

## General Entrance Examination for Master's Program in Summer 2024

### Guideline for International Applicants

#### Admission Policy

##### 1. Our policy

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies seeks to secure the current and future health and sustainability of the global environment in two essential ways: first, by training future researchers and practitioners for future environmental careers in academia, management, policy-making, advocacy and project implementation; and second, by establishing sustainability as the basis of an integrated and interdisciplinary field informed by ethics, science, technology and the humanities that can address the environmental challenges confronting the 21st century.

##### 2. Who are we looking for?

Our goal is to produce graduates who through their excellence and distinctive talents will have an impact in their chosen fields. We are seeking students who demonstrate high moral character and richness of spirit, including:

- Future researchers from all academic fields with a keen interest in global environmental problems and their solutions;
- Future internationally-minded practitioners with a deep enthusiasm for environmental management and a sincere commitment to acquiring and implementing the knowledge and practical skills required to tackle environmental problems from the local to the global level in every walk of life;
- A diverse body of students from many different backgrounds and possessing many different perspectives. Our students enter through a variety of admission tracks, including a mid-career admissions option for students with extensive work experience in environmental issues, some of whom may choose to study while continuing their professional careers, and an international admissions program for international students.

##### 3. What are we looking for?

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies offers master and doctoral programs in the field of environmental management, as well as a doctoral program in global environmental studies. The admission requirements for each of these programs relates to the objective of the study program provided.

###### 3.1 Global environmental studies

Our three-year doctoral program in global environmental studies aims to foster researchers who are capable of grasping the full complexity and reach of global environmental issues and tackling global and local environmental issues with an innovative mindset and a range of methodologies that are drawn from a wide variety of scholarly fields, as well as practitioners who have such academic quality. Applicants to this program should hold a master's degree in their chosen field of study in addition to English language proficiency and a keen interest in global environmental issues, but exemptions may be made for those with demonstrated professional experience and expertise in a field related to their expected area of study.

###### 3.2 Environmental management

Our two-year master's program and three-year doctoral program in environmental management are designed to foster outstanding and internationally-minded practitioners who are capable of applying management skills in the search for practical and sustainable solutions to local and global environmental problems, as well as researchers who have such practical capabilities. Applicants to either of these programs will need basic academic knowledge of global environmental issues and English language proficiency in addition to a keen interest in environmental management.

##### 4. Basic policy on admissions

The admissions process for the master's program will be carried out by means of a comprehensive assessment of documents, foreign language ability and an interview. The admissions process for the doctoral program will be carried out by means of a comprehensive assessment of documents and foreign language ability as well as a research presentation and interview.

The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (GSGES), Kyoto University, invites international students to apply for a two-year master's program in Environmental Management.

- Applicants are required to select a study area and a faculty member as an academic supervisor from the list of applicable faculty members listed on pages 5-6.
  - Applicants **must** contact their intended supervisor **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision and advice for the application process.  
Detailed descriptions of each study area are also available at:  
GSGES website: <https://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>  
GSGES guidebook: <https://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/guidebook/>
  - Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from an overseas university need to apply for a preliminary review by the university's **Admissions Assistance Office (AAO)**, prior to contacting the intended faculty member.  
**Admissions Assistance Office (AAO):** <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/osr7r>
- \*Not required for the scholars of JICA KCCP

## ENROLLMENT CAPACITY

44 (This includes the number of successful applicants who are going to enroll in October, 2024.)

Note:

- This enrollment capacity includes the number of successful applicants in the career-track selection.
- This enrollment capacity includes the number of successful applicants from a special admissions process called the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) as well as other admissions.

<https://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/schedule-and-guide/>

## ENROLLMENT DATE

April 1, 2025

# 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SCREENING

## 1-1. Eligibility requirements

You must have completed or intend to complete one of the following by March 31, 2025.

- 1) A bachelor's degree at a Japanese University
- 2) A bachelor's degree program at a university (minimum of 16 years total education) outside Japan
- 3) A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years (including the completion of such studies of relevant subjects in Japan via a correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country, and the completion of studies at an educational facility accredited as having an approved curriculum under the educational system of said country, or those corresponding to such studies as designated by the Minister of MEXT) at a university or other school in a country outside Japan (only those universities or schools for which the overall conditions of education and research activities have been assessed by a party authorized by the government of said country or the organization concerned, or those corresponding to such entities as designated by the Minister of MEXT)
- 4) Alternative qualifications equivalent to the above.

\*Career-track selection is for applicants who intend to continue their vocational status after enrollment in the graduate school.

## 1-2. Eligibility screening

Applicants meeting requirement 4) above, including applicants with less than 16 years of total education and not satisfying requirement 3) above, must first complete an eligibility screening through Online Application System (access the link below).

**Online Application System** : [https://kjs.gakusei.kyoto-u.ac.jp/general\\_summer2024master\\_eligibility](https://kjs.gakusei.kyoto-u.ac.jp/general_summer2024master_eligibility)  
**Application period** : from May 31 to 3 pm on June 7, 2024 (JST)

[Documents to be uploaded for eligibility screening]

Only documents written in English or Japanese are accepted. When not available, a certified translation in either of the two languages should be attached.

1) Photo (in JPEG)	A photo in a 6:5 ratio format taken within the last six months with no hat or head covering unless there is a religious or medical reason.
2) Passport (in JPEG/PNG/GIF/PDF)	<b>【Only international students】</b> Pages with photo and personal information
3) Academic transcript (in PDF)	<b>Official</b> transcript issued at the university which you have graduated from or which you currently belong to. A copy of transcripts is acceptable if it is attested by an authorized official of the university with a seal and signature.
4) Curriculum materials (in PDF)	Curriculum materials of your current/graduated program describing the graduation requirements and syllabuses.

\*Documents certifying achievements and qualifications or showing abilities equal to or higher than university graduation as well as documents certifying achievements and activities in society can be submitted.

The results of the screening will be announced on the Online Application System **at 10 am (JST) on June 20, 2024.**

## 2. APPLICATION

Apply through Online Application System (access the link below).

**Online Application System** : [https://kjs.gakusei.kyoto-u.ac.jp/general\\_summer2024master](https://kjs.gakusei.kyoto-u.ac.jp/general_summer2024master)  
**Application period** : from July 9 to 3 pm on July 16, 2024 (JST)

[Documents to upload]

Only documents written in English or Japanese are accepted. When not available, a certified translation in either of the two languages should be attached.

1) Photo (in JPEG)	A photo in a 6:5 ratio format taken within the last six months with no hat or head covering unless there is a religious or medical reason. This picture will be used for identification during the interview and the student ID card after enrollment.
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2) Passport (in JPEG/PNG/GIF/PDF)	<b>【Only international students】</b> Pages with photo and personal information
3) Academic transcript (in PDF)	<b>Official</b> transcript and graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) issued at the university which you have graduated from or which you currently belong to. A copy of transcript, graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) or degree certificate is acceptable if it is attested by an authorized official of the university with a seal and signature.
4) Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation (in PDF)	*Those who pass the examination will be required to submit the original papers of the uploaded documents in the enrollment procedure.
5) Proof of Payment (in JPEG/PNG/GIF/PDF)	<b>EXAMINATION FEE : 30,000 JPY</b> Payment Period: from July 5 to July 16, 2024 (JST)  Make a payment through EXSS (Examination Settlement Service*). After payment, download the proof of payment from EXSS. *Refer to <a href="https://www3.univ-jp.com/kyoto-u/en/ges/">https://www3.univ-jp.com/kyoto-u/en/ges/</a> for more details *A handling charge of 650 JPY will be charged. *The family name and given name you enter on EXSS should be exactly the same as the one used in the Online Application System.  The entrance examination fee will be refunded to the recipients of MEXT scholarship after enrollment.  <b>【Not required for JICA KCCP scholars who (will be) enrolled in GSGES】</b>
6) Statement of reasons for application (in PDF)	Must be written in the designated form* with a PC. *Download the designated form from GSGES website. <a href="https://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/schedule-and-guide/">https://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/schedule-and-guide/</a>
7) English score (TOEFL, etc.) (in PDF)	English score (TOEFL, etc.) described in Section 3 (3-1) below. *Those who pass the examination will be required to submit the original paper of the uploaded documents in the enrollment procedure.
8) Essay on Global Environment (in PDF)	An essay on a theme set by your intended study area as listed in the separate sheet "Essay on Global Environment: Themes by study area". The essay should be within 4 pages in A4 format (approximately 5,000 Japanese characters or 2,000 English words) and written with a PC. The format is free, but write your name and intended study area at the beginning. The list of references is not counted in the number of words or pages.

In addition, **career-track applicants** are requested to upload the following.:

9) Letter of recommendation (in JPEG /PDF)	Must be written by the head or manager (or equivalent) of the company/organization/institution to which you currently belong.
10) Summary of relevant work experience to date (in PDF)	A report of approximately 500 words in English or 1,000 characters in Japanese summarizing your vocational experience, in particular where the experience relates directly to your intended study area in the master's program.

NOTE on examination fee:

- The fee is non-refundable.
- For households in regions where the Disaster Relief Act is effective and whose principal wage-earner has been adversely affected by the disasters listed on the website below, an exemption may be made to payment of the entrance examination fee for cases where a risai shomeisho (Disaster Victim Certificate) has been issued. For the list of recognized disasters and requirements for exemption, refer to [http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/admissions/fees\\_exemption/](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/admissions/fees_exemption/)  
For further details, contact the GSGES administration office no later than **5 pm (JST) on June 11, 2024.**

### 3. ADMISSION SELECTION

Admission selection will be carried out by means of a comprehensive evaluation of the documents, English ability and an interview.

#### 3-1. English Score

To evaluate English ability, all applicants including native speakers of English must upload **one** of the following:

- 1) Score record of **TOEFL-iBT** (recommended; including TOEFL iBT Home Edition),
- 2) Official score certificate of **TOEIC Listening & Reading** (Secure/Public testing program), or
- 3) Test report form of **IELTS (Academic Module)**.

**If you do not upload one of the above, you will be graded “Zero” for English ability.**

**IMPORTANT:** In each case, the score record submitted should be for a test-score dated on or after April 1, 2021. Original official score reports sent directly to Kyoto University by ETS (Educational Testing Service) will not be accepted. The score records of TOEFL-CBT, TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC Bridge, TOEIC-IP and IELTS (General Training Module) are not acceptable.

**Note:** Applicants may find the following information useful, if they wish to identify the superior of two or more test scores for submission:

- A TOEIC score can be converted using the score comparison table on page 9.
- Conversions of IELTS scores into TOEFL scores can be made using the ‘TOEFL iBT and IELTS Academic Module Scores Comparison Tables’ provided by ETS.

#### 3-2. Interview

Interview will be held in accordance with the following:

Date & Time	Contents	Location
August 27 - August 29, 2024 9:00 -18:00 (JST) each day  * The date and time of the interview for each applicant will be specified from the above period.  * The interview session is approximately 35 minutes long.	General knowledge of global environment*; knowledge of intended study area*; research and study plans after admission; qualities and abilities required by the admission policy; the contents of application documents.  *For career-track applicants, based on work experience.	Research Bldg. No. 5 on the Kyoto University Main Campus  <b>*Interview will be conducted online only for applicants living overseas.</b>

(1) Admission selection will be carried out by each study area. Applicants should select a study area and a faculty member as an academic supervisor and indicate this choice on the Online Application System.

- Applicants should contact the intended supervisor **prior** to application, in order to request future supervision and advice for the application process.
- Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from an overseas university, expect for the scholars of JICA KCCP, need to apply for a preliminary review by the university’s Admissions Assistance Office (AAO)\* prior to contacting the intended faculty member.  
 \*Admissions Assistance Office (AAO): <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/osr7r>

#### Applicable study areas and faculty member

Study area	Professor	Associate Professor	Senior Lecturer
<b>Department of Global Ecology</b>			
Global Environmental Policy	Makoto Usami		
Environmental Economics	Kenji Takeuchi		
Global Ecological Economics		Akihisa Mori	
Sustainable Rural Development	Emi Takeyama	Kenichiro Onitsuka	
Water Environment Conservation	Taku Fujiwara	Taira Hidaka	
Environmental Marketing Management		Akira Yoshino	
History of Art and Culture	Erika Takashina		
Environmental Education		Gregory Trencher	Roger Cloud Baars

<b>Department of Technology and Ecology</b>			
Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Shinya Echigo	Shuhei Tanaka	
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Takeshi Katsumi	Atsushi Takai	
Global Environmental Architecture	Hirohide Kobayashi	Chiho Ochiai	
Biodiversity Conservation	Takao Ichioka Kanto Nishikawa		
Landscape Ecology and Planning	Junichi Imanishi	Katsue Fukamachi	
Elemental Materials Chemistry	Kazuo Tanaka		
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>			
Regional Planning	Izuru Saizen	Satoshi Asano	
Urban Infrastructure Design	Masashi Kawasaki	Keita Yamaguchi	
Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry	Setsuhisa Tanabe		
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Chihiro Tanaka	Akira Yoshimi	
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Shinya Funakawa	Hitoshi Shinjo	
Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Naoko Tokuchi Ryunosuke Tateno		

(2) The table below shows the knowledge required for each study area:

**Department of Global Ecology:**

Global Environmental Policy	Knowledge of environmental policy
Environmental Economics	Knowledge of environmental policy and economics
Global Ecological Economics	Knowledge of environmental policy and economics
Sustainable Rural Development	Knowledge of rural planning and rural development
Water Environment Conservation	Knowledge of water environment conservation (water quality, water and sanitation, wastewater treatment, river basin water environment management, etc.).
Environmental Marketing Management	Knowledge of environmental policy and economics
History of Art and Culture	Knowledge of art history and culture
Environmental Education	Knowledge of education for sustainable development, community resilience, participatory development, mobility, material cycles, low-carbon systems and society, sustainable lifestyles

**Department of Technology and Ecology:**

Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	Knowledge of environmental engineering (environmental pollution, water supply and sewerage systems, wastewater treatment, solid waste management, solid waste treatment and disposal, and related topics)
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Knowledge of civil engineering, in particular geo-environmental engineering
Global Environmental Architecture	Knowledge of human environment relating to livelihood, housing, community and urban design
Landscape Ecology and Planning	Knowledge of landscape ecology, nature conservation and landscape planning
Elemental Materials Chemistry	Knowledge of environmental sensors and functional materials

**Department of Natural Resources:**

Regional Planning	Knowledge of regional planning and rural/regional development
Urban Infrastructure Design	Knowledge of landscape engineering (landscape concepts, analysis, prediction, evaluation, and each theory of public space, etc.) and urban planning
Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry	Knowledge of basic mathematics, fundamental physical chemistry and inorganic chemistry of undergraduate level, which is indispensable for research on photonic materials science
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Microbiology in agro-environment and forest environment: Basic knowledge of taxonomy, phylogeny, genetics, biodiversity of microbes and their interactions with hosts and environments
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Knowledge of terrestrial ecosystems, management practices of agro-ecosystems and rural development approaches

Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Knowledge of ecosystem structure and function of forests, rivers, fields, estuaries, and coasts, and connectivity of ecosystems including human societies
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- (3) Evaluation criteria for the interview:  
Basic academic skills, general knowledge and understandings of the subject, problem understanding and analytical abilities in the subject of the intended study area, problem setting and research ability, comprehension of questions and communication skills as well as the contents of the application documents.
- (4) Grading criteria:  
All applicants including career-track applicants will be graded according to the sum total of your marks (500 points maximum) for English ability (100 points maximum) and interview performance (including general knowledge of global environment, knowledge of the intended study area, research and study plans after admission, qualities and abilities required by the admission policy, and the contents of application documents), taking into account the application documents (400 points maximum). In order to pass, your combined marks must total at least 250 points, and you must score at least 200 points in the interview.
- (5) You should select the language for the interview (English or Japanese) at the time of application. It cannot be changed after application.
- (6) For applicants living overseas, the interview will be conducted online. Before taking the interview, ensure that you will be in an appropriate environment (e.g., a quiet and private room) with a stable internet connection and the necessary equipment (including camera, speaker, microphone). For the details, refer to the attachment " Guidelines for taking the online interview ".
- (7) Detailed instructions on the interview, including dates and times, will be emailed on August 6, 2024. The examination voucher can be downloaded on the Online Application System and printed out after August 6.
- (8) Applicants with disabilities or other needs which require special attention should inform the GSGES administration office as soon as possible.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

The results of the selection will be made available on the Online Application System at **10 am (JST) on September 2, 2024**.

#### 5. ADMISSION AND TUITION FEES

Instructions regarding enrollment procedures and payment of admission/tuition fees will be sent to successful applicants around late February, 2025. Admitted students must obtain their college student visas by the enrollment date. See details in the document “Notification for successful applicants”, available on the examination result page of the Online Application System.

Admission fee: 282,000 JPY

Tuition fee: 267,900 JPY per semester (535,800 JPY annually)

**Please note that fees may be subject to change.**

##### **Exemption**

- The recipients of MEXT scholarship or the scholars of JICA KCCP under contract with Kyoto University are not required to pay the admission and tuition fees.

#### 6. HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc. and Kyoto University regulations, each applicant’s name, gender, date of birth, address and other personal information (including information relating to performance evaluation) as provided in application documents is used only for admission procedures, scholarship applications, and preparation for accepting students.

All inquiries are to be addressed to the GSGES administration office:

Administration Office  
Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies  
Kyoto University

Yoshida Main Campus Research Bldg. No.5,  
Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8501, Japan

Tel: +81-75-753-9167, Fax: +81-75-753-9187

E-mail: [160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Office hours: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 (JST)



### Score Comparison Table of TOEFL-iBT • TOEIC

TOEIC Score	TOEFL iBT Score
65 – 83	14
84 – 100	15
101 – 119	17
120 – 138	18
139 – 153	19
154 – 163	20
164 – 183	21
184 – 205	23
206 – 226	24
227 – 239	25
240 – 250	26
251 – 264	27
265 – 278	29
279 – 291	30
292 – 301	31
302 – 318	32
319 – 335	33
336 – 349	35
350 – 357	36
358 – 368	37
369 – 385	38
386 – 395	39
396 – 408	41
409 – 418	42
419 – 431	43
432 – 442	44
443 – 454	45
455 – 466	47
467 – 474	48
475 – 482	49
483 – 491	50
492 – 507	51
508 – 522	53
523 – 529	54
530 – 536	55
537 – 553	56
554 – 567	57
568 – 576	59
577 – 583	60

TOEIC Score	TOEFL iBT Score
584 – 590	61
591 – 600	62
601 – 613	63
614 – 626	65
627 – 635	66
636 – 642	67
643 – 649	68
650 – 659	69
660 – 671	71
672 – 681	72
682 – 688	73
689 – 696	74
697 – 707	75
708 – 720	77
721 – 726	78
727 – 731	79
732 – 736	80
737 – 745	81
746 – 757	83
758 – 767	84
768 – 774	85
775 – 781	86
782 – 789	87
790 – 798	89
799 – 808	90
809 – 815	91
816 – 824	92
825 – 833	93
834 – 842	95
843 – 849	96
850 – 859	97
860 – 869	98
870 – 880	99
881 – 896	101
897 – 905	102
906 – 914	103
915 – 926	104
927 – 937	105
938 – 949	107

TOEIC Score	TOEFL iBT Score
950 – 960	108
961 – 976	109
977 – 988	110
989 –	111

**【Master】 Essay on the Global Environment  
Theme of Study Area**

**Department of Global Ecology**

Study area	Theme
Global Environmental Policy	Make a research plan that includes a review of the literature on the subject or related subjects, research objectives or questions, and a description of research methods. Regarding reference citations, follow the author-date system in the Chicago Manual of Style, which is available on the Internet.
Environmental Economics	Discuss how do you apply causal inference in environmental economics research.
Global Ecological Economics	Explain transition strategies that move the current socio-economic or socio-technical systems toward sustainable ones, referring to the literature on environmental economics, policy, and management studies and/or sustainability transitions research, and concrete examples of transformative changes (e.g. institutional, policy, organizational, technological, and business model innovation) around the world. Using graphics, tables, and figures is highly recommended. Deliver linkage between this essay with your intended master thesis.
Sustainable Rural Development	Explain the future direction sought for rural planning studies in your country, based on the development of the field so far. Figures and tables may be used for explanation.
Water Environment Conservation	After reviewing global or regional water and sanitation issues, explain how your research will contribute to solving global or regional water and sanitation problems, with specific plans for your future research activities.
Environmental Marketing Management	Select one of the following issues, from 1) to 3), that you would like to work on in graduate school, discuss a potential solution and how your research can contribute to it. 1) Harmonization between corporate economic activities, and the environment and society 2) Risk communication related to food or the environment 3) Development of rural agriculture in harmony with the environment and society
History of Art and Culture	Discuss the historical relationship between art and the natural environment in Japan, citing relevant research and mentioning specific examples.
Environmental Education	Discuss a current sustainability or environmental problem and a way that various actions to transform society can address this. Discuss clearly the type of actions you propose (policy, education, capacity building, business model innovation, technological development etc.) and explain how you expect these to address the problem you described. Use examples from around Japan or other countries. Introduce academic theory and previous debates in literature as needed.

**Department of Technology and Ecology**

Study area	Theme
Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development	After reviewing global or regional water and sanitation issues, explain how your research will contribute to solving global or regional water and sanitation problems, with specific plans for your future research activities.
Environmental Infrastructure Engineering	Explain the issues you are addressing (or have addressed) in your graduation research that are relevant to geoenvironmental engineering.

Global Environmental Architecture	Our laboratory research explores various aspects of Human Environmental issues including people, livelihood, shelter, and community. Select one of these current issues and discuss it from the perspective of their relevance to global environmental problems.
Biodiversity Conservation	Explain the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity) and its current problems. You can illustrate them with table and figure.
Landscape Ecology and Planning	We receive a variety of blessings from nature, but in recent years various problems have arisen as a result of social and environmental changes. Discuss these problems, their background and factors from the perspective of landscape ecology. Then, describe the research you would like to undertake, giving specific plans and explaining how your research will contribute to solving these problems.
Elemental Materials Chemistry	Explain environmental pollutants in water, soil, and air environment, and as well as their emission pathways. Explain their impact on the environment and organisms. Also, illustrate the detection methods and their measurement mechanisms for each contaminant.

### Department of Natural Resources

Study area	Theme
Regional Planning	Discuss, by using examples, how regional planning can contribute to achieving a harmonious balance between development and the environment in suburban communities of developing countries or Japan.
Urban Infrastructure Design	Describe, with specific examples, what perspectives and methods you consider effective for assessing good urban or rural environments and landscapes to conserve and create them. In addition, review some academic research on your research topic, explain why you are interested in the topic, and discuss its relevant issues.
Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry	Select and download 3 of our papers published in international journals (you can access and download them at <a href="http://www.talab.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/paper.html">http://www.talab.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/paper.html</a> ) and explain the research background, results and significance of each paper.
Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics	Select a topic of your interest related to the science or application of research on the interaction of fungi or micro-organisms with plants and their products. Review some current studies on the topic and describe what and how you intend to research on the chosen topic. Figures and tables may be used for explanation if necessary.
Terrestrial Ecosystems Management	Propose a research plan that can address a particular environmental issue of choice affecting terrestrial ecosystems. In this proposal, describe the background, objectives, methods and expected outcome specifically. Figures and tables may be used for explanation.
Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society	Explain, with specific examples, what kind of research needs to be promoted in considering “the connectivity of Hills, Humans and Oceans” in terms of the trade-offs relating to the spatio-temporal nature of ecosystem services and/or their beneficiaries. Figures and tables may be used for explanation.

# Guidelines for taking the online interview

**Please read and confirm the following items carefully that concern taking the online interview.**

## **What to do by the day of the interview:**

1. Ensure that you are in an appropriate environment (e.g. a quiet and private room) when taking the interview.
2. Check in advance whether the interview can be conducted stably with the necessary equipment (including camera, speaker microphone) and whether the internet connection is suitable. Be sure to update your OS and Zoom application and check your connection status, microphone, speaker, and camera settings.
3. If taking an interview from overseas and it is difficult to satisfy the above 1 or 2 items, be sure to notify the GSGES administration office at the time of application for examination through online application system.

## **What to do on the day of the interview:**

1. Have your admission ticket handy.
2. Access the Zoom link specified in the examination guidelines before the interview time.
3. Set the display name on Zoom to your Applicant ID and name.
4. Follow the instructions given by the staff. Sit directly in front of the camera, showing your facing and upper body (do not wear a mask) so that we can verify your identity. During the interview, keep your upper body about 1m away from the camera so that it fits in the video frame. Do not use virtual backgrounds.
5. When prompted by the staff, show the entire surroundings of the room with your web camera used for the interview.
6. When prompted by the staff, use Zoom's screen sharing function to demonstrate that no apps or tabs other than Zoom are running on your device.  
See below for how to use Zoom screen sharing.  
Zoom Help Center <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> => Audio and Video=> Screen Sharing
7. Be sure to remain visible in the camera during the entire interview.
8. Do not keep anything near you other than the admission ticket and the electronic equipment used for the interview.

## **About cheating**

The following acts may be regarded as cheating and should be avoided.

- Being in an environment where background noise such as telephones interfere with the interview
- Being in the company of a third party during the interview
- Communicating with a third party regarding the interview questions
- Recording the interview video or audio
- Entering and leaving the room during the interview
- Carrying out actions that give the impression of having in hand other items except for the admission ticket and the computer equipment used
- Acts of using the computer equipment for purposes other than the communication about the questions asked (e.g. looking up information online)
- Leaking the contents of questions to other parties
- Committing other acts that impair the fairness of the test (e.g. reading reference materials, intentionally interrupting the internet connection, etc.)

## **Troubleshooting on the day**

- If it is difficult to conduct the interview on the scheduled day due to an Internet connection failure, etc., the interview may be conducted on another day and time during the examination period. Details will be announced later.
- In the event of an incident on the day, we will contact you by phone or email. If the applicant incurs a situation that prevents taking the interview, immediately contact the GSGES administration office by phone or email:  
Phone number: +(81)-75-753-9167  
e-mail: [160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:160tikyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

## **Important notice**

- Each interview will be recorded by GSGES in anticipation of connection problems. The recorded data will be appropriately discarded after the selection is completed.
- If there is a connection error or trouble due to the applicant's own reason and the GSGES administration office is not notified, he / she may not retake the interview.

Other necessary matters will be given in the examination guidelines after application.