

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR GLOBAL COE PROGRAM
 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
 (Digital Humanities Center for Japanese Arts and Cultures)
 September 2011 Admission

I. Recruiting Graduate School, Majors, Degrees Conferred, and Number of Students

Graduate School	Major/Course	Degree conferred	Total number of students to be admitted to the program	Number of students being recruited through this admission method
Letters	Major in Humanities (Course of Japanese literature, Japanese history, Geography)	Doctoral Degree	35	A few
Science and Engineering	Major in Integrated Science and Engineering	Doctoral Degree	75	A few

II. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill one of the following criteria (1) to (7), AND they must have a research plan for a doctoral dissertation with a theme relevant to the fields listed below and are determined to write and complete a doctoral dissertation within 3 years.

(1) Be a holder of a Master's Degree or Professional Degree (or expecting to acquire one by the time of enrollment).

(2) Have acquired a degree which is judged as being equivalent to a Japanese Master's or Professional Degree by schooling outside of Japan (or expecting to acquire one by the time of enrollment).

(3) Have acquired a degree which is judged as being equivalent to a Master's or Professional Degree by a correspondence study operated by a foreign school while the applicant was in Japan (or expecting to acquire one by the time of enrollment).

(4) Have acquired a degree (or expecting to acquire one by the time of enrollment) from a foreign school in Japan that is specified as being equivalent to graduate schools overseas by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(5) Have acquired a Master's degree (or expecting to acquire one by the time of enrollment) from the United Nations University.

(6) Having been engaged in the research activities at universities or research institutions for more than 2 years upon the completion of university and having been judged by graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University as having academic abilities equivalent to that of a Master's Degree holder.

(Ministry of Education Bulletin No. 118, 1989) (*)

(7) Be at least 24 years of age or turn 24 before the enrollment into Ritsumeikan University and be recognized by graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University as having the academic abilities equivalent to that of a Master's or Professional Degree holder, based on the individual screening for entrance

qualification. (*)

* In the case of (6) or (7), the applicant should be subject to individual screening prior to the application. Please contact us at: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp before you apply.

* If you have any questions about the eligibilities above and criteria, for example, how to interpret school years and/or degree you completed at an overseas institution, please inquire at the Office of Graduate Studies before you apply. Please contact us at: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp.

Notes:

* Even though an applicant's entrance examination went successful, if he or she cannot acquire a degree by September 25, 2011, his or her enrollment will be cancelled.

* For admission to the Graduate School of Policy Science and the Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, please see the Japanese version of application guidelines. You are expected to have Japanese language ability sufficient enough to understand graduate-level lectures.

* If you are an applicant from abroad, applying for the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, you are expected to have English language ability sufficient enough to understand graduate-level lectures.

Digital Humanities Center for Japanese Arts and Cultures, Research Themes for 2011

A. Kyoto Culture Group 【Major in Humanities, the Graduate School of Letters】

- Kyoto culture and its imageries under the digital environment
- Behavior of the Heian aristocracy and its analyses: attempts to use archives on classical historical documents

B. Japanese Culture Group 【Major in Humanities, the Graduate School of Letters】

- Tradition of Japanese culture and its present under the digital environment
- Japanese cultural studies by using WEB functions
- Construction and utilization of digital archives for Japanese studies (in the fields of archaeology, historical science, literature, art history, etc.)
- Digital reconstruction of historical buildings about intangible cultural heritages and its application

C. Historical GIS Group 【Major in Humanities, the Graduate School of Letters; and Major in Integrated Science and Engineering, the Graduate School of Science and Engineering】

- Research on utilization and construction of virtual time and space
- Historical GIS research of historical city Kyoto
- Historical geography research of historical city Kyoto

D. Digital Archiving Technology Group 【Major in Integrated Science and Engineering, the Graduate School of Science and Engineering】

- Quantitative analysis of body motion in traditional performing arts
- Document image analysis of historical documents and woodblock prints
- Image expression of storytelling using Propp morphology and case-based reasoning
- Acoustic signal processing aimed at digital archiving of Noh and other traditional Japanese music

- Integrated information access technology for digital archives across languages, periods, and cultures
- E. Web Technology Group 【Major in Integrated Science and Engineering, the Graduate School of Science and Engineering】
- Research on infrastructure for creating collaborative archives
 - Research on e-Learning systems based on cultural and historical contents
 - Digital archiving of interactive games and its practical applications
 - Long-term storage of information on the Web archive
 - Analyses of user behavior toward virtual displays under Second Life environments

Please visit the following web sites for further information on Global COE.

Japanese: http://www.ritsumei.jp/humanities/index_j.html

English: http://www.arc.ritsumei.ac.jp/lib/GCOE/guideline_e.html

III. Screening Methods

< 1st stage screening: screening of application materials >

All applicants have to submit:

1. All required documents (see below), and
2. A thesis (Master's thesis or a thesis equivalent will be appropriate).

< 2nd stage screening: interview >

IV. Date of Interview

July 9th (Saturday), 2011

V. Time Schedule for Interviews

10:00-18:00	Interview
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An interview will take approximately 30 minutes for each applicant.

We will let each applicant know when exactly he or she will have an interview.

VI. Place for Interviews

Kinugasa Campus of Ritsumeikan University

* We will issue exam admission slips to the applicants who passed the 1st stage screening, which tell an exact place where the interviews take place.

* Applicants living overseas may have an interview through the Internet. If that is the case, please contact us at: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp.

VII. How to Apply:

1. All the following documents with the payment of application fee (¥35,000) should be placed in an envelope and sent to the address below.

(1) Application Form (prescribed) with an official seal of receipt of the application fee, stamped by a bank.

In the case of application from overseas, please refer to the attached "Remittance of Entrance Examination Fees from Overseas." Please contact us at: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp to request the form.

(2) Curriculum Vitae

(3) Academic transcript and certificate from the last institution you attended or are attending for a master's degree (For those who have obtained a degree equivalent to master's degree from a foreign university, please also submit the certificate of the degree.)

(4) Investigation Sheet (Form 1) for personal data

* You must first contact your prospective academic advisor at our university and consult to decide a graduate school, major and course you wish to be enrolled in. Preliminary consultation can be arranged through: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

(5) Your Choice of Research Course (Form 2): Describe your research field and contents you wish to study after being enrolled in a graduate school.

(6) Research proposal in Japanese OR English (free format, a Japanese proposal of proximately 2,000 letters OR an English proposal of approximately 600 words)

* Applicants are expected to elaborate the proposal further, described in Form 1.

* For a proposal written in English, please list five keywords and include all of them in your proposal.

(7) Master's thesis (or a thesis equivalent) and its summary, written in Japanese of approximately 2,000 letters OR in English of approximately 600 words.

* You may also submit additional papers for screening.

(8) List of academic achievements (free format)

Please list your publications, presentations at academic conference, etc.

2. Application Period:

June 3rd (Friday) - June 17th (Friday), 2011

Application must be sent by mail, with a postmark no later than June 17th (Friday), 2011.

3. Mailing Address for Application:

Office of Graduate Studies, Ritsumeikan University

56-1 Tojiin Kitamachi Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8577, Japan

E-Mail: g-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Phone: +81-75-465-8195 (direct line)

VIII. Notification of Results

July 22nd (Friday), 2011

* We will announce the result on the bulletin board of each graduate school and will also send it to the address you have written on the application form.

* On the date of result announcement, we will post the examinee's identification number of successful applicants on the webpage of Ritsumeikan University.

IX. Admission Period

August 26th (Friday) - September 9th (Friday), 2011

Forms for admission procedures will be sent with an acceptance letter.

Applicants are required to complete the prescribed procedures within the period above.

X. Other Information

(1) Those who have passed the screening process successfully and have completed the prescribed procedures for admission can apply for the Global COE Research Assistantship.

Please visit the following website for further information.

http://www.arc.ritsumei.ac.jp/lib/GCOE/info_e/

(2) Those who have passed the screening process successfully and have completed the prescribed procedures for admission can apply for G-COE Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students in G-COE Research Project).

Please visit the following website for further information.

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/fellow/article/?id=14