name. (Example: John Smith.xlsx / John Smith.pdf)
Submission Destination	https://kwansei.app.box.com/f/38ac75d54268482193fb99fc885e77dd

(2) Submission by postal mail (sent by the partner university)

After completing "(1) Submission of electronic files", please submit the documents by postal mail within the application deadline.

All application documents must be sent from partner universities by EMS (Express Mail Service) or an alternative international parcel delivery service and must arrive at the designated destination by the application deadline at the destination. Submissions from individual applicants will not be accepted. However, if you are unable to submit application documents via one of the partner universities, for example because you have already graduated from the university, direct submissions by the applicant will be accepted

Mailing Address	International Admission team, Center for International Education and Cooperation, Kwansei Gakuin University 1-155 Uegahara Ichiban-cho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo 662-8501 Japan tel: +81-798-51-0952
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5. Nomination Period

Friday, October 16, 2026 – Friday, October 23, 2026 (*must arrive by deadline)

6. Announcement of Application Results

Wednesday, December 16, 2026

*Letter of acceptance will be sent to the home institution and individual applicants. Necessary documents for admission procedures will also be shipped to individual applicants.

7. Entrance Exam Fee

Exempted

8. Scholarships

(1) KGU Graduate Program Admission through Partner Universities Nomination Scholarship

The nominee of this scholarship is selected from successful applicants for this examination.

- Number of Recipient: 4
- Amount of the Scholarship: Admission fee, Full amount of tuition
- Scholarship Period: the standard length of the program (2 years for Master's Program and Professional Degree Program, 3 years for Doctoral Program)

*1 Any other expenses incurred will be the students' responsibility.

*2 Results of the selection will be announced together with the announcement of application results.

*3 For residents of Japan, in order to complete the procedures for receiving the admission fee and other benefits, please visit KGU Nishinomiya-Uegahara Campus during the period designated by KGU.

(2) Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarships

KGU will nominate two of successful candidates of“(1) KGU Graduate Program Admission through Partner Universities Nomination Scholarship” to MEXT Scholarships preferentially.

< MEXT Scholarship by University Recommendation >

- Number of Nominees: A limited number
- Application Requirement: Those who will enroll in September 2027 and meet all other requirements specified by the MEXT.
 - * Those who are not from areas designated as priority areas by the MEXT are not eligible to apply.
- Amount of the Scholarship: 147,000 JPY / month (Master's Program, Professional Degree Program),
148,000 JPY / month (Doctoral Program)
Economy-class airline ticket to/from Japan (actual expense)
- Scholarship Period: The standard length of the program (2 years for Master's Program and Professional Degree Program, 3 years for Doctoral program)

*1 Nominees for MEXT Scholarship needs to satisfy MEXT's qualifications and conditions (such as nationality, age, academic performances, etc.). The results whether you have been nominated for the MEXT scholarship will be announced later after the announcement of application results

*2 The above information is subject to change due to planned revisions to the MEXT budget. Nomination to a MEXT scholarship does not guarantee acceptance. The final decision will be made by MEXT.

*3 Payment of MEXT scholarships may be suspended for various reasons, such as if and when a recipient's academic performances do not achieve the regulations.

(3) Tuition Reduction and Scholarships

Nominees who have been accepted to KGU's Graduate Program, and who are not selected as a recipient for the scholarships above (1) (2) are eligible for the following financial support;

◆Tuition Reduction

International students whose status of residence is “Student” are entitled to tuition reduction (the reduction was 30% in 2026; however, the reduction after 2027 is subject to change).

◆KGU International Student Scholarship

KGU also provides scholarships for international students who are in need of financial aid and maintain high academic standards. Details are as follows:

Tentative Selection Prior to Enrollment: 50% of the total amount of tuition

Selection after university entrance: 35% of the total amount of tuition

“Tentative Selection Prior to Enrollment” is a system for selecting students to receive conditional scholarship placements before entering KGU. Approximately 40% of students will receive a conditional offer for this scholarship based on their academic records, graduation thesis, and the results of their entrance examinations. The university selects candidates who are expected to conduct outstanding research after enrollment. Selected candidates will be notified before their enrollment into the program. However, it is necessary for students to meet all requirements such as status of residence, etc., in order to be officially selected to receive the scholarship.

Various scholarships from foundations/organizations are also available other than the scholarships mentioned above.

Note: There will be no recruitment for MEXT scholarship for this admission.

9. Admissions Procedures

Successful applicants should complete the following admissions procedures within the specified period. Payment information and details will be informed to the successful applicants.

(1) Admissions Procedures I (Payment of Admission fee)

Please transfer admission fee by Tuesday, January 12, 2027 to the designated KGU bank account.

(2) Admissions Procedures II (Payment of Tuition and other fees)

Please transfer tuition and other fees to the designated KGU bank account by the applicable deadline below;

Spring Enrollment; Friday, March 12, 2027

Fall Enrollment; Friday, August 20, 2027

***Admission and tuition fees will be exempted from the above-mentioned admissions procedures for successful scholarship candidates of the above-mentioned scholarship (No.8 -(1)).**

Notes:

- 1) Those who fail to complete the admissions procedures (I and II) by the designated deadline will be regarded as having no intention of entering the university, and their offer will be withdrawn.
- 2) Admission fee is non-refundable and submitted documents will not be returned.
- 3) Tuition and other fees, excluding the admission fee, may be refunded upon request, provided that the prescribed procedures are completed within the designated period.
- 4) After you declined admission, the cancellation of this decision is not accepted.

10. Tuition

■ Master's Program

<Graduate School of Humanities(Except for Psychological Science)> Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	265,000	265,000	530,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	79,500	79,500	159,000
Total	200,000	344,500	344,500	889,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

<Graduate School of Humanities(Psychological Science)> Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	303,500	303,500	607,000
Research / Practicum Fee		26,000	26,000	52,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	91,000	91,000	182,000
Total	200,000	420,500	420,500	1,041,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

<Graduate School of Sociology>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	265,000	265,000	530,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	79,500	79,500	159,000
Total	200,000	344,500	344,500	889,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees. Students who take specific subject will be required to pay a Research/Practicum Fee of ¥25,000 only for the fall semester.

<Graduate School of Economics>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	265,000	265,000	530,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	79,500	79,500	159,000
Total	200,000	344,500	344,500	889,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

<Graduate School of Business Administration>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	265,000	265,000	530,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	79,500	79,500	159,000
Total	200,000	344,500	344,500	889,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

<Graduate School of Policy Studies>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	343,500	343,500	687,000
Research / Practicum Fee	-	12,500	12,500	25,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	103,500	103,500	207,000
Total	200,000	459,500	459,500	1,119,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

* For those who select a specific faculty member as their advisor through the selection procedure of their advisor/teacher in charge, Research / Practicum Fee is 50,000 yen (annual fee).

<Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture > Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	265,000	265,000	530,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	79,500	79,500	159,000
Total	200,000	344,500	344,500	889,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and academic conference fees (¥4,000(annual fee))

<Graduate School of Science and Technology (Include the International Master's Program)>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	357,500	357,500	715,000
Research / Practicum Fee	-	43,500	43,500	87,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	104,000	104,000	208,000
Total	200,000	505,000	505,000	1,210,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000).

Only for the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Research/Practicum Fee is 59,000 yen per year (29,500 yen per semester).

■ Professional Degree Program

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	720,000	720,000	1,440,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	112,500	112,500	225,000
Total	200,000	832,500	832,500	1,865,000

Note: In addition to the above, students are required to pay annually a sum of ¥4,000 (¥2,000 per semester) to cover the cost of research journals distributed to students, an Alumni Association admission fee of ¥2,000, and the IBA Research Forum admission fee of ¥10,000. (The IBA Research Forum is an association for research and networking between faculty, students and IBA graduates.)

■ Doctoral Program

<All Graduate Schools>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	First Semester	Second Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	216,000	216,000	432,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	65,500	65,500	131,000
Total	200,000	281,500	281,500	763,000

Note: In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

Students who take specific subject will be required to pay a Research/Practicum Fee of ¥25,000 only for the fall semester. (Graduate School of Sociology only)

11. Status after Admission 【Only for Graduate School of Humanities / Graduate School of Language, Communication, and Culture / Graduate School of Science and Technology】

Students enrolled in the Graduate School of Humanities / Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture / Graduate School of Science and Technology will initially be enrolled as Special Students.

- (1) After a period of time set by each graduate school has elapsed, a student's status may be changed from Special Student to Regular Student upon the decision of the respective graduate school committee, taking into consideration their grades in various courses they have taken.
Please check with your graduate school regarding the procedures for changing your status to a regular student.
- (2) Credits earned while being a Special Student will continue to count toward graduation.
- (3) Student admitted as Special Student must be enrolled as Regular Students for at least one semester before they become eligible to be awarded a Master's or Doctoral degree.

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