

# THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## The Studies in Japanese Language and Culture Graduate School of Language and Culture Osaka University

**[April 2014 ADMISSION]**

### 1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND THE NUMBER TO BE ACCEPTED

- (1) Fields of research: Japanese language, culture or a closely related field
- (2) The number to be accepted: a few

### 2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Nationality: Applicants must be foreign nationals (except for permanent residence).
  - (2) Age: Applicants must be at least twenty-two years of age as of March 31, 2014.
  - (3) Academic background eligibility requirement: Only those from the following categories are eligible to apply.
    - ① Applicants who have either completed a sixteen-year regular course of school education overseas or who will complete it before admission to the graduate school.
    - ② Those graduated from a university in Japan or those expecting to graduate by March 31, 2014.
    - ③ Those recognized by the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University to have a level of academic competence equivalent or superior to that of university graduates.(NB) Applicants who have graduated from a university with less than sixteen years of school education, due to the different education system of their countries, must have experience of being engaged in research work as a research student or a researcher at a university or university research institutes for one year or more.
  - (4) Recommendation: Applicants must be recommended by their advisor or others of their respective universities or institutions.
  - (5) Health: Applicants must be free from any mental or physical condition that might interfere with their studies.
  - (6) Language: Applicants must be proficient in either English or Japanese.
  - (7) Registration: Applicants must be able to complete the entrance procedure by the appointed date.
- \* Admission will be cancelled if applicants fail to graduate from their university by March 31, 2014.

### 3. SCHOOL FEE

- (1) Matriculation fee: 282,000 yen
- (2) Annual tuition: 535,800 yen

\* The amounts described above are valid for the academic year of 2013. In case these fees are revised, at the time of entrance or during enrollment, the newly revised fees are to be applied from the date of revision.

### 4. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- (1) Selection will be made on the basis of the submitted documents and face to face interview (or either a telephone or e-mail interview).

The interview is scheduled to be held around middle of January, 2014.
- (2) Notification of acceptance / denial will be given to applicants in middle of February, 2014.

### 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University. Applications must reach the address below by the 9th December, 2013.

(Original)

- (1) Application form for admission (prescribed form of Osaka Univ.) ..... 1
- (2) Essay on applicant's research topic related to Japanese language or culture ..... 1  
To be written either in English (around 2,000 words) with Japanese summary (around 500 characters), or in Japanese (around 4,000 characters) with English summary (around 400 words).
- (3) Letter of recommendation  
Two separate letters of recommendation (including the academic advisor's) (prescribed form of Osaka Univ.) ..... 2
- (4) Photograph (taken within the past 6 months; 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm; showing the upper part facing front; no hat) to

- be pasted on the designated place of the application form with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back ..... 1
- (5) Attested copy of applicant's family register or certificate of citizenship ..... 1
- (6) Certified academic record of undergraduate course of university or graduate school attended ..... 1  
 The record should be prepared to show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant on all the subjects studied for each year at a university.
- (NB) If the academic transcript doesn't show the grade scale or earned semesters of credits, applicants must submit documents that show the earned semesters of credits or the grade scale (stages from Failure). Transcripts of non-degree research students, non-regular students, or students in Japanese- language school are invalid.**
- (7) Official copy of graduation (or prospective graduation) certificate of the university attended ..... 1
- (8) Document(s) certifying language proficiency ..... 1  
 (at least one of the following: photocopy of English proficiency test (ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) score report, photocopy of score report of Japanese Proficiency Test or evaluation letter from university professor, etc.)
- (9) Photocopy of the page of the applicant's passport that shows the applicant's name, and photocopy of the applicant's residence card (if possessed) ..... each 1
- (10) Abstract (in English or Japanese) of applicant's honors thesis (if available) ..... 1
- (11) Document(s) certifying the excellence of the applicant (GPA, ranking, etc.)(if any) ..... 1
- (12) Application fee: 30,000 yen

(NB1) The applicants are advised, if possible, to use an identical format and type all documents in A4 size.

(NB2) For items (1) and (3), prescribed forms of Osaka Univ. must be submitted.

**(NB3) Information given in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with Japanese translation.**

(NB4) Improperly completed applications—including those submitted past the deadline or missing any of the above documents—will not be accepted.

(NB5) The submitted documents will not be returned.

(NB6) The application fee cannot be refunded.

## 6. NOTICES

Accepted students are advised to study the Japanese language and have some knowledge of the Japanese climate, customs, manners, university education and conditions in general before coming to Japan.

## 7. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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