
Rikkyo University

Graduate School Entrance Examination Guidelines

Graduate School of Business (Spring Examination) Doctoral Program

For April 2026 or September 2026 Enrollment

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The office will be closed from Wednesday December 24th 2025 to Tuesday January 6th 2026.

*It may take some time to answer, so please make inquiries well in advance.

Educational and Research Purposes and Admissions Policy of the Graduate School of Business, Rikkyo University

Educational and Research Purposes

The Graduate School of Business pursues advanced research in business built upon general and specialist education at the undergraduate level, cultivates character in the spirit of Christianity, and contributes to cultural advancement.

The following is our policy for accepting students for this purpose.

Admissions Policy

Doctoral Program

We seek students who possess advanced expertise in business as well as proficiency in foreign-language based academic literature—normally acquired in a master’s program—together with the scholarly motivation and personal integrity appropriate for researchers.

Handling of Personal Information

Name, addresses, and other personal information provided in the application and admission procedures shall be used only for the purposes of (1) conducting the entrance examination (application processing and examination), (2) announcement of final results, (3) admission procedures, and other matters incidental thereto. In doing so, we will conduct necessary and appropriate management to ensure that the personal information is not leaked, released, or illegally used.

The above operations may be performed in whole or in part by a company entrusted with such operations by Rikkyo University (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”). In such cases, we may provide the Contractor with all or part of the personal information you have provided. Any outsourcing contract used includes confidentiality clauses, requires the contractor to strictly control information, and prevents the contractor from using the information for purposes other than the contractual terms.

In addition, personal information may be processed statistically so that individuals cannot be identified. Such information will be used as data for surveys and research on trends in graduate school enrolments and of applicants at Rikkyo University.

A portion of enrollees’ personal information and test results may be registered in the university’s student information database to use for student consultation and guidance after enrollment. We appreciate your understanding in advance.

For more information about Rikkyo University’s Privacy Policy, please visit:

<https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/privacypolicy/>

Special Measures for Examinees in Areas Affected by Large-Scale Natural Disasters

Rikkyo University has a financial assistance program for examinees affected by large-scale natural disasters. Please refer to <https://www.rikkyo.ac.jp/admissions/refund.html> (only available in Japanese) for details on this program.

*This is limited to areas where the Disaster Relief Act has been applied within one year of the day prior to the beginning of the enrollment period for the entrance examination for which the applicant has applied.

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1. Number of Students to be Admitted and Examination Schedule, etc.

Only the "General Entrance Examination" is offered for the Graduate School of Business doctoral program.

1) Enrollment Period

The enrollment period is in April 2026 or September 2026. Please select your enrollment period in your application.

2) Application Period

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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3) Number of Students to be Admitted and Examination Schedule

Major	Number of students to be admitted	Examination Category	Examination Schedule	
			Oral Examination (Online)	Announcement of results
Business	5	General	Wednesday February 18, 2026	Friday February 27, 2026

Important Notes Regarding Number of Applicants and Examination Schedule

1. Admission is not guaranteed for all applicants, even if the number of candidates does not meet the enrollment capacity; selection will be based solely on examination performance.
2. Admission results will be announced on the university website (<http://www.rikkyo.ac.jp/admissions/results/>).
3. Information on enrollment procedures will be included in the Admission Letter sent to successful applicants.
The enrollment procedure period is as follows. Please also refer to P. 13 for details about the Enrollment Procedure.

April Enrollment

From the date of results announcement through Friday March 13, 2026

September Enrollment

First enrollment procedure period (payment of enrollment fees): **From the date of results announcement through Friday March 13, 2026**

Second enrollment procedure period (submission of enrollment documents): **Wednesday April 1, 2026 through Friday May 29, 2026**