

Overseas Selection for International Students

Application Guidelines for Enrollment in April 2020

Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science

(Master's Course)

OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

Policy for acceptance of admitted students

The goal of the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science is to ensure the harmonious and sustainable coexistence of humankind and nature, and realize a society where safety, peace, comfort and abundance are assured. In order to achieve this, we have developed a new interdisciplinary field that incorporates environmental sciences and agricultural sciences, and designed education and research curricula that provide an ideal balance between advanced specialization including medical and social sciences, and interdisciplinary comprehensiveness. To further these efforts, the Graduate School actively promotes the communication and exchange between different disciplines. This consequently develops graduates who can adaptively address environmental issues from different perspectives and resolve various problems concerning the environment and life sciences, with a wealth of general knowledge and highly specialized abilities.

The Graduate School is seeking students with the rich liberal education, sense of ethics and specializations required to contribute to the sustainable development of civilization, and the strong desire to acquire a superior academic specialization in the scientific knowledge necessary to further investigate the sustainable development of the global environment and the life phenomena. We accept both domestic and international applicants, in accordance with the results of various entrance examination methods.

I Admission Quota

Division	Quota
Social Engineering and Environmental Management	A Few
Biological and Human Environment	
Sustainability of Resources	
Science for Bioresources	
Science for Bio-Production	

II Eligibility for Application

Those to whom all the following provisions are applicable:

1. Those to whom any of the following items is applicable, or are expected to be applicable by March 2020.
 - (1) Have graduated from a Japanese university
 - (2) Have been awarded a bachelor's degree under the provisions of paragraph (4) of Article 104 of the School Education Law (Law No.26 of 1947)
 - (3) Have completed a 16-year course of school education in a foreign country
 - (4) Have completed a 16-year course of school education in a foreign country by taking class subjects in Japan through a correspondence course offered by an educational institution in the country
 - (5) Are deemed to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a university graduate through an individual admission eligibility screening by the Graduate School and who have reached the age of 22.
2. Those who are foreign citizens who live outside Japan and who are unable to come to Japan to take their entrance examinations (except citizens and permanent residents of Japan).
3. Those who are expected to obtain a visa status of "Student" stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act by the time of enrollment in the Graduate School.
4. Those who were recommended by the schools from which they graduated as being particularly excellent in both

personality and academic ability.

5. Those who have passed a selection process, such as scholarship and training systems, made by public organizations at home and abroad, or those who have prior approval from your prospective supervisor.

Note 1: “Those who are deemed to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a university graduate through an individual admission eligibility screening by the Graduate School” specified in item 5 of Provision 1 of II Eligibility for Application refers to applicants who passed the document screening that the Graduate School provides as the screening of the eligibility for application. (See III Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application.)

Note 2: We withdraw permission for admission for those who applied as a prospective degree holder but failed to be awarded the degree by March 2020.

Note 3: Those “who live outside Japan and are unable to come to Japan to take their entrance examinations” specified in Provision 2 of II Eligibility for Application includes people who are staying in Japan at the time of application but depart from Japan because their duration of stay expires by the end of December, 2019.

III Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application

For those applicants for admission who fall under item 5 of Provision 1 specified in the previously described II Eligibility for Application, we conduct individual admission eligibility screenings for the approval of admission eligibility before application. The applicants must submit the documents required for the admission eligibility screening specified in Provision 2 to the address in IV-3 (P.3) by the deadline stated in Provision 1.

1. Submission Period of Documents for Admission Eligibility Screening

October 29, 2019 to October 30, 2019

2. Documents Required for Admission Eligibility Screening

〈1〉 Form of Eligibility for Application	Use the forms prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science.
〈2〉 Research Achievement or Research Plan/ Progress Report	Submit a list of research achievements or a research plan/ progress report relevant to the field of study that you wish to pursue at the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, summarizing in a document in any form.
〈3〉 Academic Transcript (of last completed education)	Submit a transcript issued by the president of the last school from which you graduated.
〈4〉 Graduation Certificate (of last completed education)	Submit a graduation certificate issued by the president of the last school from which you graduated.

Note 1. All documents mentioned above must be prepared in English, in principle. (When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

Note 2. The documents 〈1〉 mentioned above should be submitted using the forms prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, in principle. However, using any forms containing the necessary matters other than the prescribed forms may be allowed only when the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science permits.

IV Application Procedures

1. How to Apply

Applicants must complete all the procedures described in items (1) through (3) below:

- (1) Before preparing documents for application, applicants must directly contact a prospective supervisor at Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science by means such as email, consult about research and education after enrollment, obtain approval to take the examination, and receive a copy of “Letter of Informal Acceptance by Prospective Supervisor”. With regard to prospective supervisors at Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, please visit the Website of the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science below:
<http://www.gels.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/profile/index.html>
- (2) Pay the entrance examination fee after having obtained approval from the prospective supervisor. (Except those who are exempted from payment.)
- (3) Send all the documents for application by mail to arrive no later than the date stated in “2 Application Period”.

2. Application Period

November 21, 2019 to December 11, 2019

3. Address for Submission of Documents

Division • Department	Address for Submission
Division of Social Engineering and Environmental Management Division of Biological and Human Environment Department of Human Ecology Division of Sustainability of Resources	Admission Section, Faculty of Environmental Science and Technology Okayama University 3-1-1, Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan
Division of Biological and Human Environment Department of Environmental Ecology Division of Science for Bioresources Division of Science for Bio-Production	Admission Section, Faculty of Agriculture Okayama University 1-1-1, Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan

4. Notes on Application

- (1) No change shall be permitted after submission in terms of the contents of the documents submitted.
- (2) No document shall be returned for any reason after the application documents are accepted.
- (3) Application with incomplete application documents or shortage of examination fee shall not be accepted.
- (4) Please note carefully that admission might be withdrawn even after enrollment if the contents of the submitted documents are found to include false entries.
- (5) Certificates issued under the former name, which differs from the name written on the application form are useful. However, in such case, attach a document (in any form) with the date of name change and the new and the former name, which are written personally by the applicant.

5. Documents Required for Application

Documents Required for Application	Remarks
〈1〉 Application for Admission Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Use the forms prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science
〈2〉 Photograph	Affix a photograph (4 cm long × 3 cm wide, upper body, no headwear, facing forward, taken within the three months before application) on the prescribed space on the “Application for Admission”. Before affixing it, write your nationality, name and the name of major desired on the back of the photograph.
〈3〉 Entrance Examination Fee	<p>30,000yen (handling fees will be charged separately)</p> <p>Please refer to “Paying for Entrance Examination Fees” below and pay the entrance examination fee by 17:00 (Japan time) on the last day of the application period on “Payment for Entrance Examination Fee website”.</p> <p>In addition, please be sure to choose "Credit Card" for payment method. Other payment methods cannot use from overseas.</p> <p>After confirming the payment of the entrance examination fee, print "Certificate of Entrance Examination Fee Payment" and attach it to the prescribed section of the prescribed form.</p> <p>Paying for Entrance Examination Fees http://www.gels.okayama-u.ac.jp/up_load_files/freetext/kenteiry/oversea_eng.pdf</p> <p>Payment for Entrance Examination Fee website https://e-apply.jp/n/okayama-payment-eng</p> <p>If you could not pay by the payment method above, contact Graduate School Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Natural Sciences.</p> <p>Refund of Entrance Examination Fee The entrance examination fee paid is not refundable for any reason, except in the following cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Entrance examination fee was paid, but application was not made (application documents were not submitted or not accepted.) b) Entrance examination fee was accidentally transferred twice. c) Those applicants who are Japanese-government sponsored students need not pay the entrance examination fee, in principle.
〈4〉 (Prospective) Graduation Certificate from University	Submit a certificate issued by the university from which you graduated. (or will graduate).

〈5〉 Transcript of University	Submit a certificate issued by the university from which you graduated. (or will graduate).
〈6〉 Papers Submitted	a) Abstract of bachelor's thesis or an equivalent research paper (in English) b) List of research achievements after earning the bachelor's degree and one or two representative papers related to them.
〈7〉 Research Plan Document	Use the form prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science.
〈8〉 Document Certifying English Language Ability (TOEIC®, TOEFL-iBT®, etc.)	When you have not taken TOEIC®, TOEFL-iBT®, or other tests, submit a certificate of English ability issued by the university, etc. from which you graduated.
〈9〉 Copy of Passport, or Copy of Family Registry or Certificate of Citizenship in Home Country	Submit a copy of the page which can confirm the names of the passport and the dates of birth, etc.. When not possessing the passport, please submit the certificate which is acquired copy of the family register or citizen membership, etc. in your home country.
〈10〉 (Two kinds of) Letters of Recommendation Addressed to the President	Use the form prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science.
〈11〉 Document Confirming Success in Selection by Public Organizations at Home and Abroad	As prescribed in II -5 of eligibility for application, those who have passed a selection process, such as scholarship and training systems, made by public organizations at home and abroad, submit a (copy of) letter of acceptance, notification of employment, etc.
〈12〉 Letter of Acceptance by Prospective Supervisor	Use the form prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, and submit a copy of the letter written by your prospective supervisor at Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science.

Note 1. All documents to be submitted must be prepared in the same size (preferably A4 size) and be typewritten.

Note 2. We do not accept documents that are incomplete, not written completely and accurately, or which are received after the deadline for submission.

The previously described documents **must be prepared in English**, except 〈12〉. (When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

6. Purpose of Use of Personal Information

Application documents submitted and personal information written on them are used for affairs related to the selection of entrants.

However, regarding entrants, we use their personal information written on the application form, including the name, gender, date of birth, current address, and schools graduated from, as registry data for basic student information in the academic affairs system at Okayama University.

In addition, successful applicants' personal information, examinee number and name (kanji/ kana), are used for clerical systems for tuition fee debt management and tuition fee waiver at Okayama University.

When application for admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, tuition fee waiver, or various scholarships was made, the applicant's entrance examination results and academic transcript might be used to handle academic ability judgment related to affairs such as postponement of admission fee collection.

V Methods for Selection of Entrants

Selection of entrants shall be made based on document screening and pass or failure is determined.

VI Announcement of Successful Applicants

January 24, 2020

A letter of acceptance and others will be sent to successful applicants themselves dated on the day of the announcement described above.

VII Admission Procedures

1. Method of Admission Procedures

Details will be notified separately by your supervisor with a letter of acceptance.

2. Period of Admission Procedures

The period of admission procedures has been scheduled as follows:

March 13, 2020 and March 16, 2020

VIII Other

1. Admission Fee and Tuition Fee (Applicable only for self-supporting international students. Foreign-government sponsored students need not to pay.)

Admission fee: 282,000 yen (expected amount)

Tuition fee: 267,900 yen (for half a year); 535,800 yen (for a year)

※ When the amount was revised at the time of admission or while at school, the new amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

2. Study Assistance

For self-supporting international students, we have systems as part of study assistance: admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, tuition fee waiver, and various scholarships.

If your academic achievement, income, etc. meet the requirements, you may apply for the admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, and tuition fee waiver and have a full or half waiver.

When your academic achievement, income, etc. meet the requirements, you may apply for various scholarships and receive scholarship benefits.

3. Notes

It is recommended that international students have sufficient knowledge of the climate, weather, and customs of Japan as well as the situation of the university in advance before coming to Japan.

Education and research activities will be conducted mainly in Japanese language. Consult with your desired supervisor in advance if you wish to have guidance in English.

For everyday life, you will need Japanese language skills. It is also desired that candidates have studied Japanese language.

Okayama University has a Japanese language course for international students. Please take the course if you like.

4. For more details about the application, please contact the following offices by e-mail.

(1) Inquiry about application, major field, and supervisor, etc.:

Division • Department	Contact address for inquiry
Division of Social Engineering and Environmental Management Division of Biological and Human Environment Department of Human Ecology Division of Sustainability of Resources	Admission Section, Faculty of Environmental Science and Technology E-mail : pgg8420@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp
Division of Biological and Human Environment Department of Environmental Ecology Division of Science for Bioresources Division of Science for Bio-Production	Admission Section, Faculty of Agriculture E-mail : qgg8286@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp

(2) Inquiry about scholarship, accommodation, etc.:

International Affairs Department Okayama University 2-1-1, Tsushima-naka Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan Fax: +81-86-252-5022 (from overseas) Fax: 086-252-5022 (from inside Japan) E-mail: housing@cc.okayama-u.ac.jp (Dormitory) istudent@cc.okayama-u.ac.jp (Scholarship)
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