

AY 2027

# Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka

## Research Student Application Guidelines

### 1. Application Qualifications

- (1) Those who have earned (by March 31,2027 for those who wish to enroll in April 2027 by September 30,2027 for those who wish to enroll in October 2027) a master's degree.
- (2) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School Committee as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than (1).

### 2. Request for Acceptance Pertaining to Application

Prior acceptance from a faculty member of Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka is required for application. To obtain acceptance, please send the following documents ① to ④ to the International Exchange Office of the Graduate School of Economics by e-mail during the period of receiving requests for acceptance as shown below.

<E-mail address>: [ieo@econ.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:ieo@econ.osaka-u.ac.jp)

(International Exchange Office, Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka)

\*Subject: "Request for acceptance to be a research student at the Graduate School of Economics"

\*E-mail body: Name, Country/Region, Educational Background (University and Faculty), Research Title, Name of faculty member you wish to obtain acceptance from (up to 2)

※ Please send a copy of the required documents from ① to ④ in PDF as an attachment.

The International Exchange Office will contact you regarding whether you have been accepted.

Those who have been accepted will receive the application documents required for "3. Application Procedure" from the Educational Affairs Section.

#### 【Documents required for acceptance】

①CV (Prescribed form: [CV for Research students at the Graduate School of Economics](#))

(1) Be sure to include up to 2 faculty members, whom you wish to obtain acceptance from.

(2) Select up to two fields you want to research from the keywords.

※ You may not be able to obtain the acceptance based on your preference.

②Research Plan (Optional Format) (One copy) (Prepare in A4-size; about 2-3 pages for the research plan in your major field of study and department)

③Copy of the transcript from the last university you graduated from

④Copy of your TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet

However, those who have or are expected to obtain a master's degree at a graduate school whose main language is English are exempt from submitting a TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet.

Please indicate this information in the designated column of your resume (prescribed form).

(1) The score sheet has no expiration date.

(There are no restrictions such as "limited to those who took the test within the past few years.")

(2) The tests covered by each score are as follows:

<TOEFL>

- TOEFL-iBT

※Evaluated by "Test Date Scores" and not "My Best Scores."

※Other than the above, not applicable to (TOEFL-iBT Home Edition, TOEFL-ITP, etc.)

<TOEIC (Listening & Reading Test)>

※Limited to public test scores (TOEIC-IP not accepted).

※Other than the above, not applicable to (TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests, etc.).

<IELTS>

- Academic Module

※Not applicable to General Training Module, Indicator, IELTS Online etc.

### 【Period of Requests for Acceptance】

April 2027 admission: October 1 (Thursday) to October 30 (Friday)2026

October 2027 admission: April 9 (Friday) to May 7 (Friday)2027

### 3. Application Procedure

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents, by mail to the Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka. Incomplete documents will not be accepted. For application qualification (2), the applicant may be requested to submit separate documents (documents certifying work experience/social activities and international activity experience, graduation certificate, etc.).

(1) Application for Admission (Prescribed Form)

(2) Photo (business card type (4 cm width × 5 cm length) of the upper body without a hat and facing the front, taken within the last 3 months) ※Please attach it to the application for admission.

(3) Application Fee: ¥9,800

Please refer to the separate section for the payment method.

◎ Bank transfer period

<April admission>

November 24, 2026 (Tuesday) to December 4, 2026(Friday),17:00

<October admission>

May 24, 2027 (Monday) to June 4, 2027(Friday)17:00

(4) Master's Degree Certificate (or expected completion certificate) and Academic Transcript (Japanese or English)

However, those who have graduated from a foreign university should also submit a degree

conferment certificate.

(5) Applicants with foreign nationality should submit the following documents in addition to the above.

- ① Foreign Student Admission Application (Prescribed Form)
- ② Letter of Recommendation by 2 or more Recommenders
- ③ “Copy of both sides of your residence card”

\*For overseas residents who have not yet registered their residence card, please submit a copy of your passport.

#### **4. Application Reception Period and Mailing Address    \*Only mail is acceptable.**

(1) <April admission>

November 30, 2026 (Monday) to December 4, 2026 (Friday) 17:00 (mandatory)

<October admission>

May 31, 2027 (Monday)-June 4, 2027 (Friday) 17:00 (mandatory)

Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be accepted.

(2) Mailing address: Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka

When mailing an application for admission from within Japan, be sure to use (Letter Pack Plus (¥600)) and write “Application for admission as a research student in the Graduate School of Economics” in red on the front of the envelope.

From overseas, please send by EMS, FedEx, DHL, or other traceable means.

(3) After receiving the application, we will notify you by e-mail of the examinee number required when announcing successful applicants.

#### **5. Selection Method**

As stipulated by the Graduate School Committee, in principle, the number of successful applicants shall be determined by considering the number of people who can be accepted by document screening from among those who have obtained acceptance. However, a written examination or an interview may be conducted.

#### **6. Announcement of Successful Applicants**

<April admission>

January 20, 2027 (Wednesday) after 15:00 (The schedule might change.)

<October admission>

July 16, 2027 (Friday) after 15:00 (The schedule might change.)

Successful applicants will be listed on the official website of the Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka. We will notify you by e-mail of the results along with information regarding enrollment procedures.

(Please note that we will not respond to any telephonic inquiries.)

## 7. Admission Period and Length of School Attendance

### (1) Admission period

<April admission>

April 2027

<October admission>

October 2027

However, this does not apply if there are special circumstances.

### (2) The period of school attendance is until March 2028. However, if you wish to continue your research, please request the Dean of the Graduate School within the prescribed period and obtain the permission.

\*As a general rule, the maximum enrollment period is two years.

## 8. Expenses Required for Admission

### (1) Enrollment fee: ¥84,600

### (2) Tuition:

<April admission>

¥346,800 (spring term-summer term: ¥173,400, fall term-winter term: ¥173,400) (as of September 2026)

<October admission>

¥173,400 (fall term-winter term) (as of September 2026)

Details on how to pay the necessary expenses and the admission procedure will be announced separately.

You will have two weeks from the announcement of acceptance to register your enrollment data.

\*The amount of enrollment fee and tuition are subject to change.

## 9. Policy on Handling of Personal Information

(1) Names, addresses, and other personal information obtained through the application procedure will be used in the Entrance Examination Process, in the Announcement of the List of Successful Applicants, in the Admission Procedures, and in the distribution of program leaflets. For those admitted into The University of Osaka, personal information will also be used in academic-related matters (such as student registration, academic advice, health care management, school fee remissions, scholarship applications, career support etc.), and in school fee management.

(2) Information obtained through the entrance examination will be used in statistical analysis of examination results, and in research on admission methods.

## 10. Important Notes

(1) After the application procedure has been completed, no changes can be made to the information provided on the application documents.

(2) Application fees are non-refundable, excepting the following cases:

① The applicant paid an application fee but was unqualified for application.

② If the application documents were received after the application deadline.

- ③If the application documents were incomplete and unacceptable.  
In the following cases, please contact Educational Affairs Section.
- ④The applicant paid an application fee but did not apply.
- ⑤The applicant paid their application fee twice by mistakes.
- (3) Please be sure to check the website of the Graduate School of Economics as information on the impact of unforeseen circumstances on entrance examinations, and responses to those circumstances, will be posted there as deemed necessary.
- (4) Any requests regarding submissions and inquiries about application documents should be addressed to Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Economics, The University of Osaka.  
(Office Hours: 9:00-11:30, 12:30-17:00 Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays)
- (5) After receiving the application, We will send various notifications from the e-mail address of the Educational Affairs Section. Please adjust your mailbox settings so that emails from [ouecon-kyoumu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:ouecon-kyoumu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) will not be sorted to your junk mailbox.

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