

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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

[October 2014 ADMISSION]

1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED

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

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Nationality: Applicants must be foreign nationals (with the exception of permanent residents).
 - (2) Age: Applicants must be at least twenty-four years of age as of September 30, 2014.
 - (3) Academic background eligibility requirement: Only those from the following categories are eligible to apply:
 - a. Holders of a foreign academic degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree or those expecting to receive such a degree by September 30, 2014
 - b. Holders of a master's or professional degree of a university in Japan or those expecting to receive such a degree by September 30, 2014
 - c. Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, engaged in research for at least two years at a university, research institute, or equivalent, and have been recognized, following an assessment of their research results by the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University, to have a level of academic competence equivalent to or superior that of a master's or professional degree holder
 - d. Those who have completed 16 years of primary and secondary education overseas, or who have enrolled in courses conducted by an overseas school through correspondence education in Japan and completed 16 years of primary and secondary education overseas, engaged in research for at least two years at a university, research institute, or equivalent, and have been recognized, following an assessment of their research results by the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University to have a level of academic competence equivalent to or superior that of a master's or professional degree holder
 - e. Those recognized by the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University to have a level of academic competence equivalent to or superior that of a master's or professional degree holder
 - (4) Recommendation: Applicants must be recommended by their affiliated university or institution or an advisor or equivalent belonging to their affiliated university or institution.
 - (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.
- (NB) Admission will be cancelled if applicants fail to graduate from their university by September 30, 2014.

3. SCHOOL FEE

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

(NB) 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 an in-person interview (or alternatively a telephone or e-mail interview).

The interview is scheduled to be held in early June, 2014
- (2) Notification of acceptance / denial of admission will be given to applicants in early July, 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 May 9, 2014.

(Original)

- (1) Application for Admission (prescribed form of Osaka Univ.)..... 1
- (2) A copy of the master's dissertation written by the applicant or equivalent written work presented for an academic degree

- (Accompanied by a 6,000-character Japanese summary written by the applicant, if the original is not written in Japanese)..... 1
- (3) An abstract of the above (2) (written in Japanese or English, A4 size)..... 1
- (4) Letters of recommendation
Two separate letters of recommendation (including the academic advisor's) (prescribed form of Osaka Univ.) 2
- (5) Photograph (taken within the past 6 months; 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm; showing the upper body 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
- (6) Attested copy of the applicant's family register or certificate of citizenship..... 1
- (7) Certified academic record of undergraduate and graduate school course of university(s) attended (issued by the university)
(must show the grading scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all subjects studied in each year of attendance at university)
- (NB) If the academic transcript does not show the grading scale or the semesters in which credits were earned, applicants must submit documents showing the grading scale and the semester in which credits were earned (including indication of at what stages any non-pass grade was received). Transcripts of non-degree research students, non-degree-seeking students, or students in Japanese-language school are invalid.**
- (8) Certificate of the (expected) completion of studies at the graduate school of the last university attended 1
- (9) Document(s) certifying language proficiency 1
(at least one of the following: photocopy of an English language proficiency test (ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) score report; photocopy of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students score report; photocopy of Japanese Language Proficiency Test score report, etc.)
- (NB) If the applicant is not in possession of any of the above documents, an evaluation letter written and signed by a university professor is required.**
- (10) Photocopy of the page of the applicant's passport (if applicable) that shows the applicant's name to be pasted on the designated place of the application form with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back..... 1
- (11) Document(s) certifying high achievement of the applicant (GPA, ranking, etc.) (if any) 1
- (12) Application Fee: 30,000 yen

(NB1) Applicants are advised to use a consistent format as well as type all documents in A4 size.

(NB2) For items (1) and (4), prescribed forms of Osaka University must be submitted.

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

(NB4) Improperly completed applications—including those submitted past the deadline or missing any of the above required documents—will not be accepted. Those who are students of Osaka University's Graduate School of Language and Culture Studies in Language and Society or Studies in Japanese Language and Culture program at the time of application are exempted from submitting documents (6) and (9).

(NB5) The submitted documents will not be returned.

(NB6) The application fee cannot be refunded.

6. NOTICES

(1) Applicants are required to use the university webpage and make contact with the faculty member whom they wish to be their academic advisor in advance.

(2) 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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