

Selection Criteria for Self-funded International Students

1. Qualifications

◆ Applicants who meet criteria (1) to (4) may apply for the Faculty of International Resource Sciences, the Faculty of Education and Human Studies, the School of Health Sciences, (Faculty of Medicine), Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments or Faculty of Informatics and Data Science.

◆ Applicants who meet criteria (1) to (5) may apply for the School of Medicine, (Faculty of Medicine).

(1) Those who do not have Japanese nationality. (*)

(2) Those who meet one of the following criteria:

i) Those who have completed, or will complete by March 31, 2026, 12 years of formal education overseas; or have been approved by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having an equivalent educational qualification.

ii) Those who have an International Baccalaureate degree administered by the Secretariat of the International Baccalaureate, a non-profit organization established in accordance with Swiss civil law.

iii) Those who have an Abitur degree, an admission to university in the states of the Federal Republic of Germany.

iv) Those who have a baccalaureate degree, which is an admission to university in the French Republic.

v) Those who have qualified for GCEA in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

vi) Those who have completed (or are expecting to complete) a 12-year course in an educational facility accredited by WASC or ACISI in the United States of America, or CIS in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by March 31, 2026.

vii) Those who have been approved as having an education level equivalent to completing high school, based on results of the individual academic achievement test conducted by Akita University, and will be at least 18 years old by March 31, 2026. (**)

(3) Those who took the 2025 Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) conducted by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). The subjects to be taken shall be designated by Akita University.

(4) Those who obtain or are able to obtain a resident status as "Student" in accordance with the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act. (***)

(5) Those who achieve 90% or more (out of 400 points) in reading comprehension, listening comprehension and listening/reading comprehension in Japanese language as well as achieve 80% or more (out of 400 points) in Mathematics and two subjects from Science (EJU subject) (School of Medicine applicants only.)

* Non-Japanese applicants who graduated high school in Japan (including senior grade course at schools for secondary education), or have any degrees equivalent to this level, or who have a Japanese permanent visa, are required to apply for the general entrance selection and not for self-funded international student selection.

** The application for the individual academic achievement test must be received by November 28 (Fri), 2025.

*** Applicants who do have a resident status except "Student" must change the status to "Student" as soon as they complete enrollment procedure.

2. Selection of applicants

Judgments of acceptance for all applicants shall be determined based on comprehensive evaluation of the individual academic achievement test conducted by Akita University, the 2025 Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students to be taken in June or November. (Also, the score of TOEIC L&R, TOEFL iBT or IELTS taken after January 2024 will be included for the evaluation of the applicants for "Faculty of International resource Sciences".)

3. Subjects to be taken in the individual academic achievement test and other examinations

Faculty	Department/Program/Major/Course		Subjects in Individual Academic Achievement Test	Required Subjects for Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students					Others	
				Japanese	Japan and the World	Mathematics	Science	Test Language		
Faculty of International Resource Sciences	Department of International Resource Sciences	Resource Policy and Management	Interview (in Japanese or English, Online)	×	●	(Free choice)	×	Free choice	○ ※	
		Earth Resource Science	Interview (in Japanese or English, Online)	×	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)	Free choice		
		Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science	Interview (in Japanese or English, Online)	×	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)	Free choice		
Faculty of Education and Human Studies	Department of School Education	Course for Elementary and Secondary Education	General type	"Practical Examination (1 subject must be selected from Music, Art or PE) and Interview" or "Short Essay and Interview"	●	●	×	×	Japanese	—
			English type	Interview (in English and Japanese)	●	●	×	×	Japanese	
		Science and Math type	Interview (including an examination on mathematics and science)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Optional 2 subject)	Japanese		
		Special Needs Education Teachers	Short essay and interview	●	●	×	×	Japanese		
		Child Development and Education	Short essay and interview	●	●	(Free choice)	×	Japanese		
	Department of Regional Studies and Humanities	Short essay and interview	●	▲	(Free choice) ▲ Select 1 subject	(Optional 2 subject)	Japanese			
Faculty of Medicine	School of Medicine		Mathematics, English, Interview	●	×	(Course 2)	(Optional 2 subject)	Free choice	—	
	School of Health Sciences	Nursing Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy	English, Interview	●	×	(Free choice)	(Optional 2 subject)	Free choice		
Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments	Department of Applied Chemistry and Bioscience	Course of Bioscience	Interview (including basic oral examination on a subject selected by the applicant from physics, chemistry or biology)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Optional 2 subject)	Free Choice	—	
		Course of Organic and Polymer Chemistry								
		Course of Applied Chemistry								
	Department of Mathematical and Physical Science for Environments	Course of Mathematical and Earth Environmental Science	Interview (including an oral examination on basic mathematics)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)			
		Course of Functional Devices and Materials Science	Interview (including an oral examination on basic physics)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)			
	Department of Engineering for Social Systems	Course of Mobility Engineering	Interview (including an oral examination on basic mathematics and physics)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)			
		Course of Electrical Systems Engineering	Interview (including an oral examination on basic mathematics and physics)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)			
Course of Civil and Environmental Engineering	Interview (including an oral examination on basic mathematics and physics)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)					
Faculty of Informatics and Data Science	Department of Informatics and Data Science		Interview (including an oral examination on knowledge of the mathematical field)	●	×	(Course 2)	(Physics, Chemistry)	Free Choice	—	

Note 1: ●: Subjects to take; ×: Subjects not to take; ▲: Optional subjects.

Note 2: The Common Test for University Admissions is not required for the selection of self-funded international students at Akita University.

Note 3: The interview for "Faculty of International resource Sciences" can be conducted in either English or Japanese.

Note 4: Contact information for the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students:

EJU Uketsuke-Center (EJU Information Desk)

Address : 7F HI Yokohama Bldg., 2-6-26, Kitasaiwai, Nishi-ku., Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 220-0004

TEL:0570-55-0585 (Use 045-620-7243 for some of mobile, IP phone or international call.)

※Please submit the transcript of the TOEIC L&R, TOEFL iBT or IELTS taken after January 2024.

4. Application period

※Application must be received by the due date.

Faculty	Application period
Faculty of International Resource Sciences	December 17 (Wed.) – December 19 (Fri.), 2025
Faculty of Education and Human Studies	
Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments	
Faculty of Informatics and Data Science	
Faculty of Medicine	January 26 (Mon.) – January 28 (Wed.), 2026

5. Date of examination and announcement of results

※Application must be received by the due date.

Faculty	Date of examination	Date of announcement of results	Period of enrollment
Faculty of International Resource Sciences	January 23 (Fri.), 2026	February 11 (Wed.), 2026	February 17 (Tue.) – February 18 (Wed.), 2026
Faculty of Education and Human Studies			
Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments			
Faculty of Informatics and Data Science			
Faculty of Medicine	School of Medicine : February 25 (Wed.) – February 26 (Thu.), 2026 School of Health Sciences : February 25 (Wed.), 2026	March 7 (Sat.), 2026	March 14 (Sat.) – March 15 (Sun.), 2026

NOTE

- Please notice that the qualifications and the dates of examinations for each faculty are different.
- Those who do not currently have, or are unlikely to obtain the resident status as “Student” in accordance with the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act do not fulfill the criteria and cannot apply the selection.

Entrance Examinations for Privately-funded International Students through the Pre-Arrival Admission System (Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments)

Pre-Arrival Admission System is a system for entrance admission based on the overall evaluation of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU) conducted by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) (**Applicants are required to take the test outside Japan**) and other relevant academic performances (including high school transcript and TOEFL score). This system enables applicants to obtain the entrance admission for Akita University without taking any examinations in Japan. For further details please see "Application guideline for Privately-funded International Students through the Pre-Arrival Admission System."

[How to submit an application] Please download the application form from the Akita University website (<https://www.akita-u.ac.jp/>). Complete the form and send it by postal mail.

Announcement of Application guideline	Application period	Announcement of results	Period of enrollment
From early July 2025	September 5 (Fri.) – September 11 (Thu.), 2025	November 4 (Tue.), 2025	November 25 (Tue.) – November 28 (Fri.), 2025

Special Entrance Examination for International Students (Faculty of International Resource Sciences)

The "Special Entrance Examination for International Students" is an admission system that allows applicants to be screened through application documents (such as English proficiency test scores) and an online interview, without the need to enter Japan. For further details, please refer to the "Application Guidelines for Special Entrance Examination for International Students."

[How to submit an application] Please download the application form from the Akita University website (<https://www.akita-u.ac.jp/>) Please complete the required information, send the documents by postal mail, and also send a scanned electronic copy of the application documents by email.

Application Period	Date of examination	Date of announcement of results	Period of enrollment
November 4 (Tue.) – November 27 (Thu.), 2025	December 19 (Fri.), 2025	December 26 (Fri.), 2025	March 16 (Mon.) – March 23 (Mon.), 2026

[Reference: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship: Special Program for Preferential Placement of Japanese Government Scholarship Students]

The Faculty of International Resource Sciences is scheduled to apply for the “Special Program for Priority Allocation of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarships” for international students enrolling in April 2026.

International Baccalaureate Admissions

(Faculty of International Resource Sciences /Faculty of Education and Human Studies/Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments /Faculty of Informatics and Data Science)

Faculty	Application Period	Date of Examination	Date of Announcement of results	Enrollment Procedures
Faculty of International Resource Sciences	September 5 (Fri.) – September 11 (Thu.), 2025	October 4 (Sat.), 2025	November 4 (Tue.), 2025	November 10 (Mon.) – November 13 (Thu.), 2025
Faculty of Education and Human Studies				
Faculty of Integrated Science and Engineering for Environments				
Faculty of Informatics and Data Science		October 11 (Sat.), 2025		

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