

Graduate School of Engineering and Science, University of the Ryukyus Resilient Smart City Program (Master's Program)

Non-Scholarship

About the Program

The “Resilient Smart City Program” aims to enhance human resources to play an active role in cities’ resilience and environmental issues. The program provides high quality courses dealing with resilience against serious disasters including those which are intensified by climate change.

Since the admission is in October and all the courses and student advising are in English, the program provides an excellent opportunity for international students.

This is a call for application to a two-year Master’s Course for the academic years 2024-2026.

Upon enrollment, candidates will each be assigned to an advisor who will direct their thesis research for two years in their designated field of specialization. The degree of Master of Engineering will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Before deciding the field and the topic of research, applicants are encouraged and advised to contact appropriate advisor(s) listed in the List of Faculty Members and Research fields.

* This program is also open to applicants who possess Japanese citizenship.

Guidelines for Application (Fall 2024)

1. Number of International Students for Admission

A small, limited number of students will be accepted for enrollment under the Resilient Smart City Program, Graduate School of Engineering and Science, University of the Ryukyus.

2. Qualifications Required for Applicants

- (1) Prospective applicants are advised to contact potential thesis advisors at the University of the Ryukyus for consultation on research themes and plans; applicants without an advisor’s prior approval may not receive full consideration during the admission screening.
- (2) Nationality: Open to applicants of all nationalities
- (3) Education: Applicants for the Graduate Program leading to a Master’s Degree should have been conferred or be receiving a Bachelor’s Degree (or an equivalent) as of **September 30, 2024**.
University graduates, who have completed 16 years of formal education outside of Japan, or those who possess qualifications equivalent to that of a university graduates.
- (4) Health: Applicants have no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant’s study in Japan..
- (5) Language proficiency: Applicants must pass or achieve scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 (ex. TOEFL iBT 72 / IELTS 5.5) or higher level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application.
*All four skills (Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking) must score at least CEFR B2 equivalent.
* The score is valid only if the examination date is after November 24, 2021.
- (6) Time limit for arrival in Japan: Applicants should arrive in Japan by September 30th, 2023.

3. Expenses *tax included *subject to change

- (1) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY
- (2) Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY
- (3) Tuition Fee: A total of 535,800 JPY for one year, to be paid in April and October in two separate installments.

Remarks:

- 1) The University shall waive the collection of admission fees for privately financed international students who are enrolled in this program.
- 2) The University shall waive the payment of tuition for the top three scoring privately financed students who are enrolled in this program.
- 3) The University will also offer privately financed students’ partial exemption from tuition fees. The exemption will be granted to students with outstanding academic achievements who have extreme difficulty in paying tuition due to financial difficulties.

4. Selection and Admission

Applicants will be examined by the Screening Committee of the Program based on their submitted documents. Only those who have a solid academic background, good research capabilities and a strong commitment to research shall be selected. Selection results will be announced on our website **in April**.

5. Enrollment

The official date of enrollment is **October 1, 2024**.

6. Application

All the following documents should be sent via e-mail. Applications must be received by the Graduate School of Engineering and Science of the University of the Ryukyus by the deadline.

- (1) Completed Application Form (please use requisite form).....Form I-3, II-3, III
- (2) Health Certificate (certified by a public hospital within the past 6 months).....Form IV
- (3) Certificate of Graduation or Copy of Diploma (undergraduate and/or graduate) or Certified Letter from the university at which the applicant is currently enrolled stating the expected graduation date.
- (4) Official Academic Transcript (undergraduate and/or graduate) with the relevant English translations.

A GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) must be issued by the university authorities.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{(\text{A course credits} \times 3 \text{ points}) + (\text{B course credits} \times 3 \text{ points}) + (\text{C course credits} \times 2 \text{ points}) + (\text{D course credits} \times 1 \text{ Point})}{\text{Total Credits Registered}}$$

Grading Scale

A	Excellent (90-100)	3 Grade Points
B	Good (80-89)	3 Grade Points
C	Average (70-79)	2 Grade Points
D	Passing (60-69)	1 Grade Point
F	Failure (0-59)	0 Grade Point

- (5) Certificate of Citizenship or Proof of Residence in applicant's home country (e.g. a copy of the applicant's passport.)
- (6) Letter of Recommendation, addressed to the President of the University of the Ryukyus, by the dean or head of the university/institution.....Form V
- (7) Letter(s) of reference from those familiar with the applicant's research /academic capabilities.
- (8) The photograph or digital image (close-up portrait of face and shoulders, no headgear against a plain background), 4.5cm×3.5cm in size, taken within 6 months of the application date. It should also be attached to the application form.
- (9) Documents of language proficiency at CEFR B2 level or above.
(ex.) Official score report of at least 72 on the TOEFL iBT or 5.5 on the IELTS.
- (10) An abstract of the graduation thesis or project. Those who are not required by their universities to submit a graduation thesis should submit an outline of their major field of study.
- (11) Those currently employed must submit a certificate or document from their employer stating approval for the applicant to attend the University of the Ryukyus in the event of program acceptance.
- (12) The receipt of the Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY. *tax included
The entrance examination fee should be paid by bank transfer before the application deadline. Please refer to the following for payment details.

* University Bank Account information

Bank Name: Bank of the Ryukyus (Bank Code No.0187)

Branch: Ginowan (Bank Code No. 512)

Swift Code: RYUBJPJZ

Account Number: 428711

Name of Account Holder: KOKURITSUDAIGAKUHOJIN RYUKYUDAIGAKU

Account Holder's Address: 1 Senbaru, Nishihara, Okinawa 903-0213, Japan

Bank Address: 1-5-3 Ginowan, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa 901-2211, Japan

Bank Phone Number: +81-98-893-2231

Payment Deadline: December 20, 2023

*Documents submitted by applicants who fail to remit payment of the entrance examination fee before December 20, 2023 will not be considered for selection.

*All applicable bank transfer fees are charged separately and must be borne by the applicant. Please inquire at your bank for more information.

*Please notify us by email if you are intending to remit payment by wire transfer.

E-mail: kggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp

Remarks:

- 1) All documents to be submitted should be written or typed in English on the requisite forms.
- 2) All documents are to be prepared in English. For those unable to complete the forms in English, separate English translations must be attached.
- 3) Letters of recommendation and references should indicate the English proficiency of applicants as excellent, good, or fair.
- 4) Information for documents (1), (2) and (6) must be written on the forms provided.
- 5) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect or lacking supporting evidence. They will not be accepted if they arrive after the stipulated deadline.
- 6) All submitted documents will be retained and will not be returned to applicants.

7. Application Deadline

17:00, December 20, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

8. Other Notes

- (1) Successful applicants are expected to study and understand the geography, climate, customs and habits of Okinawa as well as the general features and conditions of the University of the Ryukyus. It must be noted that English is not normally spoken among most people in Okinawa.
- (2) The Student Dormitory and the International House may be available for accommodation at reasonable cost if there are vacancies.
- (3) It is recommended that accepted students be well acquainted with the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Knowledge of the Japanese language is necessary in daily life.

9. Security Export Control

University of the Ryukyus performs the Security Export Control under the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA)" in order to prevent from obstructing the maintenance of international peace and security due to the education and research content that provide to overseas students.

Applicants might be requested to change the content of their desired education or research.

Important Notice

Applications must be sent via e-mail.

All correspondence related to this application should be addressed to:

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