

2025 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

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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# The University of Shimane

## Application Guidelines for Special International Selection for Graduate School

The Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies, the University of Shimane welcomes applications for the 2025 academic year (Master's and Doctoral Programs) as follows.

### 1. Number of Applicants

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

- You may choose the time of admission (spring or fall semester) when you apply.

### 2. Application Eligibility

(Master's Course ) North East Asian and Development Studies and Regional Development Policy Studies

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 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<sup>st</sup>, 2025 for spring 2025 and by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for autumn 2025.

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) Trans-area Studies on North East Asia

A person who resides outside of Japan and fulfills both of the following I and II:

I. Applicant who falls under any of the following items:

- (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<sup>st</sup>, 2025 for spring 2025 and by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for autumn 2025.

II. Applicant who corresponds to any of the following conditions:

- (1) Those who have passed Level 2 (or N2) or higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services at the time of application and have been certified as such.
- (2) Those who have passed the qualifying examinations recognized as equivalent Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, Level 2 (or N2) or higher at the time of application.

### 3. Eligibility Screening

Applicants for Master's Course (North East Asian Studies and Regional Development Policy Studies) who fall under I-(7), (8) and (9), II-(2) as well as applicants for Doctoral Course (Trans-area Studies on North East Asia) who fall under I- (7), (8) and (9), II-(2) of Qualification for Application above must consult for a preliminary qualification examination as below.

- (1) Application Period  
Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (MUST be arrived)
- (2) Application documents
  - (1) Application for Preliminary Qualification Examination (please use the form specified by the Graduate School)
  - (2) Curriculum Vitae (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 (use the form prescribed by the University of Shimane)
- (3) Application Procedure
  1. Please request necessary documents at the Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs, the University of Shimane in advance.
  2. Documents submitted for eligibility screening should be submitted to the Academic Affairs Section, Department of School Affairs by mail or email.
  3. When submitting by mail, please make sure to send the documents by "Express Mail Service (EMS)".
  4. When submitting by e-mail, please convert handwritten application documents to PDF data and submit them.

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2433-2 Nobara-cho, Hamada City,  
Shimane Prefecture 697-0016 JAPAN  
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- (4) The reception hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Japan time. However, the office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays.

## 4. Application Procedures

- (1) Application Period  
Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024– Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (MUST be arrived)

In principle, please refrain from any contact with our graduate school faculty during the period from the start of application for the application category you are applying for until the announcement of acceptance (Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024).

- (2) 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 10 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. Please include two photographs taken within the past three months (Please paste photographs to forms).
FORM D	Photographs	
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. To be signed by the preparer. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.
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. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.
Academic Transcript		It should be prepared by the president or dean of the home university. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.

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	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>In both cases, please bring and present the original on the day of the examination.</p>
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	<p>JPY 30,000</p> <p>The bank transfer address will be provided by e-mail. Before submitting your application, please contact the Academic Affairs Section, Department of Academic Affairs, (h-daigakuin@u-shimane.ac.jp).</p> <p>When paying by overseas remittance, a separate handling fee will be charged, so please be sure to confirm the handling fee at the financial institution office before making the payment.</p>

(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 10 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. To be signed by the preparer. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.
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. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.
Academic Transcript	In a hermitically sealed envelope from either the Academic Dean or Chancellor of the institution attended. ※If you submit the application in PDF data, please bring and submit the original on the day of the examination.
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 a copy of the "Japanese-Language Proficiency Test" administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) at Level 2 (or N2) or higher. (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.
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). ※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 The bank transfer address will be provided by e-mail. Before submitting your application, please contact the Academic Affairs Section, Department of Academic Affairs (h-daigakuin@u-shimane.ac.jp). When paying by overseas remittance, a separate handling fee will be charged, so please be sure to confirm the handling fee at the financial institution office before making the payment.



(3) Application Procedure

1. Application documents must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Section, Department of Academic Affairs, by mail or e-mail.
2. When submitting by mail, please make sure to send it by "Express Mail Service (EMS)".
3. When submitting by e-mail, please convert handwritten application documents to PDF data and submit them.

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(4) Notes on the Application

- Application forms must be handwritten. However, the research plan may be submitted using word processing software and pasted.
- Please make sure to check your application thoroughly before submitting it, as it will not be accepted if all the application documents are not in order.
- Please note that it is not possible to change the information on the application form after the application has been submitted. However, if there are any changes in your name, address, or telephone number, please contact the Educational Records and Programs Section, Department of Academic Affairs (Tel: 0855-24-2213).
- Please note that application materials received and application fees paid are non-refundable.
- If false statements are made in the application, depending on the circumstances, admission may be revoked even after the applicant has been admitted.
- Applicants with disabilities who need special consideration in terms of study should contact the Educational Affairs Section, Department of Academic Affairs (Tel: +81-855-24-2213).

## 5. Examination Subjects and Selection Method

Comprehensive evaluation will be made based on an essay examination, interview, research plan, and master's thesis (in the case of doctoral programs).

### ◆ Examination Subjects

Subjects	
Short Essay Exam (Japanese)	All aspects of social science ● Use of a dictionary is permitted (Electric dictionary is 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)
Interview (Japanese)	The applicant's field of specialization, research plan, and master's thesis (in the case of doctoral programs).

#### ◆ Examination Scores

Short Essay Exam	Interview (For doctoral programs, include a master's thesis or research report)	Total
100 points	100 points	200 points

## 6. Date and Place of Examination

(1) Examination Date and Time:

DATE	TIME	
Designated day between Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 -Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	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.)

In some cases, the entrance examination may be conducted online, in which case we will contact you separately.

## 7. Announcement of Acceptance

1. Date: Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:00 AM (Japan Time)
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. Enrollment Procedures

(1) Entrance procedures deadline: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (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 **express registered mail (EMS)** by the deadline date.
- (a) The University of Shimane office hours are from 9am ~ 5pm (Japan Time)
- (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. First Year Fees, etc.

### (1) Entrance Fee

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

Fee Amount: 282,000 (JPY)

(Note 1) Entrance fee once paid will not be refundable.

(Note 2) For those who qualify for the reduction, the entrance fee will either not be charged or will be refunded after payment.

### (2) Tuition Fees

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

(Note 1) The first semester's tuition amount shall be paid by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Second semester's tuition shall be paid by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

(Note 2) The tuition fee mentioned above is the one on the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If there is a change in the tuition fee while enrolled; the new fee will become applicable.

(Note 3) For those who qualify for the exemption, tuition fees will not be charged or will be refunded after payment. Those who are eligible for the reduction will be informed at the time of the enrollment procedures.

(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 Association fee	¥12,500	¥18,750

Note: The amounts shown above are as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. They are subject to change due to revisions of regulations.

## 10. Dormitories

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<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

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 Notices

### (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 1<sup>st</sup> preference to the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Graduate Course	Major	Faculty Members Available for Main Supervision
North East Asian and Development Studies (Master's Course)	North East Asian Studies	<p>Professors</p> <p>石田徹 (Toru Ishida)                      佐藤壯 (Takeshi Sato)</p> <p>井上治 (Osamu Inoue)                      濱田泰弘 (Yasuhiro Hamada)</p> <p>李曉東 (Li Xiaodong)                      福原裕二 (Yuji Fukuhara)</p> <p>山本健三 (Kenso Yamamoto)              村山誠 (Makoto Murayama)</p> <p>Associate Professors</p> <p>伊藤豊 (Yutaka Ito)                      深串徹 (Toru Fukakushi)</p> <p>播本崇史 (Takafumi Harimoto)        孟達来 (Mongkedalai)</p> <p>高一 (Ko I)</p> <p>Lecturer</p> <p>渡辺 圭 (Kei Watanabe)</p>
	Regional Development Policy Studies	<p>Professors</p> <p>岩本浩史 (Hiroshi Iwamoto)              寺田哲志(Tetsushi Terada)</p> <p>林秀司 (Shushi Hayashi)                鈴木遵也 (Junya Suzuki)</p> <p>松田善臣 (Yoshitaka Matsuda)        中村 圭(Kei Nakamura)</p> <p>村井重樹 (Shigeki Murai)</p> <p>Associate Professors</p> <p>岡本寛(Hiroshi Okamoto)                角 能(Yoku Kado)</p> <p>宮下聖史(Seishi Miyashita)</p> <p>豊田知世(Tomoyo Toyota)</p> <p>田中輝美(Terumi Tanaka)</p> <p>Affiliated Professors</p> <p>有田昭一郎 (Shoichiro Arita)</p>

\*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	<p>Professors</p> <p>石田徹 (Toru Ishida)</p> <p>井上治 (Osamu Inoue)</p> <p>佐藤壯 (Takeshi Sato)</p> <p>林秀司(Shushi Hayashi)</p> <p>福原裕二 (Yuji Fukuhara)</p> <p>李曉東 (Li Xiaodong)</p>	<p>Associate Professors</p> <p>豊田知世 (Tomoyo Toyota)</p>	Please choose your primary supervisor from this column.	Please choose your secondary supervisors from these columns.
		<p>Professors</p> <p>山本健三(Kenso Yamamoto) 松田善臣 (Yoshitaka Matsuda)</p> <p>村井重樹 (Shigeki Murai)</p>			

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Reference: Faculty at The University of Shimane

Master's Course,  
North Eastern Asia Studies  
Policy Studies



Master's Course,  
Regional Development  
Super Region Studies



Doctoral Course,  
Northeastern Asian



## (2) Contact with Graduate School Faculty

If you wish to confirm in advance with a faculty member with whom you wish to have guidance regarding the availability of research guidance after admission, please contact us at the contact information below. In principle, we request that you refrain from contacting the faculty members in charge of the graduate school during the period between the start of application for the application category you wish to apply for and the announcement of acceptance, so please contact us well in advance of the start of application.

\*Please note that even if you contact us, we may not be able to respond to your request.

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## (3) Pre-entry Assignments

Pre-entrance education is provided to those who have passed the Master's examination in order to facilitate their studies after admission. Students may be required to read assigned books and write reports.

## 13. Contact Information

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