

Kwansei Gakuin University

Graduate Program Admission through Partner University Nomination

2026 Spring Application (2026 Fall Semester Enrollment)

[2026 Fall Semester Enrollment]

Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture (PhD)

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

Graduate School of Policy Studies (Master's)

Institute of Business and Accounting (Professional Degree Program)



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About Graduate Program Admission through Partner University Nomination

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) has an admission system which accepts excellent international students from our partner universities nomination. In this admission, KGU offers a scholarship covering the admission fee and the full amount of tuition for the standard length of the program to a designated number of successful candidates.

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

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

1. Applicable Departments

Name of Graduate School	Program Type	Course/Field of Study	Enrollment Semester	Standard Length of the Program	Language of Instruction	Campus *	Number of Applicants
Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/graduate/language_communication_culture	PhD	All Fields	SEP. 2026	3 Years	Japanese	NUC	A few students
Graduate School of Science and Technology https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/en/academics/graduate/science-technology.html	International Master's Program	Physics and Astronomy, Nanotechnology for Sustainable Energy, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry for Environment, Biosciences, Biomedical Science		2 Years	English	KSC	
	Master's	All Fields		2 Years	Japanese		
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years	Japanese or English		
Graduate School of Policy Studies https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/en/academics/undergraduate/policy-studies.html	Master's	Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies		2 Years	English	KSC	
Institute of Business and Accounting https://iba.kwansei.ac.jp/en/imce/	Professional Degree Program	International Management Course (MBA program)	2 Years	English	NUC/OU C		

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

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

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

*1 Each Graduate School will accept only a few students. Please note that KGU may refuse your nomination when and if applications are concentrated on certain schools.

*2 An online video interview may be held 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)

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

I. Common Qualifications for All Graduate Schools

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

- (1) Nominees must have foreign citizenship. However, this excludes 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 to the Master's Program, 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 and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. However, this excludes the Institute of Business and Accounting.

■Contact Information

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Graduate School of Policy Studies	ksc-admission@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 the nominees are not satisfied this requirement, as they may need take the individual admission eligibility assessment by KGU, please contact the Center for International Education and Cooperation office at KGU no later than March 17th, 2026. (Email: intl-admissions@kwansei.ac.jp)

II. Individual Requirements for Graduate Schools

Nominees must meet each of the following qualifications specified by each graduate school and program.

Name of Graduate School	Program type	Individual Requirements for Graduate Schools
Graduate school of Language, Communication and Culture	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	International Master's Program	Nominees must have the adequate English language ability to study in English.
	Master's Program	Nominees must have the adequate Japanese language ability to study in Japanese.
	PhD	No Individual Requirements.
Graduate School of Policy Studies (Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies)	Master's Course	Nominees must have adequate English language ability to study in English.
Institute of Business and Accounting	Professional Degree Program	No Individual Requirements.

3. Application/Recommended 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 submitted in either Japanese or English.

*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).	○
(2) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)	-No prescribed format -Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.	
(3) Recommendation letters from home institution's supervising faculty members	-No prescribed format 【Applicants for the Graduate School of Science and Technology】 -Applicants to the International Master's Program are required to submit <u>more than two</u> 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 nominee academically.	
(4) Original certificate of graduation (completion) or certificate of expected graduation (completion) issued by last university (graduate school) attended	-Please submit the original. 【 Applicants to the Master's Program and the Professional Degree Program】 -Please submit Graduation certificate and Bachelor's Degree Certificate (or expected graduation certificate if the applicant is in the final year of undergraduates study): Please submit the original Graduation Certificate issued by last university (and graduate school) in English. (For those who have completed graduate school the Graduation Certificates from both university and graduate school are required.) 【Applicants to the PhD Program】 -Please submit the original graduation certificate issued	

	by last graduate school	
(5) Original transcript issued by last university (graduate school) attended	<p>-Please submit the original.</p> <p>【 Applicants to the Master’s Program and the Professional Degree Program 】</p> <p>-Please submit the original transcript issued by last university (and graduate school) in English. (For those who have completed graduate school, both university’s transcript and graduate school’s transcript are required.)</p> <p>【 Applicants to the PhD Program 】</p> <p>-Please submit the original transcript issued by last graduate school</p>	
(6) Photocopy of the nominee’s passport	-Please submit the A4 size photocopy of the nominee’s passport bio data page.	
(7) Scholarship Application Form	-Submission is required even if applicants are not applying for a scholarship.	○

II. Individual Documents for Graduate Schools

<Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Research Plan	<p>-No prescribed format</p> <p>-Please fill it out in Japanese.</p>	
(2) Copy of the Master's thesis or an alternative work and its summary	- Japanese: up to 7,000 letters or English: up to 2,000 words	
(3) Original Certificates of Japanese Language Ability	- Please submit original certificate of JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009) certificate or score report, or Japanese language proficiency (EJU) score report or score confirmation.	

<Graduate School of Science and Technology>

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Resume	<p>【 Applicants to the Master’s Program and the PhD Program 】</p> <p>-Please fill out the prescribed form.</p> <p>【 Applicants to the International Master’s Program 】</p> <p>-No prescribed format</p>	○ (Except for International Master’s Program)
(2) A copy of graduation thesis / summary thesis (research thesis) or an outline	【 Applicants to the Master’s Program and the International Master’s Program 】 A copy of the	

	<p style="text-align: center;">graduation thesis or summary of thesis</p> <p>-Please submit the copy of graduation thesis or summary of thesis.</p> <p>【Applicants to the PhD Program】</p> <p>-Please submit the copy of Master's thesis (research thesis) or an outline.</p>	
(3) Reasons for application	<p>【Applicants to the Master's Program and PhD Program】</p> <p>-Please fill out the prescribed form.</p> <p>【Applicants to the International Master's Program】</p> <p>-No prescribed format</p> <p>-Please prepare a statement of purpose within three A4 pages.</p>	○ (Except for International Master's Program)
(4) Original Certificates of Language Ability	<p>【Applicants to the International Master's Program】</p> <p>-Original score reports or transcripts for tests such as TOEIC and TOEFL (recommended)</p> <p>【Applicants to the Master's Program】</p> <p>-Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (original JLPT N1 score report or original EJU score report)</p> <p>【Applicants to the PhD Program】</p> <p><Japanese Speaker> Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (original JLPT N1 score report or original EJU score report)</p> <p><English Speaker> Original score report or transcript for test such as TOEIC and TOEFL (recommended)</p>	

< Graduate School of Policy Studies (Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies) >

Submission Documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Statement of Purpose	-Please fill out the prescribed form.	○
(2) Copy of certificate of English Language Test Score/ Transcript	<p>-Please submit a copy of the score report or transcript for any one of the following: TOEFL iBT[®], TOEFL ITP[®], IELTS or TOEIC[®].</p> <p>-Only scores that are within the validity period specified by each testing organization will be accepted.</p> <p>-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.</p>	

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Submission documents	Important Notes	Prescribed Format
(1) Reason for Application & Brief Essays on Prescribed Topics and program choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. 	○
(2) Original certificate of English language ability [For non-native English speakers]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original score certificate of TOEFL (iBT or ITP), IELTS or TOEIC. - There is no specific requirement for the validity period of a score certificate. <p>(Notes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Even if you declare yourself to be a native English speaker, you may be asked to submit your English score. - 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. 	
(3) Original certificate providing evidence of management-related knowledge [Recommended]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) - There is no specific requirement for the validity period of a score certificate. <p>(Note)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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 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. 	

(4) 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)	
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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 by data (by the applicant)

All documents listed above 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/6dd2ecc53f8749d3bcee5eba4b0eff2e

(2) Submission by post (sent by the partner university)

After completing “(1) Submission by data”, please submit the documents by post by the application deadline.

All application documents must be sent from partner universities by EMS (Express Mail Service) or an alternative international parcel delivery service, to be received by the 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, we will accept direct submissions from the applicant themselves.

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, April 17th, 2026 – Friday, April 24th, 2026 (*must arrive)

6. Announcement of Application Results

Wednesday, June 17th, 2026

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

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: 3
- 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 will be announced later after the announcement of application results.

(2) 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 (1) above are eligible for the following financial support;

◆ Tuition Reduction

International students whose status of residence is "Student" are entitled to tuition reduction (the reduction is 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 nominees should complete the following admissions procedures within the specified period. Payment information and details will be informed to the successful nominees.

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

Please transfer admission fee by Wednesday, July 1, 2026 to the designated KGU bank account.

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

Please transfer tuition and other fees by Friday, August 28, 2026 to KGU bank account.

***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) Refunds will only be applicable for tuition or other miscellaneous expenses that have been transferred within the designated periods.
- 4) After you declined admission, the cancellation of this decision is not accepted.

10. Tuition

■Master's Program

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

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring 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)

<Graduate School of Policy Studies>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring 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).

■Professional Degree Program

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring 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	Fall Semester	Spring 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 fee. Additionally, students enrolled in the Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture will be charged an extra fee of ¥4,000 as the annual membership fee of the academic society.

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

Students enrolled in the Graduate School of Science and Technology / Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture will become special students after enrollment.

- (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) Before a Special Student can receive a Master's or Doctoral degree, the student must become a Regular Student and remain as such for at least one semester.
- (4) [Only for Graduate School of Science and Technology] a student's status may be changed from Special Student to Regular Student after a minimum of one semester (half a year). A request for a change of status must be submitted with a letter of recommendation from the student's supervising professor to the faculty office by the end of February (In case of changing your status from the spring semester) or by the end of August (in case of changing your status from the fall semester). Students are allowed to remain at Special Student status for purposes of study, but such students will not be able to receive Master's or Doctoral degrees.

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