

2. Qualifications of Applicants

1) Qualifications of Applicants (Master's Program)

All applicants must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Have graduated or be due to graduate from an officially recognized Japanese university by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
2. Have been awarded or due to be awarded a Bachelor's Degree by a qualified educational institution in Japan by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
3. Have successfully completed or be due to complete 16 years of formal education overseas by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
4. Have successfully completed or be due to complete 16 years of formal education overseas through distance education in Japan by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
5. Have completed or be due to complete in Japan a curriculum specified as equivalent to overseas university by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026 for September 2026 enrollment)**.
6. Have graduated or be due to graduate from a university or educational institution overseas that has been recognized by the overseas government or accreditation institution, and have been awarded or be due to be awarded a bachelor's degree or equivalent by completing a curriculum, including distance education in Japan, of which the length of completion is three years or more by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026 for September 2026 enrollment)**.
7. Have completed a specialized curriculum at a vocational school, of which the length of completion is four years or more, recognized by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date specified by the Minister, or be due to complete such by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
8. Have graduated from an educational institution under the Old Education System in Japan.
9. Have graduated or be due to graduate from an educational institution such as the National Defense Academy, Japan Coast Guard Academy, and Meteorological College established in affiliation with Japanese government agencies by **March 31, 2026 (September 19, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.
10. Be recognized, by Rikkyo University Graduate School of Intercultural Communication, to have attained academic competency that is equal to or surpasses the level of a university graduate and will be twenty-two years of age or older by **April 1, 2026 (September 20, 2026, for September 2026 enrollment)**.

[Note on Qualifications of Applicants]

- (1) Please note that if those applying as being "due to" fulfill No.1, ~7 or 9 above fail to complete the requirements at the time of enrollment, they will not be granted admission even if they pass the entrance examination.
- (2) Those who plan to apply on the basis of requirement No. 10 above must undergo a separate review to verify their eligibility prior to application. For details on the review procedures, please contact Course Admissions Officer, College Administration Office of the Graduate School of Intercultural Communication by **November 20, 2025 (Thu)**.

2) Eligibility for the Entrance Examination for General Admission

The applicant must meet the qualifications of applicants for the Master's Program and submit either a TOEFL iBT® or IELTS score.

The following scores are required for applicants who are enrolling for the purpose of completing the TESOL program.

- TOEFL iBT® Test (Internet-based test) 90 or above
- IELTS 6.5 or above on each band

* Applicants who are either first language users of English or have earned an undergraduate degree taught entirely in English and who wish to request an exemption from submitting TOEFL iBT® or IELTS scores, must submit this Exemption Application Form.

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