

2026 Academic Year

**Guidelines and Procedures for
Fulfilling the Admissions Criteria for
Privately Financed International Students
(presently residing outside of Japan)
and
Application Packet**

**School of Global and Community Studies
University of Fukui**

**Application Guidelines
July 2025**



The School of Global and Community Studies (GCS) at the University of Fukui was established in 2016 as a center for learning and research focused on community development and proactive involvement in the globalizing world. Presently GCS offers a four-year undergraduate course (BA) comprised of courses in the humanities and social sciences, with opportunities for cross-disciplinary learning through courses offered by other departments at the university. Additionally, a strong emphasis is placed on active participation at the community level through project-based learning (PBL). Please refer to the GCS website (QR code on the right) for further information. Moreover, as an expansion of GCS, the Professional Graduate School of Global and Community Management was launched in April 2020, offering qualified graduates an opportunity to extend their studies for a master's degree.



GCS is pleased to announce the 2026-2027 academic year application guidelines for students from abroad. Several undergraduate places will be offered to qualified applicants in this category who meet all application and entrance requirements and pass an online interview. These places are intended for those who are presently residing outside of Japan and are prepared to apply on a self-funded basis. However, accepted applicants may obtain funding, such as a scholarship, on an individual basis, from a range of public and private sources.

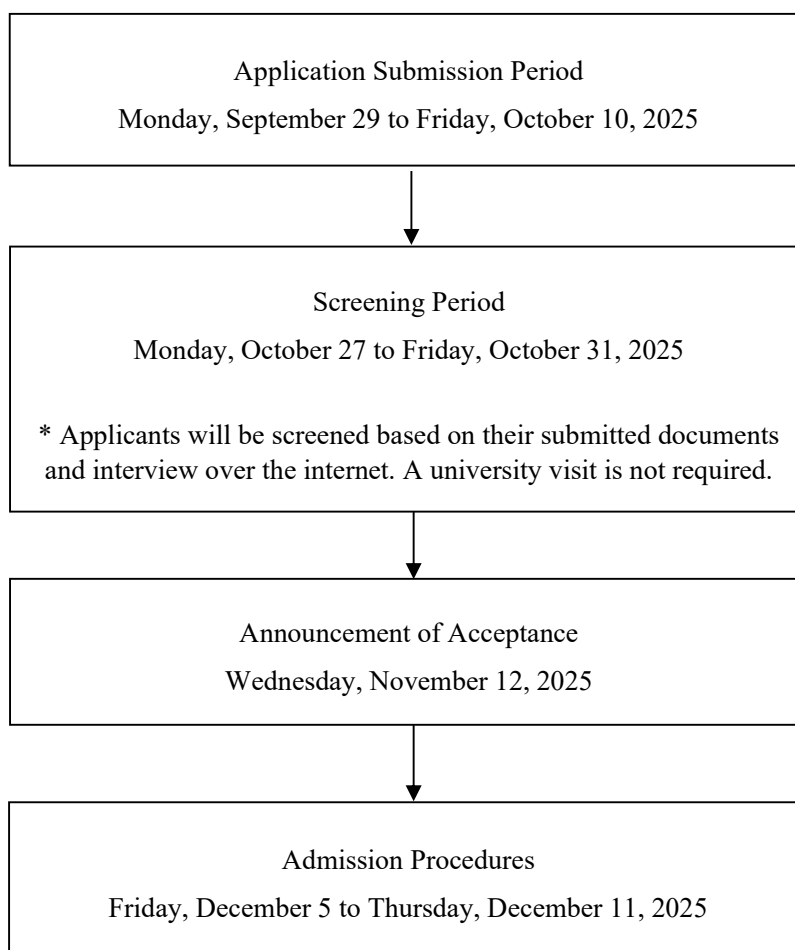
We warmly welcome aspiring learners who are keen to expand their horizons by joining us in an exciting challenge in Fukui. The region is steeped in long historical traditions and culture, including local handicrafts, as well as a rich and varied cuisine. Fukui's local industries combine modern technologies with traditional craftsmanship. Also, nature has endowed Fukui with four distinct seasons and a varied landscape of forests, mountains, farmland, and a scenic coast. All these elements combine to make Fukui an ideal region to experience "*real*" Japan.

Finally, the name of the prefecture, Fukui, is written with two 'kanji' characters, 福 (*fuku*) and 井 (*i*). The meaning of the characters translates literally to "well (井) of blessing (福)". Consistent with that name, Fukui has repeatedly topped the ranking among all 47 prefectures of Japan for the happiness of its residents. We are happily awaiting your application as well!

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Schedule Overview



I Admissions Policy

(1) Ideal Attributes Cultivated in the School of Global and Community Studies

The School of Global and Community Studies (GCS) shall cultivate people with the capacity to contribute to global society through community revitalization. This shall be done by developing the practical and comprehensive skills required to address and find solutions for complex issues facing local communities and global society.

(2) The Ideal Student

(2-1) The ideal student

Based on its Ideal Attributes, GCS seeks the following qualities in its students.

- (1) Students should possess an interest in the various complex issues brought about by globalization within local communities and global society. Furthermore, they should desire to engage in activities which allow them to deepen their understanding of these issues and actively pursue solutions.
- (2) Students should possess a desire to acquire the specialized knowledge required for their field of study as well as a proactive mindset for exploring approaches to problem-solving and working collaboratively with others, with an eye on pursuing and solving issues.
- (3) Students should desire to acquire English language skills for academic use (English for Academic Purposes) and practical purposes, as well as to develop intercultural communication skills necessary for collaborating with diverse peoples and engaging in a broad range of activities in the global world.

(2-2) Expectations for students prior to admission

Upon entering the GCS program, students will acquire specialized knowledge and skills centered on the humanities and social sciences as well as foundational knowledge and skills in the natural sciences essential for understanding and seeking solutions to complex contemporary problems. Additionally, the GCS curriculum supports students' development of English language proficiency. However, in order to benefit from this curriculum, incoming students are required to have graduated from a senior high school, or its equivalent, with a fundamental knowledge of natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities and foreign languages. Moreover, the ideal candidate will have studied independently and cultivated an interest in a diverse and broad range of contemporary societal issues and academic disciplines, beyond conventional distinctions across the natural sciences and the humanities and social sciences.

(3) Basic Admission Selection Policy

Privately-financed international student entrance examination (Special Examination for Foreign Students)

This entrance examination is designed for non-Japanese nationals residing outside Japan. Applicants are comprehensively evaluated based on their scores in tests of English language proficiency, Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) scores, and application materials (Application Form, Statement of Purpose, Letter of Recommendation, and academic transcripts), as well as an interview conducted online.

In accordance with the above admission selection policy, and using the method specified for each entrance exam category below, applicants for admission are selected through a multi-faceted, comprehensive evaluation, and judgment including the three core elements of academic ability. Points emphasized in this evaluation are marked below with a circle (○). Details of the content and point allocations of academic ability tests are provided in the Application Guidelines.

Entrance exam type	Admission selection method	Foundational knowledge/skills	Critical thinking and communication skills required to apply knowledge and skills, identify problems autonomously, seek solutions, and communicate results	Attitude toward studying independently and in collaboration with diverse groups of people
Privately-financed international student entrance examination (Special Examination for Foreign Students)	Interview	○	○	○
	Statement of Purpose		○	○
	Letter of Recommendation			○
	Japanese Language Proficiency Test	○		
	Academic Transcripts	○		

II Number of Applicants Accepted

A few students

III Application Qualifications

Applicants shall not be of Japanese nationality. They shall have resided outside of Japan up until the time of application, and must meet the following basic qualification and requirements.

1. Basic qualifications

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Applicant has completed (or is expected to complete) 12 years of school education in a country other than Japan by March 31, 2026, or possesses an equivalent education recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). The above-mentioned 12 years of education (excluding the final year of education) may include a period of study in Japan's education system, but the total period of such study cannot be more than three years.
- (2) Applicant possesses an International Baccalaureate degree awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization as prescribed in the Swiss Civil Code.
- (3) Applicant possesses an *Abitur* certificate recognized as qualification for university admission in the states of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (4) Applicant possesses a Baccalaureate diploma recognized as qualification for university admission in the French Republic.
- (5) Applicant passes three subjects or more of the GCE (General Certificate of Education) Advanced Levels or the International General Certificate of Education Advanced Levels that satisfies university entry requirements in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (grade of at least E).
- (6) Applicant possesses the European Baccalaureate diploma as qualification for university admission in the European Union Member States.
- (7) Completion or expected completion of a 12-year course by March 31, 2026 at an overseas educational facility accredited by international evaluation organizations (Western Association of Schools and

Colleges, Council of International Schools, Association of Christian Schools International, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Cognia or Council of British International Schools).

2. Requirements

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Applicants must have taken the TOEFL (iBT) or, where TOEFL iBT is unavailable, its ETS-certified equivalent (the TOEFL iBT Home Edition, the TOEFL iBT Paper Edition, or the TOEFL ITP Plus for China), or the IELTS (Academic test) within the two-year period prior to submission of their application (January 2024 or later).
- (2) Applicants must have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N3 or higher; if not, they must submit a form which verifies an ability at or beyond level N3.
- (3) Applicants must possess or are expected to be able to acquire the status of residence of College Student according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan (Act No. 319 of 1951).

IV Application Procedures

1. Application Submission Period and Method

Applications will be accepted from Monday, September 29 until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025. Download the necessary documents from the University of Fukui web site (<http://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/index.html>), complete them, and send them by Express Mail Service (EMS) or other international postal services that track delivery.

Applications arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.

2. Submit applications and direct inquiries to:

Admissions Division

University of Fukui

3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture, 910-8507 JAPAN

E-mail: g-nyusi@ad.u-fukui.ac.jp

3. Application Materials

Submitted application materials must be in English or Japanese. Certificates and other documents not written in English or Japanese must include an attached translation (into English or Japanese) certified with an official stamp by an embassy or government-approved public notary.

Document	Instructions
Application Form	Complete all required items in English or Japanese.
Statement of Purpose	The statement shall be written in English (around 500 words) or Japanese (around 1,000 characters) in length.
Application Fee	Make a bank transfer to the university's designated account to pay the application fee of 17,000 yen, as well as any bank transfer fees or intermediate bank processing fees, no later than Friday, October 10, 2025. <u>Payment destination bank</u> Fukui Bank (Main Branch Sales Department) University of Fukui, 1-1-1 Junka, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture 910-8660 JAPAN Regular Account, No. 6008273 BIC Code: 0147 FKUIJPJT

Application Qualification Certificates and Grade Certificates	Applicants with the Basic Qualifications listed in (1) • Applicants shall submit a certificate of graduation (or completion), or certificate of expected graduation (or completion) prepared by the head of the school where the applicant studied in their home country • Applicants shall also submit an academic transcript and an explanation about the grading system which shows the percentage of students which achieve each grade, for example, Grade A(90-100) 10%, Grade B (80-89) 30%, Grade C (70-79) 35%, and Grade D (60-69) 25% Applicants with the Basic Qualifications listed in (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) (2) Those who studied in an International Baccalaureate program shall submit a copy of their International Baccalaureate diploma and a transcript of their academic records. (3) Those who obtained an Abitur diploma from one of the states of the Federal Republic of Germany shall submit a copy of their General University Admission Certificate. (4) Those who obtained a Baccalaureate diploma in the Republic of France shall submit a copy of the diploma and a transcript of their academic records. (5) Those who passed three or more subjects (grade of at least E) of the GCE Advanced Levels (A Levels) or the International Advanced Levels shall submit a transcript of their academic records. (6) Those who obtained the European Baccalaureate diploma in the European Union Member States shall submit a copy of the diploma and a transcript of their academic records. (7) Applicants under Basic Qualification (7) shall submit the certificate of course completion (expected course completion) (original), the transcript of grades (original), and documents certifying that the educational institution in question has been certified by an international evaluation organization.
TOEFL or IELTS (Academic Module) Score Certificates	Submit either one of (a) or (b) below. Please note that these documents should arrive at the University of Fukui by the final day of the application period. (a) TOEFL(iBT) score certificate: You must arrange for TOEFL(iBT) scores for a test held in January 2024 or later to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the Education Testing Service (ETS). The Designated Institution Code of the University of Fukui is 0184. (b) IELTS (Academic Module) score certificate: You must arrange for IELTS scores (Test Report Form) for a test held in January 2024 or later to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the testing organization. Complete the Application for the Issue of Additional TRFs using the following information: Postal code: 910-8507 Name of Person / Department: Admissions Division Name of College / University / Organization: University of Fukui Address: 3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture JAPAN
Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificates	You must arrange for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Score Report and Certificate of Proficiency to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the testing organization. When applying for the Score Report and Certificate of Proficiency to be sent, use the following information to fill in the address and department. Postal code: 910-8507 Address: University of Fukui, Admissions Division 3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture JAPAN Please note that these documents should arrive at the University of Fukui by the final day of the application period.

Letter of Recommendation	Please have the principal or teacher at your last school prepare the Letter of Recommendation in English or Japanese.
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Precautions for Submitting the Application

(1) Paid application fees cannot be refunded except in the following cases:

- If you do not submit the application documents or are not accepted.
- If you accidentally double-transfer the application fees.

When the application fee is refunded to an account of a bank outside Japan, the applicant will bear the return fee. Therefore, the fee will be deducted and returned.

(2) Application documents that have been received and processed may not be returned, nor may their contents be altered, for any reason.

(3) Incomplete applications may not be accepted, so please prepare the application carefully.

(4) Forgery, false entries, plagiarism, other forms of falsification, or any other materials in the application documents that may impair the fairness of the examination constitute fraud and may result in the application not being accepted. In addition, applications may be canceled even after they have been accepted, or admission may be canceled even after entrance. In such cases, the application fee and admission fee will not be refunded.

V Screening Methods

Applicants are selected by way of a comprehensive evaluation based on their submitted TOEFL (iBT) or IELTS score, Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) scores, and application materials (Application Form, Statement of Purpose, Letter of Recommendation, and academic transcripts), as well as the results of an interview conducted online. As applicants are screened based on their submitted documents, so a university visit is not required.

TOEFL (iBT), IELTS	Japanese Language Proficiency Test	Exams conducted by University of Fukui
Applicants must have taken either the TOEFL or the IELTS exam.	Applicants must have passed level N3 or higher.	Interview over the internet

*Applicants will be notified of the details of the online interview (e.g., date and time, etc.) by e-mail.

Please make sure your internet settings are properly configured to enable an online interview.

The recommender (or teacher) must also be present for the interview.

During the interview, you may be asked questions in English and required to provide answers in English.

VI Announcement of Accepted students

The application numbers of accepted students will be announced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, on the University of Fukui website https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/user_admission/.

Inquiries by phone or other methods will not be acknowledged.

VII Admission Procedures

Accepted applicants will be sent enrollment guidelines along with their notification of acceptance. Please carefully read this information before undertaking the enrollment procedures.

1. Admission procedures and fee payment

(1) Admission procedures

Admission procedures must be completed by 4 p.m. from Friday, December 5 to Thursday, December 11, 2025.

If admission procedures are not completed, the application will not be processed.

(2) School fees

Admission fee : 282,000 yen

Tuition for the first year : 535,800 yen

The admission fee and the first semester tuition (267,900 yen) must be paid in full upon entrance.

When tuition fees be revised during a student's period of enrollment, the new amount will become effective from that point on.

2. Scholarships

After enrollment, Privately-Financed International Students can apply for various private scholarship grants. The University noticeboard provides information on these scholarship grants. For further details, please contact the International Affairs Division.

3. Student Dormitory (209 rooms)

The Student Dormitory is for both Japanese (159 rooms) and international students (50 rooms). It is a 10-minute walk from the Bunkyo Campus. Rent: monthly 6,800 yen.

VIII Support for International Students

At the University of Fukui, you're never alone. Your academic supervisor, a dedicated student “buddy” assigned to help you settle in, and personnel from the Institute for Global Engagement, Center for Global Education and Research, and International Affairs Division all work together to make sure you have a wonderful time in Japan and succeed in your studies or research. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

1. Academic Supervisors

Academic supervisors will offer advice and consultation about studies, research, and daily life.

2. Buddies

A “buddy system” is in place for peer support. Buddies are local students and international students experienced in life here who help new international students to transition smoothly into their new environment. They will help you with various procedures upon arrival and guide you around the campus and the city. They will act as a supportive first friend here. Any international student who has lived in Japan for less than six months will be paired with a buddy to help them adjust to student life here.

3. Institute for Global Engagement and Center for Global Education and Research

The Institute for Global Engagement and the Center for Global Education and Research provide international students with Japanese language education, counseling about various topics on life, studies and job hunting, and opportunities to interact with other people and organizations in the university and local community.

4. International Affairs Division

The International Affairs Division processes all documents needed from students' entry to Japan until their departure from the university. You can visit the office at any time with any questions or comments you may have.

IX Personal Information Policy

Personal information written on application forms and related materials (including information pertaining to academic assessments) shall be managed by the University of Fukui and used for the purposes of (1) entrance examination procedures, (2) enrollment procedures, (3) preparations for intake of enrollees (including Student Registration Management and Preparation to take courses), and (4) gathering information to improve the entrance examination process and ascertain application trends. In principle, except in the following cases, personal information will not be used for any other purposes than those described above, nor will it be provided to anyone who is not a faculty or staff member of the University of Fukui without the

consent of the applicants:

- 1) In cases where personal information is provided to relevant government bodies for specific, appropriate reasons as deemed necessary for those bodies to fulfill their legally obligated duties, such as when an investigative authority requires information for an investigation;
- 2) In cases where personal information needs to be provided to an outside company contracted to perform electronic computer processing work when such work is required for submitted application materials. (Note that in such cases, the company is required to sign an agreement to manage and protect personal information in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.);
- 3) In ranges where personal information contained in submitted application materials is used for the purpose of academic research and doing so poses no risk of infringement upon the applicant's rights and interests.

Direct inquiries to:
Admissions Division
University of Fukui

Application Form

For administrative use	
Application Number	

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Taken in the last 3 months

Check the following statements that apply to you.

- ☐ I do not possess Japanese nationality.
- ☐ I do not possess Japanese Permanent Residency or Special Permanent Residency.

1-1 Name (As written in your passport)

Surname	
Given Names	

1-2 Full Name in Chinese Characters (if applicable)

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2 Date of Birth (As written in your passport)

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Date	Month	Year

3 Nationality (As written in your passport)

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4 Sex (As written in your passport)

☐ Male
☐ Female

5 Native Languages

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6 Education

List the schools you attended from elementary school until the last school you attended (or are currently attending)

	Institution Name	City and Country	Period Attended	Month/Year of Entry ~ Month/Year of Graduation
Elementary School				
Junior High School				
High School				

7 Current Address

* Be sure to write your e-mail address carefully and clearly.

Address	
Postal Code	Country
Fax Number	Phone Number
E-mail Address	
* Since we may contact you using this e-mail address, please set your e-mail account to accept e-mail from gnnyusi-k@ml.u-fukui.ac.jp.	

8 Emergency Contact

* We may contact this individual as needed.

Address	
Postal Code	Country / Region
Fax Number	Phone Number
E-mail Address	
Name	

9 Enclosed Certificates and Academic Transcripts

List the certificates and academic transcripts enclosed with the application forms.
Documents that are not written in English or Japanese must be accompanied by a translation into English or Japanese and include the name and contact information of the organization or person that provided translation.

Statement of Purpose

Name

The Statement of Purpose should detail your reasons for wanting to study at the University of Fukui, your academic interests, and your future plans. It will be used in the consideration of your application.

In English (approximately 500 words) or Japanese (approximately 1,000 characters), please explain your reasons for applying to study at the University of Fukui. You may include details regarding your past studies and life experiences to further support your statement of purpose. In principle, the statement must be typed, but if you are unable to provide a typed document, a legible hand-written statement will also be accepted.

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Letter of Recommendation

The Letter of Recommendation should be prepared by the principal of your last school or a teacher there who knows you well.

Applicant Name	
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The following shall be completed by the recommending principal or teacher.

Instructions for the recommending principal or teacher:

1. Please be candid and as detailed as possible.
2. Please write in English or Japanese.
3. After preparing this Letter of Recommendation, please seal it in an envelope and return it to the student.
4. We may also ask the recommender to be available when the examinee is interviewed online.

1. We may contact you for further details, so please include your contact information.

(1) Name of Recommender

(2) Title

(3) Institution

(4) Address

(5) Phone/Fax Number

(6) E-mail Address

(7) Signature

2. In as much detail as possible and candidly, please describe the applicant, including any aspects that may not be reflected in his/her academic transcripts (e.g., special skills and qualities; strengths and weaknesses).

1) What kind of relationship do you have with the applicant, and how long have you known him/her?

2) Please candidly describe the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Also, how do you think the applicant will respond when faced with difficulties?

3) Please provide any other information you may wish to share regarding the candidate.