

2023 Admissions

**The University of Shimane
Graduate School**

North East Asia and Development Studies

(North East Asian Studies)

(Regional Development Policy Studies)

(Trans-area Studies on North East Asia)

Foreign Student Special Selection

(Russian Federation (Irkutsk/Vladivostok))

Application Guideline

Depending on the infection status of COVID-19, the entrance examination may be conducted online. When applying, please prepare your own computer, printer, and Internet environment.

Please be aware of this before submitting your application.

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Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies

Application for the Master's and Doctoral Courses at Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies, the University of Shimane, for Spring 2023 and Autumn 2023 entry will be processed in the following manner.

《 Guidelines for Foreign Students Special Selection Applications 》

1. Admissions Numbers

Graduate Course	Major	Number
North East Asian and Development Studies (Master's Course)	North East Asian Studies	Few*
North East Asian and Development Studies (Master's Course)	Regional Development Policy Studies	Few*
North East Asian and Development Studies (Doctoral Course)	Trans-area Studies on North East Asia	Few*

*For each major, a few students in total for spring and autumn.

2. Qualification for Application

(Master's Course)

An individual who lives outside of Japan and who fulfills the requirements both I and II:

I. An applicant must meet one of these requirements:

- (1) An individual who has graduated from a Japanese university.
- (2) An individual who has obtained the equivalent to a bachelor degree from a foreign institution.
- (3) An individual who has completed 16 years of formal education overseas.
- (4) An individual who has finished courses designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education. The concerned course should be held at an educational facility that has a certain position in the overseas education system (only if the individual has completed 16 years of formal education overseas).
- (5) An individual who has finished designated specialized fields of vocational schools after the date decided by the Japanese Ministry of Education (limited to schools which require 4 or more years of study for completion, and which fulfill the other conditions established by the Ministry of Education).
- (6) An individual appointed by the Ministry of Education.
- (7) An individual who has been enrolled in a university for more than three years and who has completed 15 years of education overseas or who took a course in communication education conducted by a foreign school and has completed 15 years of education residing in Japan and is recognized by the University of Shimane as having an outstanding academic level based on the past course grades.

- (8) An individual who is recognized by the University of Shimane Entrance Qualifications Committee as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate based on the entrance examination results and who is at least 22 years old.
- (9) An individual who does not fit into one of the categories above, but is recognized by the Graduate School of the University of Shimane as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate.
- (10) An individual who intends to obtain one of the qualifications mentioned above by March 31, 2023 for spring 2023 and by September 30, 2023 for autumn 2023.

II. An individual who fulfills any one of the following requirements:

- (1) At the time of application, an applicant must have passed Level 2 (or N2) or higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, and have obtained the Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency.
- (2) At the time of application, an applicant must have passed other certification examinations equal to Level 2 (or N2) or higher of Japanese Language Proficiency Test, administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, and have obtained the Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency.

(Doctoral Course)

An individual who lives outside of Japan and who fulfills any one of the below requirements:

- (1) An individual who has obtained a Master's degree or has been granted a Professional degree.
- (2) An individual who has obtained the equivalent to a Master's degree or a Professional degree in a foreign country.
- (3) An individual who has finished courses designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education. The concerned course should be held at an educational facility that has a certain position in the overseas education system.
- (4) An individual who has finished courses at United Nations University and has obtained a degree corresponding to a Master's degree.
- (5) An individual who has finished the curriculum at a foreign university and has passed the examination equivalent to the examination in basic research skills for Doctoral dissertation, and who has equal level of academic achievements.
- (6) An individual appointed by the Ministry of Education.
- (7) An individual who was engaged in research activities for more than 2 years after the graduation of a university in a foreign country and has academic achievements equivalent or superior to a Master's degree recipient.
- (8) An individual who is recognized to by the Graduate School of the University of Shimane as having an ability equivalent or superior to a Master's degree or Professional degree recipient and who is at least 24 years old.
- (9) An individual who is recognized by the Graduate School of the University of Shimane as having an ability equivalent or superior to a Master's degree or Professional degree recipient.
- (10) An individual who intends to obtain one of the above mentioned qualifications by March 31, 2023 for spring 2023 and by September 30, 2023 for autumn 2023.

3. Preliminary Qualification Examination

Applicants for Master's Course (North East Asian Studies and Regional Development Policy Studies) who fall under I-(7), (8) and (9) as well as applicants for Doctoral Course (Trans-area Studies on North East Asia) who fall under (7), (8) and (9) of Qualification for Application above must consult for a preliminary qualification examination as below.

- (1) Application Period
Monday, August 29th, 2022 – Monday, September 5th, 2022 (MUST be arrived)
- (2) Application Procedure
 1. Please request necessary documents at the Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs, The University of Shimane.
 2. Please send the documents by either registered mail or express mail service (EMS)
 3. Admission Office accepts documents from 9 am to 5 pm on working days. We do not accept documents on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.
 4. In case of difficulty sending via mail (air and ship) due to influence of COVID-19, we will also accept soft copy. Please send your email with application forms attached as PDF file after filling in all the documents. The email address to send is as follows. No PDF application will be accepted after the deadline.

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Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs
The University of Shimane
2433-2 Nobara-cho, Hamada City,
Shimane Prefecture 697-0016 JAPAN
h-daigakuin@u-shimane.ac.jp

- (3) Application Documents:
 - ① Application for Preliminary Qualification Examination
 - ② Resume (please use the form specified by the Graduate School)
 - ③ Research Achievements
 - ④ Academic Transcript
 - ⑤ Proof of Graduation (or prospect of expected graduation)
 - ⑥ Research Proposal

4. Application Procedure

- (1) Application Period
Thursday, September 29th, 2022 – Friday, October 7th, 2022 (MUST be arrived)
- (2) Application Procedure
 1. After completion of required documents, please send them via mail to Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs, The University of Shimane.
 2. Please send documents by either registered mail or express mail service (EMS)
 3. In case of difficulty sending via mail (air and ship) due to influence of COVID-19, we will also accept soft copy. Please send your email with application forms attached as PDF file after filling in all the documents. The email address to send is as follows. No PDF application will be accepted after the deadline.

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(3) Application Documents:
(Master's Course)

Documents		Remarks
FORM A	Application for Admission	Please use the form provided. Make sure to refer to "No. 12. Other information" on page 8 in your <i>Application Guideline</i> .
FORM B	Resume	Please use the form provided.
FORM C	Examination Slip	Please fill in the necessary information.
FORM D	Photographs	The photographs should be 4cm in height×3cm in width, taken of the upper half of the body, with no hat or backdrop. Please include two photographs taken within the past three months (Please paste photographs to forms).
FORM E	Delivery Note	Please do not fill in the date
FORM F	Receipt	
FORM G	Research Proposal	Please use the form provided.
Proof of name and nationality		Copy of passport or official Japanese proof of registered home country domicile.
Letter of Reference		Written by a counselor or an individual who can explain the research performance, evaluation of achievements or ability as a researcher of the applicant. After the reference has been signed, it is to be sealed in an envelope and returned to the applicant to submit with application. ※ If you send it via email attached, please bring the original hard copy and submit on the exam day.
Proof of Graduation (or prospect of expected graduation)		A certificate or similar document made by either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended.
Academic Transcript		In a sealed envelope from either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended. ※ If you send it via email attached, please bring the original hard copy and submit on the exam day.
Photocopy of Official Test Result and the Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency for "Japanese Language Proficiency Test" or Photocopy of the Certificate of Other Equivalent Examinations		(1) Japanese Language Proficiency Test Please submit photocopy of test result and the certificate for Level 2 (or N2) or higher of Japanese Language Proficiency Test, conducted by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. (2) Other qualification examinations equivalent to Japanese Proficiency Test Please submit photocopy of the certificate equal to Level 2 (or N2) or higher of Japanese Language Proficiency Test, conducted by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. In either case, please bring the original copy and present it on the day of examination.
Proof of Financial Security		(1) A bank deposit balance receipt, or (2) a certificate detailing schedule of Scholarship transfers, or (3) the name of a guarantor who can assist with tuition if needed.

Test Fee	JPY 30,000 Depending on a remittance method, additional transfer fees might occur. Please inquire the Admission Office for the best way to remit the test fee.
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(Doctoral Course)

Documents		Remarks
FORM A	Application for Admission	Please use the form provided. Make sure to refer to “No. 12. Other information” on page 8 in your <i>Application Guideline</i> .
FORM B	Resume	Please use the form provided.
FORM C	Examination Slip	Please fill in the necessary information. The photographs should be 4cm in height×3cm in width, taken of the upper half of the body, with no hat or backdrop.
FORM D	Photographs (2)	Please include two photographs taken within the past three months (Please paste photographs to forms).
FORM E	Delivery Note	Please do not fill in the date.
FORM F	Receipt	
FORM G	Research Proposal	Please use the form provided.
Proof of name and nationality		Copy of passport or official Japanese proof of registered home country domicile.
Letter of Reference		Written by a counselor or an individual who can explain the research performance, evaluation of achievements or ability as a researcher of the applicant. After the reference has been signed, it is to be sealed in an envelope and returned to the applicant to submit with application. ※ If you send it via email attached, please bring the original hard copy and submit on the exam day.
Proof of Graduation (or prospect of expected graduation)		A certificate of master’s course graduation or similar document made by either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended.
Academic Transcript		In a sealed envelope from either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended. ※ If you send it via email attached, please bring the original hard copy and submit on the exam day.
Master Thesis and Master Thesis Summary, or Research Report		Master Thesis Summary should be approximately 2000 characters in Japanese or 800 words in English. Master Thesis includes the papers being currently under examination. For candidates without Master Thesis a Research Report of hitherto achievements should be submitted (approximately 8000 characters in Japanese or 3200 words in English). In either case, please submit three copies. ※ If you fulfill the requirement (5), please submit the certificate equivalent to the certificate in basic research skills for doctoral dissertation. And the certificate should be made by either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended.

Proof of Financial Security	(1) A bank deposit balance receipt, or (2) a certificate detailing schedule of Scholarship transfers, or (3) the name of a guarantor who can assist with tuition if needed.
Test Fee	JPY 30,000 Additional transfer fees might occur. Please inquire for the details.

- (4) Application process etc.
- 1 . Applications and test fees received will not be returned.
 - 2 . The university will not accept changes to applications once submitted.
However, if there is a change in name, address or phone number, please contact the Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs, The University of Shimane (Tel. +81-855-24-2213).
 - 3 . For those applicants who have a disability both physically and mentally and require special consideration for study please contact the Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs.
(Tel. +81-855-24-2213)

5. Selection Procedure

Admissions selection will comprise an evaluation of all aspects of the examination and application documents—short essay exam, interview, content of research proposal, Master Thesis etc. (for Doctoral Course applicants) and academic transcript.

◆ Examination Subjects

Subjects		Point Allocation
Short Essay Exam	All aspects of social science (An applicant for Master's Program must answer the exam in Japanese, while an applicant for a Doctoral Program may answer either in Japanese or English) *Use of a dictionary is permitted (Electric dictionary not permitted. Only one copy of language dictionaries: Chinese-Japanese Dictionary, Korean-Japanese Dictionary, Russian-Japanese Dictionary, Japanese-Chinese Dictionary, Japanese-Korean Dictionary, Japanese-Russian Dictionary and Dictionaries in other languages)	100 points (90 min.)
Interview	Depending on desired specialist field and research proposal (For an applicant for Master's Program, the interview will be conducted in Japanese only, while in the case of an applicant for a Doctoral Program it may be either in Japanese or English)	100 points

6. Examination Date and Time

(1)

DATE	TIME	
Designated day between Nov. 2 nd , 2022 -Nov. 29 th , 2022	10:00~11:30	Short Essay Exam
	13:00~	Interview

(2) Exam Location : A designated place in Irkutsk City and Vladivostok City of the Russian Federation.

(Depending on applicant's circumstances, a different examination site may be established at a place other than the sites listed above.)

There is a possibility to hold the exam online depending on the influence of COVID-19. If we do so, we will inform you beforehand.

7. Announcement/Notification of Results:

- 1 . Date: Friday, December 16th, 2022 10:00 AM (Master's Course and Doctoral Course)
- 2 . Method of Announcement:
 - ① A notification of acceptance will be sent to successful applicants
 - ② The university shall also notify successful applicants by placing their applicant number on the University of Shimane homepage. Please confirm this number with that on your notification letter at <http://www.u-shimane.ac.jp/>
 - ③ Please note that the university can not respond to inquiries on telephone or via mail regarding status of applications.
 - ④ Please note that the notification will NOT be made to unsuccessful applicants.

8. Entrance Procedures

(1) Entrance procedures deadline: March 15th, 2023 (Wed.)

(2) Procedures for Entrance:

- ① Details concerning entrance procedures and necessary documents will be announced after the notification of acceptance is delivered.
 - ② Intent to enroll will be confirmed with notification of acceptance. At that point, the university will make a proxy application for the official "authorization of resident eligibility" issued by the Japanese government. After the "authorization of resident eligibility" certificate has been issued, the certificate along with an entrance permission official statement will be sent in order for the applicant to make a visa application. It is expected that after obtaining a visa, the applicant will enter Japan before Entrance Ceremony.
 - ③ Please submit documents by mail as express registered mail by the deadline date.
- (a) University of Shimane office hours are from 9am ~ 5pm
- (b) Inquires and Submission of Documents:

Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs
The University of Shimane
2433-2 Nohara-cho, Hamada City,
Shimane Prefecture 697-0016 JAPAN

(3) Note:

The application form will not be accepted if all the items mentioned above are fully and correctly completed and delivered by the designated due date and time except under unavoidable special circumstances.

9. Funds for Initial Year

(1) Entrance Fee

When completing entrance procedures, payment of the specified entrance fee is also required.

Fee Amount: 282,000 (JPY)

Note: Entrance fee once paid will not be refundable.

(2) Tuition Fees (as of April 1, 2020)

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	Total (Annual Sum)
¥267,900	¥267,900	¥535,800

Note:①The first semester's tuition amount shall be paid by May 10th.

Second semester's tuition shall be paid by November 10th.

If the payment due falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment will be the first working day following the holiday/weekend.

②The tuition fee mentioned above is the one on the April 1st, 2022. If there is a change in the tuition fee while enrolled; the new fee will become applicable.

(3) Other Fees:

In addition to admission fee and tuition fees, the following fees are to be paid. Details will be announced at the time of sending the acceptance letter.

	Master's Course (for 2 years)	Doctoral Course (for 3 years)
Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (<i>Gakkensai</i>)	¥1,750	¥2,600
Supplementary Personal Liability Insurance for Students (<i>Gakkensai</i>)	¥680	¥1,020
Students' Life Insurance for International Students (<i>Inbound Futai Gakusei Seikatsu Hoken</i>) ※only for international students	¥2,770	¥3,970
The University of Shimane Academic Society fee	¥1,000	¥1,000
The University Association fee	¥12,500	¥18,750

Note: The amounts shown above are as of April 1, 2022. They are subject to change due to revisions of regulations.

10. Student Accommodations

A students' residence is located in the vicinity of the campus. The rooms are equipped with a heater/ air conditioner, desk, bed, telephone and toilet. If you wish to apply, please state this on your entrance application.

* Rent is ¥14,000/month (as of April 1, 2022)

On top of this amount, you must also allow for common area charges, residents' association fees, furnishings renewal fund fees, etc.

11. Scholarship

The University of Shimane provides support for graduate students to apply for scholarship outside campus. Scholarship payment decisions are made by each scholarship organizer. Please understand that the scholarship may not be given even with the university's recommendation.

12. Other Information

(1) Choosing Your Major and Supervisor

Apply for a major which suits your research interest. The details of each major can be found on the Graduate Prospectus and the university website. Choose your preferred 3 supervisors from the table below, and write down his or her names in the designated space (Preferred Supervisor) on the A Form, Application Form. Please indicate from the 1st preference to the 3rd.

Graduate Course	Major	Faculty Members Available for Main Supervision	
North East Asian and Development Studies (Master's Course)	North East Asian Studies	<u>Professors</u> 赤坂一念 (Ichinen Akasaka) 佐藤壮 (Takeshi Sato) 井上治 (Osamu Inoue) 張忠任 (Zhang Zhongren) 李晓東 (Li Xiaodong) 濱田泰弘 (Yasuhiro Hamada) 山本健三 (Kenso Yamamoto) 福原裕二 (Yuji Fukuhara) 村山誠 (Makoto Murayama)	
	Regional Development Policy Studies	<u>Associate Professors</u> 石田徹 (Toru Ishida) 孟達来 (Mongkedalai) 高一 (Ko II)	
		<u>Lecturer</u> 渡辺 圭 (Kei Watanabe)	
		<u>Professors</u> 岩本浩史 (Hiroshi Iwamoto) 久保田典男 (Norio Kubota) 林秀司 (Shishu Hayashi) 寺田哲志 (Tetsushi Terada) 西藤真一 (Shinichi Saito) 光延忠彦 (Tadahiko Mitsunobu)	
		<u>Associate Professors</u> 岡本寛 (Hiroshi Okamoto) 松田善臣 (Yoshitaka Matsuda) 鈴木遵也 (Junya Suzuki) 村井重樹 (Shigeki Murai) 豊田知世 (Tomoyo Toyota) 中村 圭 (Kei Nakamura) 宮下聖史 (Seishi Miyashita) 角 能 (Yoku Kado)	
		<u>Affiliated Professors</u> 有田昭一郎 (Shoichiro Arita)	

*Your preferred primary supervisor must be chosen from the faculty members who belong to the major you are applying for. (Your research thesis will be instructed one major supervisor who belongs to your major and two secondary supervisors. Your two secondary supervisors can be chosen from the other major.)

Graduate Course	Major	Faculty Members Available for Main Supervision			
North East Asian and Development Studies (Doctoral Course)	Trans-area Studies on North East Asia	<u>Professors</u> 井上治 (Osamu Inoue) 佐藤壮 (Takeshi Sato) 張忠任 (Zhang Zhongren) 林秀司 (Shuji Hayashi) 福原裕二 (Yuji Fukuhara) 光延忠彦 (Tadahiko Mitsunobu) 李晓東 (Li Xiaodong)	<u>Associate Professors</u> 石田徹 (Toru Ishida) 豊田知世 (Tomoyo Toyota)	Please choose your primary supervisor from this column.	Please choose your secondary supervisors from these columns.
		山本健三 (Kenso Yamamoto)	松田善臣 (Yoshitaka Matsuda) 村井重樹 (Shigeki Murai)		

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Reference: Faculty at The University of Shimane

North Eastern Asia Studies

Master's Course, Regional Development
Policy Studies

Doctoral Course, Northeastern Asian
Super Region Studies



(2) Pre-entry Assignments

In order to help students get started, the university assign some reading and essay for those who are accepted in the Master's course, prior to the entry.

13. Inquires

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