Master's Programs
CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Admission to the Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences, Yokohama National University, through a MEXT Scholarship

The Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences invites international students who wish to enroll in its Master's Program entitled "Educational Program to integrate Environments and Informatics for safe and sustainable society" from October 2026, using the MEXT Scholarship（Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program (University Recommendation/Special Selection)).

The objective of this program is to develop human resources with advanced information expertise who can accurately respond to various contemporary issues that arise at the intersection of many fields based on both "environment" and "information" for the creation of a safe and secure sustainable society through interdisciplinary education that integrates the humanities and sciences.

Application Guidelines for MEXT scholarships can be found here.

1.PROGRAM ADMISSION QUOTA

Department	Educational Program	Degree	Quota for Admission
Department of Artificial Environment	Safety, Environment and System Engineering Program	Master of Engineering	3
	Environment Science Program	Master of Environmental Science	
	Social Environment Program	Master of Philosophy	
Department of Natural Environment	Ecology and Bioscience Program	Master of Environmental Science	
	Earth and Biological Science Program	Master of Science	
	Environment Studies Program	Master of Philosophy	
Department of Information Environment	Informatics Program	Master of Informatics	
	Mathematical Science Program	Master of Science	
	Information Studies Program	Master of Philosophy	

2.ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

a. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the following general requirements.

- Be in good mental and physical health.
- Possess the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. *
- Have, in principle, been born on or after April 2, 1991.
- Be able to arrive in Japan before the 2026 fall semester begins.

*: Special selection emphasize the acceptance of international students from priority areas organized for the further development of Japan, so applicants from "priority areas" will be given priority.
Please refer to the following URL for information on "Priority Areas".
https://www.eis.ynu.ac.jp/english/category04/MEXT/Forms/priority_areas

b. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the following academic requirements.

- Outstanding academic achievement in undergraduate studies. Possess outstanding research skills. *
- Have earned or be expected to earn a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrate proficiency in English or Japanese (i.e., meet the official score requirement for TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent).**

* : You must have demonstrated academic excellence with a grade point average of 2.30 (out of 3.00) or higher and be expected to maintain an equivalent level throughout the scholarship period.

** : You must have passed N2 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or obtained a score in an English language proficiency test (e.g., TOEFL iBT, TOEIC Listening and Reading, or IELTS Academic Module) that is equivalent to CEFR level B2 or higher (or be judged by YNU to possess a level of proficiency in English that is equivalent to CEFR level B2 or higher).

3.APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTS

a. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

You are required to contact your prospective supervisor to obtain provisional acceptance prior to submitting your application. A list of the faculty members in the Environment and Information Sciences can be found here. You are required to choose a suitable supervisor to oversee your work in your chosen research field.

After you have received provisional acceptance from your prospective supervisor, e-mail all of the application documents to either one of the contact faculty members

(see below for details) for the educational program that you wish to enroll in by the application deadline.

Note that you must prove in "(5) Academic Performance Entry Sheet (Excel)" (see Section 3-b) that you meet the grade point average requirement (see Section 2-b). You must also prove in "(10) Documents that demonstrate your linguistic ability" (see Section 3-b) that you meet the linguistic requirements (see Section 2-b). You are not required to submit the original documents (or certified true copies issued by a public institution, such as your university) at the time of application. If your application is successful and you wish to be recommended to MEXT, submit the documents to the following address by Express Mail Service (EMS) during the designated submission period.

Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences,
Yokohama National University,
79-7 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama 240-8501 JAPAN

b. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- (1) Application Form (PDF template)
  Note that you must sign the Application Form before submission.
- (2) Field of Study and Research Plan (Research Proposal) (Word template)
- (3) Copy of your passport
  Note that you must submit a scanned copy of the page containing your full name, nationality, date of birth, and photo.
- (4) Official academic transcripts (graduate and undergraduate)
  Submit the original academic transcripts. They must indicate the term and year that you attended the courses, your grades and/or scores, and the number of credits that you earned for each course (if applicable).
- (5) Academic Performance Entry Sheet (Excel template)
  Read the notes provided on the sheet carefully and then fill in the relevant information from "(4) Official academic transcripts". Note that your grade point average must be 2.30 (out of 3.00) or higher.
- (6) Certificate of Graduation (or Certificate of Expected Graduation)
- (7) Official Letter of Recommendation
  Note that your Official Letter of Recommendation must be from a high-ranking person (e.g., Dean or Director) and addressed to the President of YNU (Word template)
- (8) Photograph.
  Note that you must submit a 4.5 × 3.5 cm photograph of yourself that has been taken within the last six months and shows your upper body and full face. You must not wear a hat. Attach it to "(1) Application Form".
- (9) Thesis abstract
  Submit an abstract if you have written a thesis. In addition, attach a list of published books, papers, reports, and conference presentations that demonstrate their achievements and abilities (if any).

○(10) Documents that demonstrate your linguistic ability
Submit a grade certificate for a Japanese or English proficiency test (see Section 2-b for details). You must have taken the test within two years preceding the submission of your application.

c. SELECTION PROCEDURE

We will select the best-qualified candidates based on the submitted documents. Our decision will take into account your academic achievements in your previous degrees and your research potential based on your academic documents, recommendation letter, field of interest, and study plan.

During the selection process, we may ask the shortlisted candidates to attend an interview via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or another suitable platform. We will e-mail you the selection results by mid-February, 2026.

If selected, you may be asked to make some corrections to your application or submit some extra documents as part of the official procedure. The list of selected candidates will be sent to MEXT for final approval.

d. IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline	January 14, 2026
Notification of Application Results	Late of February, 2026
Final Confirmation of Scholarship from MEXT	Mid of June, 2026

e. CONTACT DETAILS

Feel free to contact either one of the contact faculty members for the educational program that you wish to enroll in.

Department	Educational Program	Contact Faculty Members
Artificial Environment	Safety, Environment and System Engineering Program	Professor MIYAKE Yuichi miyake-yuichi-xw [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
		Professor SHRAISHI Toshihiko shiraishi-toshihiko-fd [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
	Environment Science Program	Professor IIJIMA Motoyuki iijima-motoyuki-jc [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
	Social Environment Program	Professor TAKAGI Aya takagi-aya-fc [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
Natural Environment	Ecology and Bioscience Program	Professor SAKAI Akiko sakai-akiko-xw [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
	Earth and Biological Science Program	
	Environment Studies Program	Professor OIKAWA Hiroki oikawa-hiroki-nm [at sign] ynu.ac.jp

Information Environment	Informatics Program and Information Studies Program	Professor　SHIMA Keisuke shima-keisuke-sh [at sign] ynu.ac.jp
	Mathematical Science Program	Professor OZEKI Kenta ozeki-kenta-xr [at sign] ynu.ac.jp

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