

**Guidelines for Kwansei Gakuin University Graduate Program Admission  
through Partner University Nomination  
2025 Fall semester enrollment (June Application)**

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) has an admission system which accepts excellent international students from our partner universities nomination. In this admission, KGU offers a scholarship covering the admission fee and the full amount of tuition for the standard length of the program to a designated number of successful candidates.

\*The nominee of scholarship is selected from successful applicants for examination.

\*If you are not selected for the scholarship, you can apply for the tuition reduction and KGU scholarship (see page 6).

## 1. Applicable Departments

Name of Graduate School	Program Type	Course/Field of Study	Enrollment Semester	Standard Length of the Program	Language of Instruction	Campus	Number of Applicants
<b>Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture</b> <a href="https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/graduate/language_communication_culture">https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/graduate/language_communication_culture</a>	PhD	All Fields	SEP. 2025	3 Years	Japanese	Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus	A few students
<b>Graduate School of Science and Technology</b> <a href="https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/international/degree">https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/international/degree</a>	International Master's Program	Physics, Nanotechnology for Sustainable Energy, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry for Environment, Bioscience, Biomedical Chemistry		2 Years	English	Kobe Sanda Campus	
	Master's	All Fields		2 Years	Japanese		
	PhD	All Fields		3 Years	Japanese or English		
<b>Graduate School of Policy Studies</b> <a href="https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_policy_studies">https://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/undergraduate/school_policy_studies</a>	Master's	Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies		2 Years	English	Kobe Sanda Campus	
<b>Institute of Business and Accounting</b> <a href="https://iba.kwansei.ac.jp/en/imce/">https://iba.kwansei.ac.jp/en/imce/</a>	Professional Degree Program	International Management Course (MBA program)		2 Years	English	Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus	

- \*1 Each Graduate School will accept only a few students. Please note that KGU may refuse your nomination when and if applications are concentrated on certain schools.
- \*2 An online video interview may be held in order to verify the nominee's language skills or research fields.
- \*3 Please refer to the guideline in Japanese for programs taught in Japanese.

## 2. Recommendation Requirements (Qualifications)

### I. Common Qualifications for All Graduate Schools

Nominees must meet the following qualifications (1) and (2). Nominees applying for the Master's Program and Professional Degree Program must also meet the qualification (3).

- (1) Nominees must have foreign citizenship.
- (2) Nominees must either have obtained (or expected to obtain) a designated degree from one of KGU's partner universities (See attached list of partner universities). The designated degrees are shown in "II. Individual Requirements for Graduate Schools".
- (3) Nominees for the Master's Program and Professional Degree Program must have completed (or expected to complete) 16 years of school education in a foreign country. If the nominees are not satisfied this requirement, as they may need take the individual admission eligibility assessment by KGU, please contact the Center for International Education and Cooperation office at KGU no later than May 2nd, 2025. (Email: [intl-admissions@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:intl-admissions@kwansei.ac.jp))

### II. Individual Requirements for Graduate Schools

#### <Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture>

##### ■PhD Program [Japanese Only]

Nominees must meet the following qualifications (1) to (3).

- (1) Nominees must have obtained a degree equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree from KGU's partner universities, and be expected to complete such a degree prior to enrolment.
- (2) Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: [genkomi@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:genkomi@kwansei.ac.jp))
- (3) Nominees must have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1, or those with equivalent Japanese language skills.

#### <Graduate School of Science and Technology>

##### ■International Master's Program [English Only]

Nominees must meet the following qualifications (1) to (3).

- (1) Nominees must either have obtained a Bachelor's degree from KGU's partner universities or is expected to complete a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolment.
- (2) Nominees must have the adequate English language ability to study in English.
- (3) Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: [EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp))

##### ■Master's Program [Japanese Only]

Nominees must meet all of the following qualifications (1) to (3).

- (1) Nominees must have foreign citizenship. Nominees must either have obtained a Bachelor's degree from KGU's partner universities or is expected to complete a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolment.
- (2) Nominees must have the adequate Japanese language ability to study in Japanese.
- (3) Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: [EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp))

##### ■PhD Program [English or Japanese]

Nominees must meet all of the following qualifications (1) to (2).

- (1) Nominee must either have obtained a Master's degree from KGU's partner universities or is expected to complete a Master's degree prior to enrolment.

- (2) Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: [EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:EngMS@kwansei.ac.jp))

**<Graduate School of Policy Studies>**

**■ Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies (Master's Course) 【English Only】 :**

Nominees must meet the following qualifications (1) to (3).

- (1) Nominees for the Master's Program must either have obtained a degree equivalent to or higher than a Bachelor's degree from KGU's partner universities, or be expected to complete such a degree prior to enrolment, and be 22 years of age at the time of enrolment.
- (2) Nominees must have adequate English language ability to study in English.
- (3) Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: [ksc-admission@kwansei.ac.jp](mailto:ksc-admission@kwansei.ac.jp) )

**<Institute of Business and Accounting>**

**■ Professional Degree Program 【English Only】**

Nominees must meet the following qualification.

- (1) Nominees must either have obtained a Bachelor's degree from your university or is expected to complete a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolment.

**3. Application/Recommended documents**

All application documents must be sent from partner universities by EMS (Express Mail Service) or an alternative international parcel delivery service, to be received by the deadline at the destination. Submissions from individual applicants will not be accepted. However, if you are unable to submit application documents via one of the partner universities, for example because you have already graduated from the university, we will accept direct submissions from the applicant themselves.

\*Application documents are different depending on the graduate schools.

\*Additional documents may be requested.

**<Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture >**

**■ PhD Program**

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*No prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (3) Recommendation letters from home institution's supervising faculty members
- (4) Original certificate of completion of Master's Course or certificate of expected completion of Master's Course
- (5) Original transcript issued by last graduate school attended
- (6) Research plan (no prescribed format, written in Japanese)
- (7) Copy of the Master's thesis or an alternative work and its summary (Japanese: up to 7,000 letters or English: up to 2,000 words)
- (8) Original certificate of Japanese language proficiency (EJU) score report or score confirmation, or JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009) certificate or score report.
- (9) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport bio data page
- (10) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

**<Graduate School of Science and Technology>**

**■ International Master's Program**

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) Resume (no prescribed format)
- (3) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*no prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (4) Recommendation letters from more than two home institution's supervising faculty members

- (alternatively from a person who knows the nominee academically)
- (5) Certified original certificate of graduation or certificate of expected graduation
  - (6) Original transcript issued by last university attended
  - (7) A copy of the graduation thesis or summary of thesis
  - (8) Letter of intention for application to this program (double space on a maximum of 3 pages on A4 size paper)
  - (9) Official certificate of English language ability (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, etc.) is recommended.
  - (10) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport bio data page
  - (11) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

### ■Master's Program

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) Personal Resume (prescribed format)
- (3) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*no prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (4) Recommendation letter from the home institution's supervising faculty member
- (5) Certified original certificate of graduation or certificate of expected graduation
- (6) Original transcript issued by last university attended
- (7) A copy of the graduation thesis or an outline
- (8) Reasons for application (prescribed format)
- (9) Original certificate of Japanese language proficiency (EJU) score report or score confirmation, or JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009) certificate or score report.
- (10) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport bio data page
- (11) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

### ■PhD Program

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) Personal Resume (prescribed format)
- (3) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*no prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (4) Recommendation letter from the home institution's supervising faculty member
- (5) Original certificate of completion or certificate of expected completion
- (6) Original transcript (master)
- (7) A copy of the Master's thesis (research thesis) or an outline
- (8) Reasons for application (prescribed format)
- (9) (For Japanese Speaker) Original certificate of Japanese language proficiency (EJU) score report or score confirmation, or JLPT N1 (Level 1 before 2009) certificate or score report  
(For English Speaker) Official certificate of English language ability (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, etc.) is recommended
- (10) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport bio data page
- (11) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

### <Graduate School of Policy Studies>

#### ■Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies(Master's Course)

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*No prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (3) Original certificate of graduation (or completion of Master's Program) or certificate of expected graduation (or expected completion of Master's Program)
- (4) Original transcript issued by last university (or graduate school) attended
- (5) Recommendation letters from home institution's supervising faculty members

- (6) Statement of Purpose (prescribed format of Graduate Department of UN System Policy Studies)  
\*Nominees must contact and obtain approval of a prospective faculty member for supervision before submitting applications. (E-mail: ksc-admission@kwansei.ac.jp )
- (7) Copy of certificate of Language Test Score/ Transcript  
Submit a copy of your score report/transcript of the TOEFL iBT®, TOEFL ITP®, IELTS, or TOEIC®. Only scores within the validity period set by each private testing organization shall be accepted. If applicants have completed (or are expected to complete) a bachelor's degree program provided in English in a country where English is the official language, they are exempt from submitting the score certificate for English proficiency.
- (8) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport bio data page
- (9) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

### **<Institute of Business and Accounting>**

#### **■Professional Degree Program**

- (1) Application Form (prescribed format)
- (2) A letter of recommendation from Dean, Head or the equivalent of the home institution/department (or deputy representative recognized by the KGU graduate school)  
\*no prescribed format  
\*Detailed information is not necessary. Please include the nominee's name and desired program.
- (3) Recommendation letter from the nominee's supervising faculty member
- (4) Original certificate of graduation or certificate of expected graduation
- (5) Original transcript issued by last university (and graduate school) attended
- (6) Reason for Application & Brief Essays on Prescribed Topics and program choice (prescribed format)
- (7)[For non-native English speakers] Original certificate of English language ability (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS, etc.)
- (8) Original certificate providing evidence of management-related knowledge is recommended:  
A GMAT score certificate or other evidence (thesis, or academic papers, GRE score certificate etc.) that you are qualified to follow a graduate-level management course.
- (9) A4 size photocopy of the nominee's passport's bio data page
- (10) Scholarship Application Form (prescribed format)

\*For (7), please note that even if you declare yourself to be a native English speaker, you may be asked to submit your English score from the Institute of Business and Accounting.

\*For (7) and (8), if you have no choice but to submit a copy, please write on all copies 'I hereby certify that this copy is identical to the original.' as well as put your signature and seal.

### **4. Delivery Address**

International Admission team,  
Center for International Education and Cooperation  
Kwansei Gakuin University  
1-155 Uegahara Ichiban-cho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo 662-8501 Japan  
TEL: +81-798-51-0952

### **5. Nomination Period**

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2025 – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> , 2025 (\*must arrive)

### **6. Announcement of Application Results**

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> , 2025

\*Letter of acceptance will be sent to the home institution and individual nominees. Necessary documents for admission procedures will also be shipped to individual nominees.

## 7. Entrance Exam Fee

Exempted

## 8. Scholarships

### (1) KGU Graduate Program Admission through Partner Universities Nomination Scholarship

The nominee of this scholarship is selected from successful applicants for this examination.

■ Number of Applicant: 2

■ Amount of the Scholarship: Admission fee, Full amount of tuition

■ Scholarship Period: the standard length of the program (2 years for Master's Program and Professional Degree Program, 3 years for Doctoral Program)

\*1 Any other expenses incurred will be the students' responsibility.

\*2 Results will be announced later after the announcement of application results.

### (2) Tuition Reduction and Scholarships

Nominees who have been accepted to KGU's Graduate Program, and who are not selected as a recipient for the scholarships (1) above are eligible for the following financial support:

#### ◆ Tuition Reduction

International students whose status of residence is "Student" are entitled to tuition reduction (the reduction is 30% in 2025; however, the reduction after 2026 is subject to change).

#### ◆ KGU International Student Scholarship

KGU also provides scholarships for international students who are in need of financial aid and maintain high academic standards. Details are as follows:

Tentative Selection Prior to Enrollment: 50% of the total amount of tuition

Selection after university entrance: 35% of the total amount of tuition

"Tentative Selection Prior to Enrollment" is a system for selecting students to receive conditional scholarship placements before entering KGU. Approximately 40% of students will receive a conditional offer for this scholarship based on their academic records, graduation thesis, and the results of their entrance examinations. The university selects candidates who are expected to conduct outstanding research after enrollment. Selected candidates will be notified before their enrollment into the program. However, it is necessary for students to meet all requirements such as status of residence, etc., in order to be officially selected to receive the scholarship.

Various scholarships from foundations/organizations are also available other than the scholarships mentioned above.

**Note:** There will be no recruitment for MEXT scholarship for this admission.

## 9. Admissions Procedures

Successful nominees should complete the following admissions procedures within the specified period. Payment information and details will be informed to the successful nominees.

### (1) Admissions Procedures I (Payment of Admission fee)

Please transfer admission fee by Friday, July 18, 2025 to the designated KGU bank account.

### (2) Admissions Procedures II (Payment of Tuition and other fees)

Please transfer tuition and other fees by Friday, August 29, 2025 to KGU bank account.

**\*Admission and tuition fees will be exempted from the above-mentioned admissions procedures for successful scholarship candidates of the above mentioned scholarship (No.8 -(1)).**

Notes:

- 1) Those who fail to complete the admissions procedures (I and II) by the designated deadline will be regarded as having no intention of entering the university, and their offer will be withdrawn.
- 2) Admission fee is non-refundable and submitted documents will not be returned.
- 3) Refunds will only be applicable for tuition or other miscellaneous expenses that have been transferred within the designated periods.
- 4) After you declined admission, the cancellation of this decision is not accepted.

## 10. Tuition

### ■ Master's Program

<Graduate School of Science and Technology (Include the International Master's Program)>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	357,500	357,500	715,000
Research / Practicum Fee	-	43,500	43,500	87,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	104,000	104,000	208,000
Total	200,000	505,000	505,000	1,210,000

**Note:** In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000).

Only for the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Research/Practicum Fee is 59,000 yen per year (29,500 yen per semester)

<Graduate School of Policy Studies>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	343,500	343,500	687,000
Research / Practicum Fee	-	12,500	12,500	25,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	103,500	103,500	207,000
Total	200,000	459,500	459,500	1,119,000

**Note:** In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fees.

\* For those who select a specific faculty member as their advisor through the selection procedure of their advisor/teacher in charge, Research / Practicum Fee is 50,000 yen (annual fee).

### ■ Professional Degree Program

<Institute of Business and Accounting>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	720,000	720,000	1,440,000

Education Enhancement Fee	-	112,500	112,500	225,000
Total	200,000	832,500	832,500	1,865,000

**Note :** In addition to the above, students are required to pay annually a sum of ¥4,000 (¥2,000 per semester) to cover the cost of research journals distributed to students, an Alumni Association admission fee of ¥2,000, and the IBA Research Forum admission fee of ¥10,000. \*The IBA Research Forum is an association for research and networking between faculty, students and IBA graduates.

## ■ Doctoral Program

<All Graduate Schools>

Currency: Japanese Yen

	At Entrance	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total
Admission Fee	200,000	-	-	200,000
Tuition	-	216,000	216,000	432,000
Education Enhancement Fee	-	65,500	65,500	131,000
Total	200,000	281,500	281,500	763,000

**Note:** In addition to the above, students will be charged a fee for joining the Alumni Association (¥2,000) and other fee. Additionally, students enrolled in the Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture will be charged an extra fee of ¥4,000 as the membership fee of the academic society.

## 11. Status After Admission 【Only for Graduate School of Science and Technology / Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture】

Students enrolled in the Graduate School of Science and Technology / Graduate School of Language, Communication and Culture will become special students after enrollment.

- (1) After a period of time set by each graduate school has elapsed, a student's status may be changed from Special Student to Regular Student upon the decision of the respective graduate school committee, taking into consideration their grades in various courses they have taken.  
Please check with your graduate school regarding the procedures for changing your status to a regular student.
- (2) Credits earned while being a Special Student will continue to count toward graduation.
- (3) Before a Special Student can receive a Master's or Doctoral degree, the student must become a Regular Student and remain as such for at least one semester.
- (4) [Only for Graduate School of Science and Technology] a student's status may be changed from Special Student to Regular Student after a minimum of one semester (half a year). A request for a change of status must be submitted with a letter of recommendation from the student's supervising professor to the faculty office by the end of February (In case of changing your status from the spring semester) or by the end of August (in case of changing your status from the fall semester). Students are allowed to remain at Special Student status for purposes of study, but such students will not be able to receive Master's or Doctoral degrees.

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