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2026 Application Guidelines for Admission to the Yokohama National University Graduate School of Engineering Science as Research Students (for International Students)

Yokohama National University Graduate School of Engineering Science

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Students applying to study a specific specialist field at the Graduate School of Engineering Science can be admitted as research students by undergoing a screening process as long as their studies would not interfere with the education and research activities of the school.

Before submitting your application, you are required to consult with the faculty member who you wish to nominate as your supervisor.

1. Eligibility for admission

Except for Japanese Government Scholarships, applicants must fall under any of the following categories (1) through (3) and also fall under category (4).

- (1) The applicant who have completed a master's program at a graduate school
- (2) The applicant who has completed a master's program through overseas school education
- (3) The applicant who is considered to have academic skills equivalent to those with a master's degree
- (4) Applicants must meet one of the following conditions;
 - A) Having passed N2 or N1 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test(JLPT), or have a TOEFL-iBT, TOEIC or IELTS score equivalent to or above B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in English
 - B) Having been completed an educational course that satisfies the qualifications for admission to a doctoral program at a Japanese graduate school, with Japanese or English as the primary language.
 - C) Judged by YNU, possessing a level of proficiency in either Japanese or English equivalent to that stated above.

2. Application submission periods

2-1 【Those who need VISA】

Spring semester Monday, December 1 to Friday, December 5, 2025

Fall semester Monday, June 1 to Friday, June 5, 2026

2-2 【Those who don't need VISA】

Spring semester Monday, February 2 to Friday, February 6, 2026

Fall semester Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31, 2026

*Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

*Reception hours: 09:00 to 16:30 (excluding the lunch break from 12:45 to 13:45)

3. Time of admission

In principle, students are admitted at the beginning of the spring semester (April) or the fall semester (October).

4. Application guidelines

(1) Application documents to be submitted

- A. An application for admission (a form specified by the Graduate School of Engineering Science)
- B. A research proposal (a form specified by the Graduate School of Engineering Science)
- C. An original of your certificate of education (latest version)
- D. An original of your academic transcript (latest version)
- E. A letter of permission from your immediate manager and your written pledge (a form specified by the Graduate School of Engineering Science) if you are employed
- F. A copy of your passport if you live outside Japan or a copy of your residence card (both sides) if you are a non-Japanese national living in Japan

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G: A self-addressed *Kaku-2* size envelope (240 mm x 332 mm) with a 270-yen postage stamp affixed

H: Any of the following original documents that be proven of Eligibility for admission (4)

(i) Applicants who meet Eligibility (4)-A are required to submit any of the following certificates.

The test must have been taken within two years preceding the application deadline.

- Japanese -Language proficiency Test (JLPT) “JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores”
- TOEIC :Official Score Certificate
- TOEFL-iBT : Examinee Score Report
- IELTS :Test Report Form

(ii) Applicants who meet Eligibility (4)-B are required to submit the following.

- A formal letter from the last university attended which certifies that the medium of instruction was in Japanese or English. (If the applicant was enrolled in a Japanese university, the applicant does not need to submit the document.)

(iii) Applicants who meet Eligibility (4)-C;

Please fill the reason which is decided to have language proficiency from an academic advisor in the specified section on the Application Form.

(2) Examination fee: 9,800 yen

A. Payment period: From a week before the first day of the application submission period through to the final day of the period

B. Payment location: Post office counter (the payment cannot be made via an ATM)

C. Payment method:

(i) The name of the sender recorded on the payment handling form (*haraikomi toriatsukaihyo*) should be that of the applicant because we will check this name against the name of the applicant given on the admission application.

(ii) Make sure that you check the date stamps that are affixed by the post office when you receive the postal transfer request and receipt form (*furikae haraikomi seikyusho ken juryosho*) and transfer request acceptance certification form (for payer) (*furikae haraikomi uketsuke shomeisho (okyakusamayo)*).

(iii) Please note that the cash transfer service is not available on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

(iv) The applicant is expected to pay the transfer fee that is required to make the payment.

(v) The transfer request acceptance certification form (for payer), which the applicant should receive from the post office counter, needs to be attached to the specified form and submitted together with the other application documents.

D. Points to keep in mind concerning the application

(i) Make sure that you make only one payment for the examination fee.

(ii) We will be unable to accept your application unless we receive payment for the examination fee or your transfer request acceptance certification form (for payer) is attached to the specified form as proof of payment.

E. Once your application documents have been accepted, we will be unable to return the examination fee that you have paid for any reasons other than those listed below.

(i) Reasons for which you are allowed to claim a refund of the examination fee that you have paid

(A) You paid the examination fee but did not complete an application for admission to the Yokohama National University (YNU) Graduate School of Engineering Science (either because you did not submit your application documents or because your application documents were not accepted).

(B) You made the same payment twice by mistake.

(ii) How to claim a refund

Write a request for an examination fee refund (in any format) that clearly states the following: a. the reason for your refund claim; b. your name (in English and *katakana*); c. your current residence address; and d. your contact telephone number. Immediately submit the written request together with the transfer request acceptance certification form (for payer) to the Graduate School of Engineering Science Section, Yokohama National University.

* Please note that the commission fee incurred for processing the refund will be deducted from the refund.

(3) Submission location

Submit the document and the transfer request acceptance certification form (for payer) attached to the specified form, which serves as proof of your payment of the examination fee, to the Graduate School of Engineering Science Section, Yokohama National University (N8-④ on the Campus Map) by the due date.

- * Once they have been submitted, your documents and examination fee cannot be returned.
- * **In principle, the applicant himself/herself or his/her proxy must complete the application procedure directly at the counter for the Graduate School of Engineering Science.**

5. Screening method

Research students are selected by the Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Engineering Science from among the applicants based on the documents that they have submitted. The screening results will be announced to individual applicants at a later date.

6. Admission procedure

Successful applicants who have received an acceptance letter following the screening process are required to pay the admission fee and tuition fee for their period of research within the admission procedure period described below in accordance with the document entitled "Admission Procedure for Research Students," which is sent to each student together with the acceptance letter.

- (1) Admission fee: 84,600 yen (accurate as of the present date)
- (2) Tuition fee: 178,200 yen for half a year and 356,400 yen for one year (accurate as of the present date)

- * The admission and tuition fees are subject to change.
- * If the tuition fee is changed during your registration at YNU, the new tuition fee will be applied to you.

Admission procedure periods

【Those who fall under 2. 2-1】

Spring semester: Monday, January 19 to Friday, January 23, 2026

Fall semester: Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10, 2026

【Those who fall under 2. 2-2】

Spring semester: Monday, March 9 to Friday, March 13, 2026

Fall semester: Monday, September 7 to Friday, September 11, 2026

- * Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays
- * Reception hours: 09:00 to 16:30 (excluding the lunch break from 12:45 to 13:45)
- * Applicants who fail to complete the procedure within the admission procedure periods will be regarded as having had their admission to YNU declined.
- * The admission and tuition fees that you pay to complete the admission procedure shall not be returned.
- * **In principle, the applicant himself/herself or his/her proxy must complete the admission procedure directly at the counter for the Graduate School of Engineering Science.**
- * **Please note that successful applicants will be required to undergo a health examination within 3 months prior to the admission based on the Certificate of Health prescribed by the university as one of the admission procedure documents, and to submit the completed Certificate of Health.**

<<https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/admissions/information/health/>>

7. Prior consultation by applicants who need special consideration for their examination or studies

Prior to application, any applicants who have physical or mental disabilities (including those not listed in the table below) and require special consideration for their examination or studies must submit a declaration of that fact to the submission and inquiry address (see below) using the form provided below.

Applicants who experience an accident or an unexpected problem after submission of their application must also immediately declare any need for special consideration for their examination or studies using the form provided below. Please contact us if you are unsure which of the classifications in the table below applies to your situation.

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Main categories:

Classification	Degree of impairment
Visual impairment	Visual acuity of both eyes is less than 0.3 or an advanced impairment of eye functions other than vision makes it difficult or impossible for the person to recognize normal letters and figures even with the use of magnifying glasses or the like
Hearing impairment	Both ears have an audible level of 60 dB or greater, making it difficult or impossible for the person to understand a person's normal speaking voice even with hearing aids or the like
Orthopedic impairment	1. Orthopedic impairment that makes it difficult or impossible for the person to walk, write, or perform other daily activities on campus even with the use of adaptive equipment 2. Orthopedic impairment not as severe as that described above but that nevertheless requires constant medical observation and guidance
Poor health	1. Chronic respiratory disorder, kidney disorder, neurological disorder, malignant neoplasm, or other diseases that require constant medical assistance or a lifestyle regimen 2. Physical weakness that requires a constant lifestyle regimen
Development impairment	Special needs associated with autism, Asperger's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder, learning disabilities, or attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder

Form: A4 vertical

Date (YYYY/MM/DD):

Att: President of Yokohama National University

Name in *katakana*:

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

I hereby request a consultation regarding my impairment before applying for admission to Yokohama National University.

1. Intended graduate school, department and specialization
2. Type and degree of impairment
3. Requested special consideration for taking the examination
4. Requested special consideration for studies after enrollment
5. Special consideration made by the university from which the applicant graduated
6. Other

Attachments: A copy of a medical certificate or physical disability certificate and other supporting documents

Application method

- (1) Prepare your application as noted above and attach a copy of a medical certificate or physical disability certificate and other supporting documents.
- (2) Consult us as early as possible before filing your application as it may take time for us to make the arrangements necessary for your request depending on its nature.
- (3) Submission and inquiry address

Yokohama National University Graduate School of Engineering Science Section

79-5 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama 240-8501, Japan

Tel.: 045-339-3817

8. Other

- In principle, your period of research shall last no longer than March 31, 2027. However, you may be permitted to extend your period of research under special conditions. Research students are not allowed to remain registered with YNU for more than two years in total.
- All research expenses shall be borne by the research students themselves, except for those incidental to the classroom equipment.
- Individual applicants must select their preferred supervisor and contact him/her prior to the application by independently collecting information from, for example, the "Academic Research Staff" page on the YNU website. The Graduate School of Engineering Science Section, Yokohama National University, will not provide any help in finding supervisors.
Academic Research Staff: <https://er-web.ynu.ac.jp/>
- For details on how to get to YNU, please see the "Access" page on the YNU website. The building of the Graduate School of Engineering Science Section, Yokohama National University, is numbered N8-④ on the Campus Map.
Access: <https://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/about/access/access/>

9. Security export control

Pursuant to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, Yokohama National University (YNU) stipulates YNU Regulations for Security Export Control to rigorously screen admission of international students with respect to exported goods, technical assistance, and people-to-people exchange. Accordingly, some international students may have limited access to research and educational programs despite their preference. Be aware of such restrictions and consult with your intended supervisor prior to filing your application. All enrolled students, regardless of nationality, are requested to sign a pledge to comply with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. For more details, visit the following website of the YNU's Research Initiatives and Promotion Organization.
< <https://www.ripo.ynu.ac.jp/researcher/start/security/> >

10. Handling of personal information

The personal information that you provide in your application may be used not only in the screening process for admission to YNU, but also in the preparation of materials related to any benefits that you may have requested as well as for the studies and research that you conduct at YNU. All of the results obtained in the course of such studies and research will be handled so that the relevant individual cannot be identified even if the results are published. Your personal information will not be used or provided for any other purposes.