

2. Eligibility of Applicants

1) Eligibility of Applicants (Doctoral Program)

April Enrollment

All applicants must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Have been awarded or are due to be awarded a master's degree or a professional degree by **March 31, 2026** (School Education Act of Japan, Article 102, Paragraph 1).
2. Have been awarded or are due to be awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by a foreign institution by **March 31, 2026** (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 1).
3. While residing in Japan, have completed subjects offered through correspondence education by a foreign school and have been awarded or are due to be awarded by **March 31, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 2).
4. While in Japan, have completed a program at an educational facility that is positioned under the foreign country's school-education system as having a graduate-school program, the facility being separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been awarded or due to be awarded by **March 31, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 3).
5. Have completed a program of the United Nations University and have been awarded or are due to be awarded by **March 31, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 4).
6. Have taken courses at a foreign school, an educational facility designated under Article 156, Item 3 of the Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, or the United Nations University, have passed examinations and screening equivalent to those prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and are recognized as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a master's-degree holder (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 5).
7. Have graduated from a university, have engaged in research for at least two years at a university, research institute, or the equivalent, and are recognized by Rikkyo University Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent to that of a master's degree holder (Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 of 1989).
8. Have been recognized by Rikkyo University Graduate School as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a master's degree or professional degree holder and who will have reached the age of 24 years by **April 1, 2026** (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 7).

September Enrollment

1. Have been awarded or are due to be awarded a master's degree or a professional degree by **September 19, 2026** (School Education Act of Japan, Article 102, Paragraph 1).
2. Have been awarded or are due to be awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by a foreign institution by **September 19, 2026** (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 1).
3. While residing in Japan, have completed subjects offered through correspondence education by a foreign school and have been awarded or are due to be awarded by **September 19, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 2).
4. While in Japan, have completed a program at an educational facility that is positioned under the foreign country's school-education system as having a graduate-school program, the facility being separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been awarded or are due to be awarded by **September 19, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 3).
5. Have completed a program of the United Nations University and have been awarded or are due to be awarded by **September 19, 2026**, a degree equivalent to a master's degree (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 4).
6. Have taken courses at a foreign school, an educational facility designated under Article 156, Item 3 of the Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, or the United Nations University, have passed examinations and screening equivalent to those prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and are recognized as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a master's-degree holder (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 5).
7. Have graduated from a university, have engaged in research for at least two years at a university, research institute, or the equivalent, and are recognized by Rikkyo University Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent to that of a master's degree holder (Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 of 1989).
8. Have been recognized by Rikkyo University Graduate School as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a master's degree or professional degree holder and who will have reached the age of 24 years by **September 20, 2026** (Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, Article 156, Item 7).

[Note on Eligibility of Applicants]

Applicants who applied and passed under the “due to be awarded” status for Eligibility Items (1) through (5) above will not be permitted to enroll if they fail to meet the required conditions **by the end of March, 2026 for April Enrollment or by 19 September, 2026 for September Enrollment**.

【Notes Regarding Application Eligibility】

1. Applicants under Criteria 7 or 8 must undergo a pre-application eligibility screening. Contact the Admissions Office by **Wednesday November 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m. (JST)**.
2. A valid score in TOEFL iBT®, TOEIC® Listening & Reading, or IELTS (Academic Module) taken by the deadline is required. Upload the official score report by the application deadline as detailed on P.7 of the

“Application Documents” section of this document. If the official score report is not submitted by the application deadline, your application will not be accepted.

2) Eligibility for the Entrance Examination for General Admission

Applicable to both April and September Enrollment:

Persons who satisfy the eligibility requirements for the Doctoral Program (see “Eligibility,” P. 2, P. 3 for details).

3. Application Procedures

1) Application Procedures

For the application, follow the instructions below

1. Access the Rikkyo Web Application System from the following website and complete all forms online.
https://guidelines.rikkyo.ac.jp/daigakuin2026/splt_cob/
2. Pay the application fee to complete the application through the Web Application System.
3. Upload all documents on “My Page” of the Web Application System by the deadline.

Application Period	Wednesday January 7 (0:00:00 a.m. Japanese Standard Time) to Tuesday January 13 (11:59:59 p.m. Japanese Standard Time), 2026
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[Notes on Application Procedure]

- (1) Session will time out automatically 180 minutes after you start entering information. Since data cannot be stored temporarily, please refer to the “User Manual” first to prepare the necessary information to enter.
- (2) **Completing the web application system alone is not sufficient to finalize your application. Upload all documents on “My Page” of the Web Application System by the deadline.**
- (3) **Applications will not be accepted if the required documents are not uploaded by the deadline.**
- (4) **Applicants who require special accommodations for the entrance examination due to illness, injury, or significant physical disabilities** must contact the Course Admissions Officer, College Administration Office of the Graduate School of Business, (E-mail: keiei-daigakuin@rikkyo.ac.jp) **by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025**, prior to application submission, and submit a “Request Form for Special Examination Accommodations.” Please note that, depending on the nature of the disability, it may be practically impossible to complete the curriculum in certain graduate schools or programs. Therefore, please also consult with the office regarding this matter.
- (5) Inquiries regarding the application process should be directed to the Course Admissions Officer, College Administration Office of the Graduate School of Business.
- (6) If any false information or omissions are found in the application documents, admission or enrollment may be revoked.