

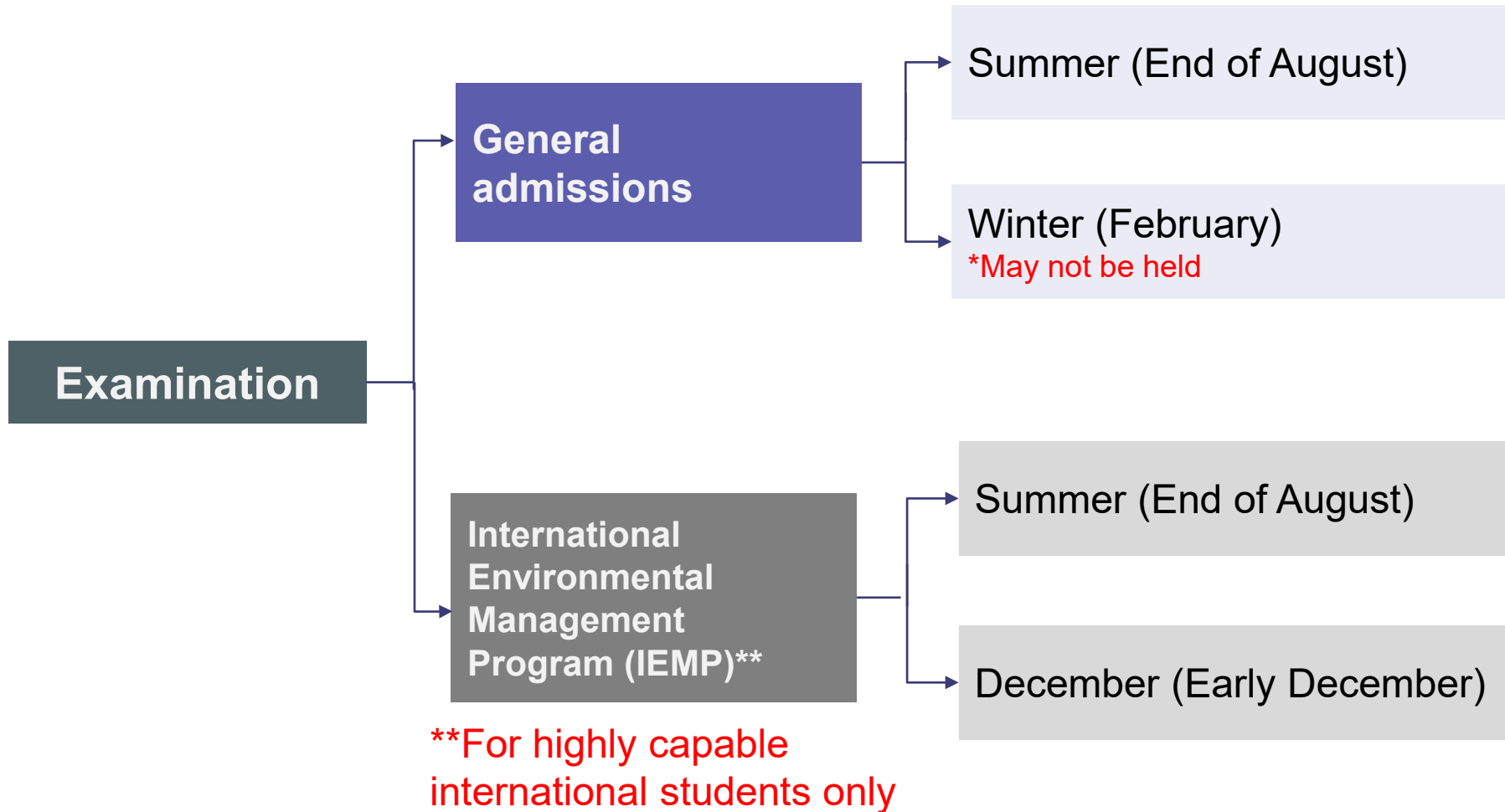


Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies,
Kyoto University

Entrance Exam Guidance



GSGES Entrance Examinations



Entrance Exams held in each academic year

Program	Type	Enrollment period	Examination period	Release period of the guideline
Master's Program • Environmental management	General entrance examination	April next year	Late Aug.	Late Apr.
		April next year Oct. next year	Early Feb.	Late Oct.
	IEMP special entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Late Aug.	Middle of Mar.
		April next year Oct. next year	Late Dec.	Late Sept.
Doctoral program • Environmental management • Global environmental studies	General entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Late Aug.	Late Apr.
		April next year Oct. next year	Early Feb.	Late Oct.
	IEMP special entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Late Aug.	Middle of Mar.
		April next year Oct. next year	Late Dec.	Late Sept.

- ❖ Special entrance examination for International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) accepts **only international students**.
- ❖ **Please note that the winter admissions in February 2026 may not be held.**
Please check our website for more information (scheduled to be announced in September).

Entrance Exams held in AY2025

October 2025 enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	August 26–28, 2025
Doctoral Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	August 26–28, 2025
Doctoral Program (including thesis-track admission applicants)	Global Environmental Studies	August 26–28, 2025

- IEMP is only applicable to international students.

Entrance Exams held in AY2025

April 2026 enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program	Environmental Management	Aug. 26–28, 2025
		Feb. 2026 (undecided)
Master's Program (IEMP)		Aug. 26–28, 2025 Dec. 10–12, 2025
Doctoral Program (including thesis-track admission applicants)	Environmental Management	Aug. 26–28, 2025
		Feb. 2026 (undecided)
Doctoral Program (IEMP)	Global Environmental Studies	Aug. 26–28, 2025 Dec. 10–12, 2025


※ Winter admissions in February 2026 may not be held for Master's Program and Doctoral Program.
Please check our website for more information (scheduled to be announced in September).

Entrance Exams held in AY2025

October 2026 enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	Dec. 10–12, 2025
Doctoral Program* (IEMP)	Environmental Management Global Environmental Studies	Dec. 10–12, 2025

* The IEMP special entrance examination may be held in February for the priority placement of government sponsored-international students by MEXT (Doctoral students, October enrollment). We will notify you in December regarding the status of the examination. Please check our website for further details.



Master's Program (general) for Summer admission

Selection methods and criteria might change.
Please check our website carefully and frequently.



For April 2026 enrollment

Major	Study Area	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	21	44	Aug. 26–28, 2025
			Feb. 2026 (undecided)

- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.
- Successful applicants are decided by considering the acceptable number of students fixed for each study area.

※ Winter admissions in February 2026 may not be held for Master's Program and Doctoral Program. Please check our website for more information (scheduled to be announced in September).

Contents of the exam

Subject		Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022) ■ Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment. ■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points. 	100 points
Interview (35 min)	General knowledge of global environmental studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 ■ The contents of application documents 	400 points
	Knowledge of intended study area Question differ by study area.		
	Research and study plans after admission, qualities and abilities required by the admission policy		

Those living abroad will be interviewed online.

- Those with a total score <250 points or an interview score <200 points are not eligible.
- The maximum number of students and **selection procedure is determined separately for each field.**

Career-track admission

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

Subject		Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022) Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment. Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points. 	100 points
Interview (35 min)	General knowledge of global environmental studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For career-track applicants, content based on practical experience will be asked. 	400 points
	Knowledge of intended study area Questions differ by study area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	
	Research and study plans after admission, qualities and abilities required by the admission policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contents of application documents 	

- Those with a total score <250 points or an interview score <200 points are not eligible.
- The maximum number of students and selection procedure is determined separately for each field.

List of study areas (for 2026 April enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

Department of Global Ecology	Department of Technology and Ecology	Department of Natural Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Environmental Policy• Environmental Economics• Global Ecological Economics• Sustainable Rural Development• Water Environment Conservation• Comparative Social Institutions• Environmental Marketing Management• History of Art and Culture• Environmental Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development• Environmental Infrastructure Engineering• Global Environmental Architecture• Biodiversity Conservation• Landscape Ecology and Planning• Elemental Materials Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Regional Planning▪ Urban Infrastructure Design▪ Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry▪ Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics▪ Terrestrial Ecosystems Management▪ Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society

What kind of questions will be asked?

■ Interview

- ☐ General knowledge in global environmental studies
- ☐ Knowledge in your intended study area
- ☐ Research and study plans after admission
- ☐ Qualities and abilities required by the admission policy

✂ The contents of application documents will also be taken into consideration.

Important points for application

- **Take one of TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-PBT, TOEIC, or IELTS**
 - Only scores obtained after April 2022 are recognized
 - The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.
- **“Essay on Global Environment” is required as an application document.**
- **Online application only: July 8 (Tue) to July 15 (Thu), 2025**
- **Eligibility Screening is needed for:**
 - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree, obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
 - Those who have reached the age of 22 who have been recognized as having academic ability equal to or higher than those who have graduated from a university as determined by screening criteria from this graduate school.

Online application period: May 30 (Fri) to June 6 (Fri), 2025



Master's Program for IEMP

Selection methods and criteria might change.

Please check our website carefully and frequently.



International Environmental Management Program (IEMP)

- You must **not be a Japanese national**.
- You must be able to confirm that you have received a scholarship from government or non-government sources in Japan or abroad **when you enroll in the program**, or you must be **applying for ADB-JSP scholarship program**.

For October 2026 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	21	A limited number	August 26-28, 2025

International Environmental Management Program (IEMP)

- You must **not be a Japanese national**.
- You must be able to confirm that you have received a scholarship from government or non-government sources in Japan or abroad **when you enroll in the program**, or you must be **applying for ADB-JSP scholarship program**

For April 2026 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	21	A limited number	August 26–28, 2025
	21		Dec. 10–12, 2025

Subjects and criteria of evaluation

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022)■ Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.	100 points
Application documents and Interview (35 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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■ The contents of application documents	400 points

- Candidates with a total score <300 points, interview score <240 points are not eligible.
- Each study area has the fixed number of acceptable students. Questions and contents of the interview differ by study area.

List of study areas (for Oct. 2025 and Apr.2026 enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

Department of Global Ecology	Department of Technology and Ecology	Department of Natural Resources
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IEMP: Important points for application

IEMP (held in August)

- **Online application: July 2 (Wed) to July 15 (Tue), 2025**
- **Eligibility Screening is needed for:**
 - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree, obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
 - Those who have reached the age of 22 who have been recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than those who have graduated from university as determined by eligibility screening from this graduate school.

Online application period: May 30 (Fri) to June 6 (Fri), 2025

IEMP (held in December) *to be announced on the website

- **Application Due: November 2025**
- **Eligibility Screening: October 2025**



Doctoral Program for Summer Admissions

Selection methods and criteria might change.

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October 2025 enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	21	A limited number	Aug. 26–28, 2025
Global Environmental Studies		A limited number	

- The thesis-track and the career-track admissions are also held.
- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.

April 2026 enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Global Environmental Studies	20	13	Aug. 26–28, 2025
			Feb. 2026 (undecided)
Environmental Management	20	7	Aug. 26–28, 2025
			Feb. 2026 (undecided)

- The thesis-track and the career-track admissions are also held.
- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.

Summer/Winter admissions

Global Environmental Studies & Environmental Management

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022)■ Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.	100 points
Interview (50 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Presentation■ Your research ability, significance of your proposed research, presentation effectiveness■ The contents of application documents	400 points

- Candidates with a total score <300 points or an interview score <240 points are not eligible.

Thesis-track admissions

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022)■ Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.	100 points
Draft doctoral thesis and Interview (50minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Presentation■ Your research ability, the progress of your research, significance of your proposed research, presentation effectiveness■ The contents of application documents	400 points

- Candidates with a total score <300 points or an interview score <240 points are not eligible.

List of study areas (for Oct. 2025 and Apr.2026 enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

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* Applicable only for enrollment in Oct. 2025.

Important points for application

- **Take one of TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-PBT, TOEIC, or IELTS**
 - Only scores obtained after April 2022 are recognized
 - The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.
- **Copy of master's thesis or report of relevant work experience and essay is required as an application document.**
- **Online application only: July 2 (Wed) to July 15 (Thu), 2025**
- **Eligibility screening is needed for:**
 - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree, obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
 - Those who have reached the age of 22 who have been recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than those who have graduated from university as determined by eligibility screening from this graduate school.
 - Online application period: May 30 (Fri) to June 6 (Fri) , 2025



Doctoral Program for IEMP

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International Environmental Management Program (IEMP)

- You must **not be a Japanese national**
- You must be able to confirm that you have received a scholarship from government or non-government sources in Japan or **when you enroll in the program** or you must be **applying for ADB-JSP scholarship program**

For October 2025 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management Global Environmental Studies	18	A limited number	August 26-28, 2025

- Each study area has maximum number of students to be accepted. Questions and contents of the interview differ by study area.

International Environmental Management Program (IEMP)

- You must **not be a Japanese national**
- You must be able to confirm that you have received a scholarship from government or non-government sources in Japan or **when you enroll in the program** or you must be **applying for ADB-JSP scholarship program**

For April 2026 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	17	A limited number	August 26-28, 2025
Global Environmental Studies	17		Dec. 10-12, 2025

- Each study area has maximum number of students to be accepted. Questions and contents of the interview differ by study area.

Subjects and criteria of evaluation

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English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2022)■ Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.	100 points
Application documents and Interview (50 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Presentation■ Your research ability, the progress of your research, significance of your proposed research, presentation effectiveness■ The contents of application documents	400 points

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List of study areas (for Oct. 2025 and Apr.2026 enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

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*NOT applicable for enrollment in Oct.2025 and Apr. 2026. **Applicable only for enrollment in Oct. 2025.



IEMP: Important points for application

IEMP (held in August)

- **Online application: July 2 (Wed) to July 15 (Tue), 2025**
- **Eligibility Screening is needed for:**
 - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
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Online application period: May 30 (Wed) to June 6 (Tue), 2025

IEMP (held in December) *to be announced on the website

- **Application Due: November 2025**
- **Eligibility Screening: October 2025**



General admission

Application documents

Others

- Photo
- Academic transcript
- Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation

Master's Program



English score

Submit score as part of application

Prepare well in advance to have your scores ready when applying. !



Statement of reasons for application

- Reason for application
- Research and study plan after admission



Essay on Global Environment

- An essay on a theme set by your intended study area
- Themes are listed in the application guideline

Doctoral Program



English score

Submit score as part of application

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Copy of master's thesis

If you are applying only for Environmental Management, the report of relevant work experience and assigned essay are also acceptable.



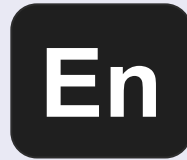
Statement of proposed research

The content should be discussed with your intended supervisor

※ For both thesis-track and career-track applications, additional documents are required in addition to those mentioned above. For details, please refer to the application guidelines.

General admission Selection process

Master's Program

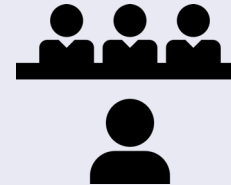


TOEFL
TOEIC
IELTS

English Proficiency

Determined by **score on application document**

Prepare well in advance to have your scores ready when applying. !



Japanese or English

Online for overseas residents

Interview

No written examinations

- 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

Doctoral Program



TOEFL
TOEIC
IELTS

English Proficiency

Determined by **score on application document**

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Japanese or English

Online for overseas residents

Interview

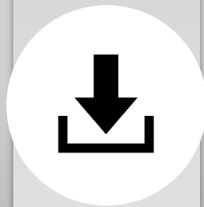
- Specialized knowledge gained through your master's study or practical experience
- Contents of your proposed research plan presentation
- Any relevant knowledge about the research plan or related subjects.

※For thesis-track selection, please refer to the application guidelines.

Online application only

Mailing by post is not needed!

- Please prepare the submission documents.
- You can apply online only!
- Don't forget to digitize your submission documents in advance!



Prepare the submission documents

Don't forget to digitize your documents for online submission!

Apply Online

Input basic information and upload submission documents

※Certificates of graduation and other certifying documents are also submitted online. However, the original documents must be submitted during the admission procedure.

Payment of examination fee

Make a payment through EXSS. You can pay in one of the following

- Convenience store
- Credit card
- Financial Institutions ATM (Pay-easy)
- Net banking

Output of examination voucher

Announcement of acceptance

Admissions Assistance Office (AAO)

- Applicants who graduated from University outside of Japan and wish to study as a student or research student at Kyoto University **must take the AAO process** before submitting application.

The screenshot shows the Kyoto University website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'International', 'Study at Kyoto University', 'Graduate School', 'Graduate Admissions', 'International Students', 'Research', 'Social', 'Academic', and 'Language'. The main content area is titled '外国の大学を卒業した方への入学案内' (Admission Guide for Graduates of Foreign Universities). On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links: '京都大学へ学ぶ' (Study at Kyoto University), '学部で学位をとる' (Degree by Faculty), '大学院で学位をとる' (Degree by Graduate School), '大学院一覧' (List of Graduate Schools), '大学院入学案内' (Graduate School Admission Guide), '外国の大学を卒業した方への入学案内' (Admission Guide for Graduates of Foreign Universities), '交換留学・短期留学・研究生等' (Exchange, Short-term, and Research Student Programs), '交換留学' (Exchange Program), '短期受入' (Short-term Admission), '研究生' (Research Student), '英語で学位を取得するコース' (Course for Degree with English), '京都大学への留学Q&A' (Q&A for Studying at Kyoto University), '日本語教育' (Japanese Language Education), and 'オンラインで学ぶ' (Online Learning). The main content area is titled 'アドミッション支援オフィス (Admissions Assistance Office, AAO) とは' (What is the Admissions Assistance Office (AAO)). It explains that the AAO is a support office for international students who wish to study at Kyoto University. It provides information on the application process, including the need to apply to the AAO before submitting an application to the Graduate School. It also lists links for 'AAOへの申請が必要な方' (Those who need to apply to the AAO), '必要書類のダウンロード' (Download of Required Documents), and '国費留学生大使館推薦 第一次選考合格者の方' (Ambassador Recommendation for International Students, First Round Selection Qualified). The footer includes the text '本学より「大学受入内閣書」の発行を希望される方は以下のページを参照してください。' (For those who wish to request the issuance of the 'University Admission Internal Circular' from this university, please refer to the following page.)

Please check following Website for more information:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/international/students1/study1/graduate/graduateinfo/ku-aao>

This process may take up to a month to a few months.
Please have plenty of time for this process!



Events and postings in AY2025

(To be posted on the GSGES website)

- **Publication of entrance examination guideline**
The guidelines for the August IEMP will be released in mid-March, for the summer general entrance exam in late April, and for December IEMP in mid-November.
- **Update of video on admission procedure and introduction to study fields**
The philosophy and features of the graduate school are explained in detail. The video also introduces the fields of study at our graduate school.
- **April 19 (Sat) Admission Explanation Session (Onsite):**
This is a meeting where you can directly meet with professors from various fields and ask them about their research, entrance examinations, and other topics. We look forward to your participation.