

Admission Guidelines for the Doctoral Program
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Ehime University

Academic Year 2027

General Selection for April Admission
Special Comprehensive Selection for April Admission/ October Admission
For International Students/ Working Professionals

■ Download admission forms: https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/en/en_page-prospective-students/

■ Internet admission site: <https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/>

■ The admission documents must be submitted to:

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Office, Ehime University (Academic Affairs, Faculty of Law and Letters Administration Division)
3 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama, Ehime, 790-8577, Japan

Impact of natural disasters and spread of infectious diseases on the implementation of entrance examinations

If there is a concern that the entrance examination may not be held due to the occurrence of a natural disaster or spread of an infectious disease, etc., the University will announce on its website any changes, such as a delay in the starting time of the examination, cancellation or postponement of the examination, or changes in the selection method, etc. Applicants should check this website regularly for more information.

Website for the applicants (URL) <https://juken.ehime-u.ac.jp>



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General Selection for Doctoral Program (April Admission in 2027)
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime
University
< Outline of the Application >

Major offered	Major in Humanities and Social Sciences
Number of admission quotas available	Admission Quota: 5
Application Eligibility	Refer to III. Application Eligibility ('Pre-application Admission Eligibility Assessment' may be required.)
Online Registration Period	(First Round) October 16, 2026 — October 21, 2026 (Second Round) December 4, 2026 — December 8, 2026 https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/
Application period	(First Round) October 16, 2026 — October 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (Second Round) December 4, 2026 — December 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m. ※Complete the registration of application information (web), payment of the application fee, and submission of application documents by the end of the period. https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/ ※Application documents must arrive by mail (postal service) by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the application deadline, or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays if the application documents are to be brought to the office.
Admission Ticket download period	(First Round) November 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m. — November 29, 2026, 7:00 p.m. (Second Round) January 22, 2027, 4:00 p.m. — February 11, 2027, 7:00 p.m. ※Download and print the admission ticket by the end of the period, and bring it with you on the day of the examination.
Selection method	Admission decisions will be made based on a comprehensive review of the results of the oral examination and submitted documents. The oral examination will be conducted in Japanese or English. ※The oral examination may be conducted online using internet-based communication software or similar tools only for applicants residing outside Japan who have applied in advance and obtained approval.
Examination date and place	Date of Examination: First Round: November 29, 2026 Second Round: February 11, 2027 Venue: Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University (3 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama, Ehime, Japan) Note: Applicants should refer to the information provided on the second and subsequent pages of the downloaded admission ticket for details of the examination schedule and examination venue.

Announcement of Successful Applicants (No inquiries regarding admission decisions will be accepted by telephone, e-mail, or any other means.	First Round : December 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m. Second Round: February 26, 2027, 11:00 a.m. Successful applicants will be announced by examination number on the website below, and a notification of acceptance will also be sent to each successful applicant. Website: Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University (https://graduate.ll.ehime-u.ac.jp/)
Admission formalities period	March 3 — March 11, 2027 <i>(Documents must arrive by the final date.)</i>
Admission date (planned)	April 1, 2027
Admissions Contact Information	Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Office , Ehime University Email: jinsha@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp ※Inquiries about the application should be sent by e-mail to the above address, in English or Japanese. The reply may take some time depending on the contents.

Special Comprehensive Selection for Doctoral Program (April Admission in 2027)
 Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University
 for International Students/Working Professionals
 < Outline of the Application >

Major offered	Major in Humanities and Social Sciences
Number of admission quotas available	Admission Quota: A few ※ <u>If the number of successful applicants reaches the capacity of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the application may be closed before the final deadline date.</u>
Application Eligibility	Refer to III. Application Eligibility ('Pre-application Admission Eligibility Assessment' may be required.)
Online Registration Period	Rolling Admissions (October 26, 2026 – December 2, 2026) https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/
Application period	Rolling Admissions (October 26, 2026 – December 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.) ※ Complete the registration of application information (web), payment of the application fee, and submission of application documents by the end of the period. https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/ ※ Application documents must arrive by mail (postal service) by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the application deadline, or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays if the application documents are to be brought to the office.
Admission Ticket download period	Applicants will be notified individually. ※ Download and print the admission ticket by the end of the period, and bring it with you on the day of the examination.
Selection method	Admission decisions will be made based on a comprehensive review of the results of the oral examination and submitted documents. The oral examination will be conducted in Japanese or English. ※ The oral examination may be conducted online using internet-based communication software or similar tools only for applicants residing outside Japan who have applied in advance and obtained approval.
Examination date and place	The date, time and place of the examination will be notified to each applicant individually after the application is received.
Announcement of Successful Applicants (No inquiries regarding admission decisions will be accepted by telephone, e-mail, or any other means.)	Successful applicants will be announced by examination number on the website below, and a notification of acceptance will also be sent to each successful applicant. Website: Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University (https://graduate.ll.ehime-u.ac.jp/)

Admission formalities period	March 3 — March 11, 2027 (<i>Documents must arrive by the final date.</i>)
Admission date (planned)	April 1, 2027
Admissions Contact Information	Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Office , Ehime University Email: jinsha@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp ※Inquiries about the application should be sent by e-mail to the above address, in English or Japanese. The reply may take some time depending on the contents.

Special Comprehensive Selection for Doctoral Program (October Admission in 2027)
 Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University
 for International Students/Working Professionals
 < Outline of the Application >

Major offered	Major in Humanities and Social Sciences
Number of admission quotas available	Admission Quota: A few ※ <u>If the number of successful applicants reaches the capacity of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the application may be closed before the final deadline date.</u>
Application Eligibility	Refer to III. Application Eligibility ('Pre-application Admission Eligibility Assessment' may be required.)
Online Registration Period	Rolling Admissions (December 14, 2026 — March 25, 2027) https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/
Application period	Rolling Admissions (December 14, 2026 — March 26, 2027, 5:00 p.m.) ※ Complete the registration of application information (web), payment of the application fee, and submission of application documents by the end of the period. https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/ ※ Application documents must arrive by mail (postal service) by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the application deadline, or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays if the application documents are to be brought to the office.
Admission Ticket download period	Applicants will be notified individually. ※ Download and print the admission ticket by the end of the period, and bring it with you on the day of the examination.
Selection method	Admission decisions will be made based on a comprehensive review of the results of the oral examination and submitted documents. The oral examination will be conducted in Japanese or English. ※ The oral examination may be conducted online using internet-based communication software or similar tools only for applicants residing outside Japan who have applied in advance and obtained approval.
Examination date and place	The date, time and place of the examination will be notified to each applicant individually after the application is received.
Announcement of Successful Applicants (No inquiries regarding admission decisions will be accepted by telephone, e-mail, or any other means.)	Successful applicants will be announced by examination number on the website below, and a notification of acceptance will also be sent to each successful applicant. Website: Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University (https://graduate.ll.ehime-u.ac.jp/)
Admission formalities period	Successful applicants will be notified individually.

Admission date (planned)	October 1, 2027
Admissions Contact Information	Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Office , Ehime University Email : jinsha@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp ※Inquiries about the application should be sent by e-mail to the above address, in English or Japanese. The reply may take some time depending on the contents.

I. Admission Policy and Outline

1. Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Doctoral Program)

<Desired Applicant Profile>

(1) Knowledge, Understanding and Communication Skills

Applicants are expected to possess specialized knowledge equivalent to that acquired through the completion of a master's program, together with the ability to independently formulate research questions, apply appropriate research methodologies, and communicate their ideas effectively.

(2) Planning and Feasibility

Applicants should demonstrate an interest in social issues, including regional challenges, and be capable of presenting a research plan that is original, appropriate, ethically sound, and grounded in real-world circumstances.

(3) Initiative, Diversity and Collaboration

Applicants should respect diverse backgrounds, be willing to collaborate with stakeholders both within and outside the University, including local communities, and be motivated to contribute their research to society and the region.

<Admission Policy>

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on the results of the oral examination and document screening in order to assess whether they have acquired the fundamental academic and research competencies expected of graduates of a master's program and possess the ability to successfully undertake the educational program of the Graduate School.

In addition to the General Selection, the Graduate School offers a Special Comprehensive Selection for applicants with diverse academic and professional backgrounds. Under this admission category, applicants' professional experience and achievements are taken into consideration, and October enrollment is also available.

2. Selection Policy

<General Selection>

Applicants will be assessed to confirm that they have acquired the fundamental academic knowledge and research capabilities equivalent to those expected of a master's degree holder and possess the ability to successfully undertake the educational program of this Graduate School.

The evaluation will be based comprehensively on the results of the oral examination and the submitted documents, including the master's thesis (or research achievement report) and research plan.

For applicants who are still preparing their master's thesis at the time of application, the assessment will be based on the research activities and achievements completed up to the application period.

<Special Comprehensive Selection>

Applicants will be assessed to confirm that they have acquired the fundamental academic knowledge and research capabilities expected of a master's degree holder, have relevant professional achievements or other accomplishments, and possess the ability to successfully undertake the educational program of this Graduate School.

The evaluation will be based comprehensively on the results of the oral examination and the submitted documents,

including the master's thesis (or a research achievement report submitted in lieu of a master's thesis), research plan, career history / activity record.

For applicants who are still preparing their master's thesis at the time of application, the assessment will be based on the research activities and achievements completed up to the application period.

In addition, for applicants residing overseas who submit a request at the time of application and obtain approval from the Graduate School, the oral examination may be conducted online using internet communication software or similar tools.

II. Number of Admission Quotas Available

【General Selection】 5 admission quotas are available. ※1

【Special Comprehensive Selection】 A few admission quotas are available. ※2

※1 The number of admission quotas is the total number of admission quotas available for the General Selection (April Admission) and the Special Comprehensive Selection (April Admission/ October Admission).

※2 If the number of successful applicants reaches capacity of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the application for Special Comprehensive Selection may be closed before the final deadline date. In such cases, it will be notified on the Ehime University's website.

【 Note 】 For the Special Comprehensive Selection, the examination date and time will be determined individually according to the date on which the application is accepted, following internal coordination within the Graduate School, and will be notified separately to each applicant.

Applicants may submit an application only once during the application period. Multiple applications within the same application period will not be accepted.

III. Application Eligibility

1. Application Eligibility

Applicants must have a strong desire to study at the Humanities and Social Sciences and must meet or expect to meet any of the following eligibility criteria by March (April 2027 Admission)/September (October 2027 Admission).

- ① Applicants who have earned a master's degree or a professional degree (prescribed in Article 5(2) of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953), based on Article 104(1) of the School Education Act; hereinafter professional degree refers to this description)
- ② Applicants who have earned a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in countries other than Japan
- ③ Applicants who have earned a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree through a correspondence program in Japan offered by an overseas university/college
- ④ Applicants who have earned a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing an overseas graduate program in Japan which is recognized as being equivalent to an academic institution that meets all requirements of the education system of the said country and designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- ⑤ Applicants who have earned a master's degree or equivalent from the United Nations University
- ⑥ Applicants who have completed a course of study at an overseas university/college or an academic institution

designated in ④ above, or the United Nations University, passed an examination and screening equivalent to those stipulated in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and been recognized as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder

⑦ Applicants designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (according to the Article 118 of Bulletin of Ministry of Education, Science and Culture published in 1989)

⑧ Applicants who are recognized by the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University, through a separate evaluation of admission eligibility, as possessing academic ability equivalent to or greater than that of a holder of a master's degree or a professional degree, and who are at least 24 years old

【Note】 In addition to the above application eligibility, the following must be considered.

- (1) Applicants of foreign nationality must have a status of residence in Japan, or the status of residence for “Student” as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, or be expected to obtain such status by the date of admission.
- (2) Applicants who are currently employed as regular employees at research institutions, educational institutions, companies, etc., and those who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at a graduate school of another university must obtain a permission to apply for the examination from their institution.
- (3) Applicants who satisfy any of the following conditions are eligible under Admission Eligibility Requirement

⑦:

- Persons who have graduated from a university and have engaged in research activities at a university, research institute, or similar institution for at least two years, and who are recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a person holding a master's degree, based on the results of such research and other achievements.

- Persons who have completed 16 years of formal education in a foreign country, or who have completed a 16-year course of education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered by a foreign educational institution while residing in Japan, and who have subsequently engaged in research activities at a university, research institute, or similar institution for at least two years, and who are recognized by the Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a person holding a master's degree, based on the results of such research and other achievements.

- (4) Applicants who satisfy any of the following conditions are eligible under Admission Eligibility Requirement

⑧:

- Persons who have demonstrated academic achievements recognized as being equivalent to or exceeding the level of a master's thesis through publications such as books, academic papers, scholarly reports, or patents.

- Persons who, after graduating from a university, have acquired at least two years of professional experience relevant to their proposed field of study and have achieved accomplishments recognized as equivalent to or exceeding those of a person holding a master's degree through professional outputs such as reports, policy proposals, business development projects, or research reports

- (5) Applicants seeking admission under Eligibility Requirements ⑦ or ⑧ must undergo a preliminary eligibility screening before submitting an application.(see2. Pre-Application Eligibility Screening)

■General Selection

Applicants must satisfy at least one of Eligibility Requirements ① through ⑧ by March 2027.

■Special Comprehensive Selection

Applicants for the Special Comprehensive Selection must satisfy at least one of Eligibility Requirements ①

through ⑧ by March 2027 (for April 2027 enrollment) or by September 2027 (for October 2027 enrollment), and must also meet either of the following conditions:

1. Applicants who do not hold Japanese nationality or permanent resident status in Japan and who possess, or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment, the status of residence “Student” as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
2. Applicants who have at least two years of work experience as a member of the workforce after graduating from a university.

2. Pre-Application Eligibility Screening 【applicants who meet the application eligibility criteria ⑦ or ⑧】

(1) Applicants seeking admission under Eligibility Requirement ⑦ or ⑧ must undergo a preliminary eligibility screening prior to application. Applicants should submit the documents listed below to the Admissions Office, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, at least one month before the application period (or by September 28 for the First Round of the General Selection).

① Documents to be submitted for Pre-application Eligibility Assessment

- 1) Admission Eligibility Assessment Sheet (Form#8)
- 2) Graduation or completion certificate obtained from the last-attended educational institution
- 3) Research Activity Description (Form #4)
- 4) Documents evidencing academic, professional, or social activities (e.g., academic papers, policy proposals, business development projects, research reports, etc.). Applicants may submit up to three principal works, each accompanied by a summary of 200 to 400 Japanese characters.

Note: Documents under item 4) are required only for applicants who have entered information in the section entitled “Academic, Professional, and Social Activities” of the Preliminary Eligibility Screening Form.

② -Preapplication Admission Eligibility Assessment and Approval

The pre-application admission eligibility assessment will be conducted on the basis of the submitted documents, and the applicant will be notified of the result.

Documents submitted for the pre-application admission eligibility assessment will not be returned. Applicants who have been approved for eligibility must submit the application materials separately by the end of the application period, based on the descriptions in ‘V. Application Procedures.’

The result of the pre-application admission eligibility assessment is valid only for the entrance examination for the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ehime University, which is conducted in accordance with these application guidelines.

IV. Selection Method and Selection Criteria

(1) Selection method and selection criteria: Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on the results of the oral examination and document screening in order to assess whether they have acquired the fundamental academic and research competencies expected of graduates of a master's program and possess the ability to successfully undertake the educational program of the Graduate School.

- (a) Applicants should refer to the information provided on the second and subsequent pages of the downloaded Examination Admission Ticket for details of the examination schedule and examination venue.
- (b) The oral examination consists of a presentation based on the applicant's research plan, followed by a question-and-answer session with the examiners. The examination will be conducted in either Japanese or English.
- (c) The oral examination may be conducted online using internet-based communication software or similar tools only for applicants residing outside Japan who have applied in advance and obtained approval.

(2) Evaluation Criteria

Oral Examination:

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively on the depth of their knowledge in the field of specialization they wish to pursue, their presentation skills, motivation for research, and other relevant qualities.

Document Review:

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on their research plan and other submitted documents. For applicants with professional work experience, achievements, accomplishments, and skills acquired through their employment will also be taken into consideration.

V. Application Procedures

1. Application period

General Selection (April Admission)

First Round: October 16, 2026 to October 22, 2026 , 5:00 p.m.

Second Round: December 4, 2026 to December 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Special Comprehensive Selection

April Admission: October 26, 2026 to December 3, 2026 , 5:00 p.m.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis during the above period.

October Admission: December 14, 2026 to March 26, 2027, 5:00 p.m.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis during the above period.

2. Application Procedures

(Pre-application Consultation, Application Process, Application Fee, Application Documents)

①Pre-application Consultation

To help applicants select an appropriate academic supervisor, applicants to the Humanities and Social Sciences Program are required to consult in advance with the faculty member from whom they wish to receive supervision.

Before submitting an application, applicants should discuss their proposed research with the prospective supervisor and obtain the supervisor's informal consent to provide academic supervision.

This consultation is not part of the admissions evaluation process and will not affect the admission

decision. Rather, it is a preliminary procedure intended to prevent mismatches between applicants and supervisors.

Applicants who do not know how to contact their prospective supervisor should contact the Admissions Office of the Graduate School.

② Application Procedures on the Internet Application Site

The Graduate School uses an online application system for the admission process. Before applying, please complete the necessary preparations and confirmations, then access the online application website and follow the procedures outlined below.

For information on the online application system and instructions on how to use it, please refer to the website at the URL below.

- 1) User Registration
- 2) Application Information Entry
- 3) Application Fee Payment (*See Note)
- 4) Print and Submit the Online Application Form and Other Required Documents
- 5) Download and Print the Admission Ticket

(Note) The application fee is not required if applicants meet any of the following conditions. Applicants who are eligible should contact the Admissions Office before registering their application.

- (a) International students receiving a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship
- (b) Applicants who are affected by natural disasters in areas covered by the Disaster Relief Act and who meet the special exemption requirements. (URL <https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/natural-disasters-exemption/>)
- (c) Applicants who are enrolled in the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Ehime University and who will proceed to the Doctoral Program following the completion of the Master's Program.

③ Application Procedures on the Internet Application Site

*Internet Application Site (URL) <https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/online-application-graduate/>

④ Payment of Application Fee

The application fee **【30,000 yen】** ※A separate fee will be charged.

The deposit procedure must be completed at the same time as the application procedure on the Internet application site. Separate handling charges are to be borne by the payer.

The application fee must be paid by 11:59 p.m. on the day following the date of application information registration (or by the application fee payment deadline shown above if the application information is registered on the payment deadline date), using one of the payment methods selected in the online application system (credit card, convenience store, or Pay-easy).

◆Requesting the return of the Application Fee

Once paid, the application fee is normally non-refundable; however, a request to return the application fee may be made only in the following cases.

- (1) The application fee was paid, but the application documents were not submitted.
- (2) The application fee was mistakenly paid two or more times, or an amount greater than the required amount was paid.

(3)The application fee was mistakenly paid, although it was not required.

(4)The application documents were submitted but not accepted due to incompleteness, etc.

If any of the above circumstances apply, a “Request Form for Refund of the Application Fee” will be sent to you at a later date. Please complete the required information on the form and send it by postal mail to the contact address below.

◆Contact Information for Application Fee Refund Inquiries

The External Payment Affairs Team

Financial Planning Division, Finance Department, Ehime University

10-13 Dogo-Himata, Matsuyama, Ehime, 790-8577, JAPAN

E-mail:suitou@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp

⑤ Documents Required to Be Submitted by Mail

Among the application documents and other required materials, those that must be submitted by mail are listed on the following page. The prescribed forms of the Graduate School can be downloaded from the Ehime University website (<https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/doctor-guidelines-download/>). Please print the forms on A4-size paper and use them as instructed.

The forms may be completed either electronically using a computer or by hand. All documents must be prepared in either Japanese or English.

After completing the online application registration, please submit all required application documents together in one package to the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Office (Academic Affairs, Faculty of Law and Letters Administration Division) by registered express mail, or deliver them in person, so that they arrive no later than the final application deadline (5:00 p.m.).

【Documents Required to Be Submitted by Mail】

Documents	Details	Applicable to
Online Application Form	A printed copy downloaded from the Online Application System. <i>(Available for download after payment of the application fee has been completed.)</i>	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Curriculum Vitae (Form#1)	Complete the prescribed form with all required information.	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Academic Transcript	An official academic transcript issued by the president (or dean) of the most recently attended university.	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Research Proposal for Doctoral Program (Form#2)	A research plan describing the applicant's proposed research topic, field of study, and plans after enrollment, prepared in either Japanese or English.	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Certificate of (Expected) Completion of a Master's Program	For applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a master's program. The certificate must be issued by the dean or other appropriate authority of the applicant's graduate school and must indicate the degree awarded (or expected to be awarded). <i>If the certificate is prepared in a language other than Japanese or English, a Japanese or English translation must be submitted together with the original document.</i>	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Abstract of Master's Thesis or Summary of Master's Research (Form#3)	An abstract of the master's thesis (for applicants who already hold a master's degree) or a summary of the master's thesis research (for applicants expected to complete a master's program or a master's course). <i>Must be prepared in either Japanese or English.</i>	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Research Activity Description (Form#4)	A report describing academic papers, conference presentations, patents, and other research achievements. <i>This form must be submitted even if the applicant has no applicable achievements.</i> <i>Must be prepared in either Japanese or English.</i>	General / Working Professionals / International Student

Career History / Activity Record (Form#5)	Required for applicants who are full-time employees of a research institution, educational institution, company, or other organization, as well as applicants who have completed a graduate program overseas.	Working Professionals / International Student
Copy of Passport and Residence Card (For applicants with foreign nationality only)	A copy of the passport is required for all applicants with foreign nationality. A copy of the Residence Card is required only for those residing in Japan.	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Permission to the Applicant for Entrance Examination (Form#6) (Required only for applicants who are full-time employees of a research institution, educational institution, company, or other organization, or who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at another university.)	An official document issued by the applicant's affiliated institution. <i>If the document is prepared in a language other than Japanese or English, a Japanese or English translation must be submitted together with the original document.</i>	General / Working Professionals / International Student
Application for Online Examination (Form#7) (For applicants residing overseas only)	Required for applicants who reside outside Japan and have difficulty traveling to Japan to take the examination.	General / Working Professionals / International Student

◆ Notes for Applicants

- ① Applications will not be accepted if any of the required documents are incomplete or if the application fee paid is insufficient.
- ② An application is considered complete only after payment of the application fee and submission of all required application documents and materials. Applications received after the final application deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- ③ All certificates and official documents must be submitted either in their original form or as certified true copies. Photocopies without certification will not be accepted as official documents.
- ④ Once submitted, application documents may not be revised for any reason. Submitted documents will not be returned. If any false information is found in the application documents, admission may be revoked even after enrollment has been granted.
- ⑤ Applicants who are admitted based on an expected graduation or expected completion status, but who fail to graduate or complete the relevant program by the date specified in these guidelines, will not be permitted to enroll. In such cases, the admission fee will not be refunded.
- ⑥ Applicants may be requested to submit additional documents for verification purposes in connection with the eligibility screening process or the review of application documents.

3. Downloading the Admission Ticket (Online Application System)

Once your application has been accepted, log in to the Online Application System during the designated download period. From the Application List page, select View Application Details, then click the Download Digital Admission Ticket button to download your admission ticket.

Please print the admission ticket single-sided on A4-size paper.

For the admission ticket download period, please refer to "Overview of Admissions" at the beginning of these guidelines.

VI. Notes on Application and Examination

1. Precautions for taking the examination

- (1) Applicants will be notified separately of the admission ticket download period, examination date, time, method, precautions, and the date of notification of acceptance, etc. Applicants must confirm the information.
- (2) No prior inspection of the examination room is allowed.
- (3) Applicants must have their admission ticket when taking the examination. Applicants who have lost their admission ticket or forgot to bring it on the day of the examination must report it immediately.
- (4) If the applicants arrive late for the examination, they will be allowed to take the examination only if they arrive no later than 30 minutes after the examination starting time.
- (5) In the event of any misconduct, the examination will be invalidated and the applicant will not be allowed to take any further examinations.
- (6) The admission ticket is required for admission formalities, additional admission, and requests for notification of individual results of the entrance examination. All applicants are requested to keep their admission ticket in a safe place even after the examination is over.

2. Prior Consultation for Applicants Requesting Reasonable Accommodation

Ehime University provides opportunities for prior consultation to ensure that applicants with illnesses, injuries, disabilities, or other special needs can receive appropriate reasonable accommodations during entrance examinations and their studies.

Applicants who require accommodations for examinations and/or academic study should, as a general rule, submit the following documents to the Admissions Office at least one month before submitting their application:

- (1) Application Form for Reasonable Accommodations for Entrance Examinations
(<https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/doctor-guidelines-download/>)
- (2) A medical certificate or written opinion from a physician describing the diagnosis related to the reasonable accommodations required for the examination (*A photocopy is acceptable.*)
- (3) A copy of a disability certificate/card, if applicable
(*Physical Disability Certificate, Rehabilitation Certificate, or Mental Disability Certificate*)

3. Handling of Personal Information

Any personal information provided in application documents such as name and address are solely for processing applications, contacting applicants if an application document is incomplete, conducting the entrance examination, notifying successful applicants, and sending admission formalities documents. If an application document is

incomplete, Ehime University may notify the contact person on the application form to request the document be promptly amended and resubmitted.

Personal information related to this selection will be managed by the University for the purpose of conducting operations related to educational affairs (student registration, academic guidance, etc.), student support (health management, scholarship applications, etc.) and tuition payment after the successful applicants have been admitted; and for the purpose of surveying and analyzing application trends to improve the entrance examinations. The personal information will not be used for any other purpose or provided to anyone other than related faculty and staff of the University.

4. Admission Formalities, Initial Fees (Admission/Tuition Fees, Miscellaneous Fees), Scholarship Programs, etc.

(1) Requirements for Admission Formalities (The period of the procedure is stated in the document enclosed with the notification of acceptance.)

① Admission Fee 282,000 yen

(excluding Students who are expected to complete a master's degree at Ehime University's graduate school)

② Required Enrollment Documents Provided by the Graduate School

(2) Tuition Fee and Miscellaneous Fees

Tuition Fee (excluding International students receiving a Japanese government (MEXT) Scholarship)

First Semester 267,900 yen, Second Semester 267,900 yen (Annual Amount: 535,800 yen)

Alumni association fee (not required if paid at the time of undergraduate or graduate master's program enrollment at Ehime University.) 20,000 yen

Premium for Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research 2,600 yen

Premium for Insurance for accidents involving third parties or their property 1,020 yen

※ The payment period for tuition fee will be notified separately after admission. The tuition fee and scholarship amounts listed above are for the academic year 2026 and may be revised in the future. If the tuition fee is revised during enrollment, the new tuition fee will be applied from the time of the revision.

※ Japanese Government Scholarship students are not required to pay the entrance and tuition fees. Prospective students who are expected to complete the master's course at Ehime University are not required to pay the admission fee.

(3) Tuition fee waiver system, scholarship system

For those who have difficulty in paying the admission/tuition fees due to financial reasons, but have excellent academic records, or come across special conditions such as disasters (e.g., windstorm, flood, etc.), there is a system to waive full or half of the fees after screening, as well as a postponement system of payment.

Students who have Japanese nationality and wish to receive a scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) will receive a scholarship after screening.

5. Special Provision for Educational Methods under Article 14 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools

For students who are unable to receive research supervision on a regular basis during weekday daytime hours, the Graduate School may, where special educational needs are recognized, offer classes and research supervision during the evening or at other designated times or periods.

6. Extended Study Program

The Graduate School offers an Extended Study Program that allows students to complete their course of study over a longer period.

This program is intended for students who, due to employment or other circumstances, wish to receive research supervision and pursue their studies in a planned manner over a period exceeding the standard duration of study (three years), and who have been granted approval upon application.

Applicants who wish to enroll in this program should submit an application at the time of the enrollment procedures.

○Admissions Contact Information

As a rule, inquiries about the application should be made by the applicants themselves to the e-mail address given in the < Outline of the Application > at the beginning of this application guideline.

Doctoral Program, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Educational and Research Supervision System

The Doctoral Program is organized as an educational and research framework that enables students to pursue **integrated knowledge** beyond the boundaries of existing academic disciplines, with the aim of generating advanced knowledge in the humanities and social sciences and contributing to its implementation in society.

To provide comprehensive coverage of the fields of **History, Literature and Linguistics; Law, Political Science and Area Studies; Business Administration and Information Ethics; and Landscape Science**, the Program employs faculty members with distinguished research achievements and extensive educational experience in their respective areas. Students receive specialized supervision from diverse academic perspectives.

A distinctive feature of the Program is its group-based research supervision system. Each student is assigned **one primary supervisor and at least two associate supervisors**, who jointly provide guidance throughout the student's course of study.

■ Doctoral Program Faculty Supervisors

【History, Literature, and Linguistics】

Hikaru Ebesu Research Area: History	Research supervision focuses on developing advanced skills in reading and interpreting historical documents, enabling students to establish historical facts and critically analyze early modern and modern societies from historical perspectives. Research topics may include regional historical issues such as the Shikoku Pilgrimage. Students are guided in integrating fieldwork, documentary sources, and theoretical approaches through comprehensive and critical analysis.
Takayuki Nakane Research Area: Literature	Research supervision focuses on modern Japanese literature and addresses methodologies in literary studies, including cultural studies and comparative cultural studies. Students receive guidance on identifying and collecting appropriate primary and secondary sources, conducting textual analysis, interpreting academic literature, and developing academic writing skills. Supervision is provided with a view toward the formulation of research projects and the completion of doctoral dissertations in the field of modern Japanese literature.
Shinako Imaizumi Research Area: Linguistics	Research supervision focuses on methodologies for investigating the structure of natural language, with particular emphasis on lexical semantic approaches within linguistics. Based on careful observation of linguistic phenomena, students are guided in comparing multiple approaches to a given grammatical issue and in developing original perspectives for high-quality academic research and dissertation writing.
Naoko Tanaka Research Area: Literature	Research supervision focuses on various aspects of premodern Japanese literature, particularly medieval literary works such as war tales, commentaries, and annotated texts. Students are encouraged to adopt interdisciplinary perspectives, incorporating not only literary approaches but also historical and comparative literary methods. Guidance is provided through close reading of texts as well as investigation of the intellectual, cultural, and scholarly contexts in which the texts were produced.
Tomotaka Sasada Research Area: History	Research supervision focuses on the formation of ancient societies, interregional interactions, resource utilization, and production technologies in Asia, including Japan, based on archaeological sites and material remains. Students are guided in critically reviewing previous scholarship, conducting field investigations, and analyzing research materials. Support is also provided throughout the process of dissertation planning, conference presentations, and journal article preparation. When appropriate, field visits to archaeological sites and museum collections may be incorporated into the research program.
Chika Takahashi Research Area: Linguistics	Research supervision addresses both substantive and methodological aspects of second language acquisition research. Students are guided in reviewing relevant literature, designing research projects, collecting and analyzing data, and developing original and rigorous doctoral dissertations on topics such as second language acquisition mechanisms and individual learner differences.

Hironobu Ota Research Area: Philosophy	Research supervision focuses on methodologies for conducting research in philosophy and ethics. Guidance is provided on critical reading of scholarly literature, positioning one's research within existing academic debates, and presenting arguments clearly, logically, and persuasively in doctoral-level research.
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【Law, Political Science, and Area Studies】

Hideki Fukui Research Area: Political Science	Research supervision focuses on methods for drawing reliable conclusions from data, particularly through the estimation of causal relationships. Students learn how to formulate appropriate assumptions for causal inference and select suitable analytical methods. Special emphasis is placed on challenges associated with observational data rather than experimental data. In addition, practical training using R is incorporated to help students develop an applied understanding of quantitative research methods and data analysis.
Shizuka Suzuki Research Area: Law	Research supervision examines contemporary legal issues through the analysis of case law and legal scholarship while considering the historical development of legal systems. Students are encouraged to explore domestic policy developments from a comparative and international perspective and to develop comprehensive legal analyses of their chosen research topics.
Shinya Ishizaka Research Area: Area Studies	Research supervision supports the study of Asia from historical, political, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual perspectives. Students are encouraged to pursue independent research projects while examining contemporary issues facing Asian societies, including globalization, economic development, migration, ethnic and religious diversity, environmental challenges, social inequality, and social inclusion.
Shusaku Iguchi Research Area: Law	Research supervision focuses on developing theoretical frameworks for analyzing the relationship between legal norms and society through the study of constitutional change. Comparative perspectives are incorporated through the examination of constitutional developments in Japan, constitutional transformation during the New Deal era in the United States, and constitutional conventions in France.
Katsuhiko Kajiwara Research Area: Political Science	Research supervision focuses on methodologies in political history, combining empirical analysis based on historical sources with comparative and theoretical approaches. Students receive training in reading foreign-language literature, interpreting handwritten archival materials, conducting historical source research, and transforming research findings into scholarly publications.
Satoru Mikami Research Area: Political Science	Research supervision focuses on international cooperation in addressing global challenges such as violent conflict, infectious disease control, free trade, and decarbonization. Students are guided in formulating research questions, developing hypotheses, selecting research methods, and designing appropriate strategies for data collection and analysis.
Kyoko Ota Research Area: Political Science	Research supervision focuses on empirical research concerning public administration and local governance. Based on theories and methodologies in public administration, students develop research projects examining administrative organizations and policy-making processes. Guidance is provided on institutional analysis, policy process analysis, qualitative research design, and fieldwork, with the goal of producing a doctoral dissertation.

【Business Administration and Information Ethics】

Takashi Okamoto Research Area: Economics	Research supervision examines the impact of information and communication technologies on economies, business organizations, local communities, everyday life, and globalization from economic and managerial perspectives. Students are encouraged to integrate theoretical research with data analysis, field surveys, and comparative studies to investigate real-world regional and societal issues.
Yohko Orito Research Area: Business Administration	Research supervision focuses on contemporary issues in business information ethics, including personal data management and platform businesses. Topics include fundamental concerns in information ethics such as policy vacuums and conceptual confusion arising from technological development, as well as information governance and policy-making within various organizations.
Hideobu Sai Research Area: Business Administration	Research supervision aims to develop students' ability to formulate and test hypotheses, construct theoretical explanations, and develop practical recommendations through theoretical research and case analysis in the fields of business strategy and organizational management.
Nobuyuki Soga Research Area: Economics	Research supervision focuses on microeconomics and encourages the integration of theory, quantitative analysis, and field-based research, including interviews and local investigations. Students are guided in conducting research that contributes to solving regional issues and in completing high-quality doctoral dissertations. Insights from behavioral economics may also be incorporated where appropriate.

【Landscape Science】

Rupprecht Christoph Research Area: Agro-Environmental Science	Research supervision explores visions and pathways toward a future based on coexistence and mutual flourishing among humans and other living beings. Topics include multispecies studies, sustainability theories, urban and landscape green spaces, environmental justice, and degrowth. Students are encouraged to employ transdisciplinary approaches that combine fieldwork, social science methodologies, games, art, and speculative fiction.
Noriko Irie Research Area: Environmental Conservation	Research supervision focuses on practical approaches to stakeholder engagement and problem-solving in the implementation of decarbonization projects, renewable energy initiatives, and sustainable resource utilization. Guidance is also provided in quantitative analysis and data science methodologies, including econometrics.
Naofumi Yamamoto Research Area: Health and Sport Sciences	Research supervision focuses on health-related behaviors, particularly physical activity, as influenced by complex policy, environmental, social, and psychological factors. Students receive guidance from the perspectives of health sciences, sport sciences, behavioral sciences, and epidemiology, covering both individual-level and population-level behavioral changes.