

2025 Academic Year

Faculty of International Resource Sciences International Baccalaureate Admissions

Application Guidelines

International Baccalaureate Admissions, Faculty of International Resource Sciences

Item	Dates
Application Period	September 6 to September 12, 2024 (applications must be received by this date)
Examination Date	October 5, 2024
Announcement of Results	November 1, 2024

Akita University

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Confidentiality of Applicant Information

The personal information of applicants from submitted documents and from entrance examinations is used by Akita University solely for the following purposes:

- In matters related to selecting successful applicants (including related matters such as statistical processing)
- In the case of students who have completed enrollment procedures, post-admission enrollment management, academic guidance, matters related to student support and matters related to the collection of tuition fees.

Outline and Admission Policies for the Faculty of International Resource Sciences and its Departments

1. Ideals and Features of the Faculty of International Resource Sciences

Solving present-day international and global problems surrounding energy resources such as rare metals, petroleum, and natural gas demands the cultivation of professionals with advanced skills and deep familiarity with the characteristics of the resource field. The Faculty of International Resource Sciences has formulated a unique educational curriculum in collaboration with domestic and international partners in the resources field and associated research institutions, and is engaged in a wide variety of education and research activities relating to resource sciences. The Faculty identifies research issues facing exploration and development of resources, and makes efforts to solve these issues. Specifically, the Faculty pursues interdisciplinary education across three departments: a social science and humanities-based Resource Policy and Management departments addressing facets of resource policy such as economics and international affairs associated with resources, and two science and engineering-based Department, one in Earth Resource Science and one in Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science. These departments deal with issues ranging from the interpretation of earth history to explicate the mechanisms of resource formation, through to resource exploration, development and production, recycling, and environmental conservation. The objectives and ideals of the Faculty are not only to pursue cutting-edge research oriented to the resolution of resource-related problems, but also to adopt practice-based educational approaches utilizing the whole world as the field of practice, with a view to cultivating resource specialists to flourish globally.

2. Cultivating Resource Specialists for Active Roles on the World Stage

The Faculty operates a special English language education program (Intensive-English for Academic Purposes: I-EAP) for students in the first year and first half of the second year of the undergraduate curriculum. This program equips students with the fundamental English skills required for working internationally and prepares them to take specialized subjects taught in English from the second year. Specialized subjects comprise a wide variety of classes in formats including lectures and laboratory work, and provide the foundations for understanding cutting-edge resource science education and research. In the second half of the third year, all students embark on fieldwork overseas, experiencing the forefront of resource sciences and encountering the latest knowledge and technology. The various phenomena and issues that students experience during fieldwork play a major part in developing the intellectual foundations for them to pursue graduation research in their fourth year. In this way, the Faculty fosters resource specialists to apply their expertise in active roles on the world stage.

3. Contributing to International Society

The Faculty of International Resource Sciences aims to contribute to international society through resource sciences. International society has grown more complex in recent years, and there is a need to cultivate talent equipped with the international outlook and creativity to tackle issues such as resource security and the rise of resource nationalism. In order to address this need, the Faculty functions as a national center for resource sciences, pursuing frontline research and building robust networks with related institutions in Japan and abroad. It thereby contributes to international society as a global institution for resource-related education and research that fosters specialists to flourish globally.

4. Educational Objectives of the Faculty of International Resource Sciences

1. Contribute to society through resource sciences and cultivate individuals to contribute to the advancement of science and technology.
2. Provide an educational curriculum attuned to international society and cultivate experts with an understanding of the characteristics of resource sciences.
3. Cultivate resource engineers and researchers with a broad view of dynamics on a global scale and a healthy scientific curiosity.
4. Cultivate people who understand the background of resource-producing countries and are equipped with a sense of ethics, social purpose, and problem-solving capabilities.
5. Develop the education and research environment and support students.
6. Share the fruits of research with wider society and contribute internationally.

5. Department Outlines

【Resource Policy and Management】

Cultivates people who can take responsibility for resource strategy, capable of accurate analysis and observation of the global resource climate and skilled in negotiating with resource-producing countries.

【Earth Resource Science】

Cultivates engineers and researchers in earth science fields who estimate resource distribution across world and explore potentials for new earth resources.

【Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science】

Cultivates engineers and researchers who can contribute to resource development attuned to the global environment and the formation of the resource-circulating society in order to utilize the earth's limited resources effectively and sustainably.

6. Admission Policies

【Admission Policy of Akita University】

Akita University aims to develop human resources who are capable of playing a leading role in 21st century Japan and the international community. To this end, the university's ultimate goal, which applies to all its educational programs, is to cultivate students with rich personal qualities that are underpinned by a wide-ranging education, in-depth expertise and a high level of ethics.

Based on this goal, Akita University welcomes applications from prospective students who possess the following kinds of qualities and ambitions:

1. People with a strong spirit of enquiry in their studies and who possess the initiative and creativity needed for further development
2. People with the basic knowledge and skills appropriate to undertaking undergraduate education, and the skills of reasoning, judgment, and expression needed to apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems
3. People who understand a range of issues facing regional and international societies and who wish to help solve these

[Admission Policy of the Faculty of International Resource Sciences]

◆Ideal attributes of graduates:

The Faculty of International Resource Sciences cultivates people responsible for the advancement and innovation of new technologies for resource exploration/development, environmental conservation and resource/energy strategies, equipped with an enriched human character and international outlook and committed to resolving global-scale resource issues.

●Desirable qualities in applicants:

1. Applicants with a strong interest in resources, energy, and environmental problems, and the capacity to formulate and explore solutions persistently and flexibly.
2. Applicants having a proactive attitude to tackling new challenges, motivated by a desire to gain an integrated understanding of resource problems from natural science, social science, and humanities perspectives who wish to contribute to social advancement as practitioners, technologists, or researchers.
3. Applicants with a desire to active globally, equipped with international-standard skills of logical thinking and judgment and skills of expression and communication in foreign languages.

《Resource Policy and Management Department》

●Desirable qualities in applicants:

1. Applicants with an interest in resources, energy, environment, and other global issues, alongside desire to contribute to the formation of a sustainable society.
2. Applicants who desire to play active roles in a variety of fields internationally.
3. Applicants who possess a strong interest in interacting with people with diverse values.

*Mastery of the following content at senior high school level is expected:

Japanese language: Skills of communication, expression, and reading comprehension required to understand diverse values

English language: Skills of communication, expression, and reading comprehension as a basis for playing active roles in international society

Mathematics/Science: Basic academic abilities and skills of logical thinking in regard to the natural sciences

Geography/History: High interest in and understanding of culture, history, and industry across the world

●Basic Policies for Selection of Candidates for Admission

《International Baccalaureate Admissions》

We seek applicants with sufficient fundamental academic abilities equivalent to those of Japanese senior high school graduates. The candidates should have a strong motivation and interest in learning about resource development, global environmental issues, energy, and recycling, along with great enthusiasm to contribute to the advancement of the resource science field with advanced sensitivity and a broad international perspective.

For this purpose, we evaluate application documents mainly with regard to "knowledge and skills", "reasoning, judgment, and expression", and "initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness". At the interview we mainly evaluate "knowledge and skills", "reasoning, judgment, and expression", and "initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness".

《Earth Resource Science department》

●Desirable qualities in applicants:

1. Strong interest in natural phenomena, and the motivation to take on the challenges of explicating the mechanisms of the earth's evolution and exploring new resources.
2. Ability to think deeply and to pursue field surveys and laboratory work tenaciously.
3. Desire to play active roles internationally as geologists involved in the exploration and development of subterranean resources or scientists in fields of resource and earth sciences in the future.

*Mastery of the following content at senior high school level is expected:

Japanese language: Skills in reading and comprehending written texts, logical thinking, and expression of one's own ideas

English language: Skills of reading comprehension and basic communication in English

Mathematics: Understanding of basic mathematic concepts and computational skills

Geography/History: Basic knowledge and learning to play active roles in Japan and abroad

Science: Understanding of content in physics, chemistry, biology, and earth science, and scientific curiosity

●Basic Policies for Selection of Candidates for Admission

《International Baccalaureate Admissions》

We seek applicants with sufficient fundamental academic abilities equivalent to those of Japanese senior high school graduates, strong intellectual curiosity and motivation to learn about the

mechanisms of the earth's development, geology, rocks, and other aspects of earth science, and an interest in the exploration and supply of resources through contributions to the earth science field. For this purpose, we evaluate application documents mainly with regard to "knowledge and skills", "reasoning, judgment, and expression", and "initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness". At the interview we mainly evaluate "knowledge and skills", "reasoning, judgment, and expression", and "initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness".

《Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science Department》

●Desirable qualities in applicants:

1. Strong interest in resource development, energy production, recycling, mining informatics, and the impact of resource development on the environment.
2. Highly motivated to explore different perspectives and produce valuable novel outputs.
3. Desire to develop technologies and systems that are in harmony with the earth's environment, and contribute to achieving environmentally friendly resource development while creating a society oriented to the reuse of resources.

*Mastery of the following content at senior high school level is expected:

Japanese and English languages: Skills in communication, reading, thinking, and expression as the basis for active roles in international society

Mathematics: Understanding of the content of Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Mathematics III, Mathematics A, and Mathematics B, applied mathematical skills, and logical thinking skills

Geography/History/Civics: Basic knowledge in Geography/History and Civics, and ability to reflect on topics such as geography, history, cultures/institutions, and politics/economics, with a global perspective

Science: Understanding of content in physics, chemistry, biology, and earth science, and abilities reasoning and applying knowledge to understand the natural sciences

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International Baccalaureate Admissions

1. Departments and Numbers to be Admitted

Department		Number to be Admitted
Department of International Resource Sciences	Resource Policy and Management	A few
	Earth Resource Science	A few
	Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science	A few

2. Application Qualifications

Applicants for International Baccalaureate Admissions must meet both requirements (1) and (2) below. They must also be able to commit to enrolling if they are admitted.

- (1) Those who have been conferred in April 2023 or thereafter, or expect to be conferred by March 2025, an International Baccalaureate Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office, the foundation incorporated under the Civil Code of Switzerland
- (2) Those who obtain an International Baccalaureate Diploma with both a) and b) below.
 - a) The grade of 4 or higher in HL (Higher Level) for English as Language A, or English as Language B
 - b) The subjects specified in the following table with the required grades therein

Department	Requirements
Resource Policy and Management	One subject from Individuals and Societies (Group 3) (with the grade of 4 or higher at HL)
Earth Resource Science	Mathematics (with grade of 4 or higher at HL) One subject in Physics, Chemistry, or Biology (with the grade of 4 or higher at HL)
Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science	Mathematics (with grade of 4 or higher at HL) One subject in Physics, Chemistry, or Biology (with the grade of 4 or higher at HL)

3. Application Procedures

(1) Application Documents

Documents	Points to Note
1) Application for Admission	<p>Fill out the Application for Admission designated by the university, in accordance with the instructions below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Department: Enter the name of the Department to wish to enroll in. · Date of birth: Enter your date of birth and circle either Male or Female. · Application Qualifications: Enter information on your application qualifications. · Contact details: Enter your and your guardian's postal code, address, and telephone number. If the telephone number belongs to somebody else, enter their name, too. If your guardian's contact details are the same as your own, write "as above." · Personal History: Academic History – enter information starting from senior high school. Work History – enter your work history, if you have any.
2) Examination Admission Slip/Photo ID Card	<p>Fill in the form designated by the university, and affix an ID photograph (4 x 3 cm, frontal view of the head and upper body, without a hat or other headgear, taken within three months prior to this application)</p>
3) Personal Statement	<p>Write about your key strengths and attributes in the form designated by the university, either in handwriting or using word processing software. Your statement should be no more than one A4-size sheet (double-sided is acceptable), in either Japanese or English. (You may attach reference materials, but CDs and the like are not accepted.) You may also paste images in reference materials. If you write your achievements, write the process of effort.</p>
4) Copy of International Baccalaureate Diploma, etc.	<p><u>If your International Baccalaureate Diploma has already been conferred:</u> Submit a copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma conferred by the International Baccalaureate Office, together with your transcript of grades in six IB subjects.</p> <p><u>If you expect your International Baccalaureate Diploma to be conferred soon:</u> Submit a certificate (no specified format) produced by your school principal or, college counselor, etc. and stating that you are expected to have the International Baccalaureate Diploma conferred and your Predicted Grades therein. If your application is accepted, you will need to submit a copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma conferred by the International Baccalaureate Office, together with your transcript of grades in six IB subjects by February 18, 2025. In the event that the university is unable to receive the copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma conferred by the International Baccalaureate Office and transcript of grades in six IB subjects by the due date, or if your International Baccalaureate Diploma is not conferred by March 2025, your admission will be revoked. Moreover, if your final Diploma result score and subject grades are lower than those predicted at the time of application, your admission may be revoked.</p>

5) Copy of EE (Extended Essay)	In the event that you wrote your EE (Extended Essay) in either Japanese or English, submit a copy of it. If you wrote your EE in a language other than Japanese or English, submit a copy of it together with a summary thereof in either Japanese or English that you have produced yourself (approximately two A4 pages in Japanese or four A4 pages in English; you may use word processing software, etc.).
6) Report on learning outcomes in TOK (Theory of Knowledge)	If you studied TOK (Theory of Knowledge) in Japanese or English, Submit copies of your learning outputs (essay, presentation materials, etc.; maximum ten A4 pages). If you studied TOK in a language other than Japanese or English, submit a report in either Japanese or English summarizing your learning outputs in TOK (approximately two A4 pages in Japanese or four A4 pages in English; you may use word processing software, etc.).
7) Evaluation Fee Payment/ Proof of Evaluation Fee Payment Form	<p><u>Paying from within Japan:</u> Enter the applicant's name and other required information on the money transfer form provided by the university, and complete the transfer at a Japan Post Bank or Post Office branch (Any transfer processing fee is to be paid by the applicant) . Do not use an ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) to transfer the fee. Firmly affix the "Proof of Postal Money Transfer" (振替払込証明書) you received at the time of the transfer to the Proof of Evaluation Fee Payment Form. Write your name and the Department you are applying to on the Form.</p> <p>(i) Evaluation fee: 17,000 yen (ii) Payment period: From August 23 – 5:00 p.m. (Japan Time) September 12, 2024.</p> <p>The evaluation fee will not be refunded for any reason after application procedures are complete. However, if you have paid the evaluation fee but do not apply, the fee will be refunded. To arrange the refund, in principle you should contact the bursar section of the Akita University Bursar Section of the Accounting Division (E-mail:suito@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp) between September 13 and September 19, 2024.</p> <p><u>Paying from outside Japan:</u> If you are paying the evaluation fee from a financial institution outside Japan, have a sum of 17,000 Japanese yen sent by telegraphic transfer to the financial institution shown below. Any currency other than Japanese yen is not accepted. Processing fees charged by the bank in relation to the transfer are to be borne in full by the applicant. Be sure to submit a copy of your telegraphic transfer request together with your application.</p> <p>(i) Evaluation fee: 17,000 yen (to be transferred in Japanese yen) (Processing fees may be charged. These are to be borne in full by the applicant). (ii) Transfer is to be made to the following financial institution: Name of Bank: The Akita Bank, Ltd. Name of Branch: Tegata Branch Bank address: 160-1, Aza-Yamazaki, Tegata, Akita-shi, Akita, 010-0851, Japan Account number: 688502 Beneficiary: AKITA UNIVERSITY SWIFT code: AKITJPJT Payment period: From August 23 – 5:00 p.m. (Japan Time) September 12, 2024 (Japan Standard Time; enforced strictly)</p>

	<p>Form of remittance: Telegraphic transfer Paying bank's charge: Sender</p> <p>Note: (i) When making your payment, list the "Purpose of Remittance" as "Evaluation Fee" and under "Message to Payee, if any" be sure to write your name. (ii) Contact the Akita University Admissions Department by e-mail (nyushi@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp) when you have made your payment. The evaluation fee will not be refunded for any reason after application procedures are complete. However, if you have paid the evaluation fee but decide not to apply, the fee will be refunded. To arrange the refund, in principle you should contact Bursar Section of the Accounting Division, Akita University (E-mail:suito@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp) between September 13 and September 19, 2024.</p>
8) Return Envelope for Sending Examination Admission Slip, etc.	<p><u>If your postal address is within Japan:</u> Download Return Envelope labels for Sending Examination Admission Slip, etc and affix it to an envelope(120×235 mm).Write your address and name, and affix 344 yen in postage stamps.</p> <p><u>If your postal address is outside Japan:</u> If you wish your Examination Admission Slip, etc. to be sent by EMS (Express Mail Service), enclose International Reply Coupons to the required value. Postage varies depending on the destination (country/region), so check carefully in advance.</p>
9) Label Slip	Fill in your details on the Label Slip designated by the university.

Students without Japanese nationality should also submit the following:

10) Resident Register certification clearly showing visa status	If you are residing in Japan, submit a Resident Register certificate issued by your municipal mayor and clearly stating your Status of Residence (in Japan) .
11) Passport copy, family register transcript from home country, or certification of citizenship, etc.	If you are residing outside Japan, submit either a copy of your passport (the page showing your nationality), or a resident register transcript or proof of citizenship, etc. from your home country.

(2) Application period

From September 6 to September 12, 2024 (must be received by the university by the final date of this period)

(3) How to lodge your application

Download all forms designated by the university, other than money transfer form, from the university's website (<https://www.akita-u.ac.jp>), fill out all required sections, print them on white A4 paper, and post them to arrive no later than the final day of the application period.

If applying from within Japan, request an evaluation fee transfer form from the Admissions Office before the due date (See 7 "Evaluation Fee Payment/Proof of Evaluation Fee Payment Form" on page 8-9).

Download an Application Documents Submission Label and affix it to an envelope (A4 size: 240 x 332 mm) to post your documents. If posting from within Japan, use express simplified registered mail (速達簡易書留). Applicants from outside Japan should use the fastest available service, such as EMS (Express Mail Service).

(4) Points to note when applying

- (i) Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- (ii) Documents submitted to the university will not be returned to applicants. Alterations to the content of applications will not be permitted.
- (iii) Any change to the Contact Address entered in your application documents after submission must be notified promptly.
- (iv) In the event that any information in an application was falsified, enrollment may be invalidated even after admission to the university.

4. Selection Methods

(1) Selection methods

Applicants will be selected based on a combined assessment of application documents and interview.

The interview will be conducted in Japanese or English.

Fabricated items and creative works may not be brought to the interview.

Department	Department	Subjects, etc.	
		Subject	Scoring/Evaluation Viewpoints, Standards, etc.
International Resource Sciences	Resource Policy and Management	Interview	Interview will focus on evaluation of “knowledge and skills,” “reasoning, judgment and expression,” and “initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness.”
	Earth Resource Science	Interview	Interview will focus on evaluation of “knowledge and skills,” reasoning, judgment and expression,” and “initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness.”
	Earth Resource Engineering and Environmental Science	Interview	Interview will focus on evaluation of “knowledge and skills,” “reasoning, judgment and expression,” and “initiative, diversity, and cooperativeness.”

(2) **Selection date:** October 5, 2024, 13:00-18:00

(3) **Selection venue:** Akita University Tegata Campus (1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-shi)

You will be notified of the exact meeting point and time when your Examination Admission Slip is sent. In the event that you do not receive your Examination Admission Slip by October 2, contact the Admissions Office.

(4) Points to note when taking the interview

- (i) Do not forget to bring your Examination Admission Slip with you. Present it to the staff at the reception desk.
- (ii) In the event that you arrive after the starting time, you may be permitted to take the interview provided you are no more than ten minutes late.
- (iii) Disable all alarms and power down any mobile telephones or other electronic devices you have brought with you. Having such items on during the interview may constitute misconduct.
- (iv) Applicants engaging in misconduct will not be permitted to take any further part in interviews.
- (v) Comply with all directions of invigilators during the interview.

5. Announcement of Results

Successful applicants will be announced at 15:00 Japan Standard Time (to be confirmed) on November 1, 2024.

The application numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the web site of Akita University. Each successful applicant will also be sent a letter of acceptance and documents related to enrollment.

Note: Inquiries by telephone will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Successful applicants who applied on the basis of expected conferral of the International Baccalaureate Diploma will be sent both a letter of acceptance and guidelines on enrollment procedures.

Note: Successful applicants who applied on the basis of expected conferral of the International Baccalaureate Diploma will have their admission revoked in the event that the university is unable to receive a copy of their International Baccalaureate Diploma and transcript of grades in six IB subjects by February 18, 2025, or if their International Baccalaureate Diploma is not conferred by March 2025. The admission of such applicants may also be revoked if their final Diploma result score and subject grades are lower than those predicted at the time of application.

6. Prior Consultation for Applicants requiring Special Consideration

Applicants with illnesses, injuries, physical disabilities, developmental disorders, or other physical or mental conditions (hereafter “Disabilities, etc.”) who may require special consideration during the examination or course of their studies at the university should contact the Admissions Office before applying and no later than August 16, 2024, submitting the designated form with all required fields completed together with a medical certificate prepared by a doctor. If special consideration is required during the examination, for example, if the applicant makes use on an everyday basis of a hearing aid, crutches, wheelchair, or similar device, or if such needs arise following application due to accident or other contingency, contact the Admissions Office promptly. Depending on the severity of the Disability, etc., special arrangements may be required in advance. If you are unsure whether to apply to Akita University given your condition, consult with the Admissions Office in advance. Inform the Admissions Office if special arrangements are no longer required due to selection of an alternate institution or other reason.

Note that details of prior consultation will in no way influence decisions made concerning admission of applicants.

Contact: Admissions Office, Akita University

Telephone: +81 (0) 18-889-2256 E-mail: nyushi@jimmu.akita-u.ac.jp

7. Enrollment Procedures

Enrollment documents will be mailed to successful applicants. The required documents should be submitted by postal mail and fees paid between November 7 and November 13, 2024 (documents must reach the university by the final date of this period).

Fees

- (1) Admission fee 282,000 yen (subject to change)
- (2) Tuition 267,000 yen for first semester (535,800 yen for the full academic year)
(subject to change)

Notes:

1. The above fees are projected amounts. In the event that the admission fee is revised prior to enrollment, the revised fee will apply to all students seeking enrollment. Moreover, in the event that tuition is revised at the time of enrollment or during the course of study, the new tuition takes effect at the time of revision. Tuition is payable after enrollment.
2. Admission fees once paid will not be refunded for any reason.

8. Disclosure of Individual Results

Unsuccessful applicants may apply to have their results disclosed in the form of a cohort ranking A, B or C. Requests can be within the period shown below.

However, results will not be disclosed in the event that there were less than three unsuccessful applicants.

- (1) Request period: May 1 to June 30, 2025

- (2) Request point: For details of how to lodge a request, inquire to the office below.
Admissions Office, Akita University
1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-shi: Telephone +81(0) 18-889-3178

9. Other Matters

- (1) You will not be permitted to enroll if you apply for admission to Akita University or another university after completing enrollment procedures.
- (2) Successful applicants may be required to complete assignments prior to beginning their studies. If you are contacted in this regard, follow the directions provided. Applicants required to complete assignments may be asked to bear costs associated with textbooks, etc.

10. Inquiries

Admissions Office, Akita University

1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-shi 010-8502: Telephone +81(0) 18-889-3178

E-mail: nyushi@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp

Evaluation Fee Exemption

A special evaluation fee exemption system has been instituted in order to alleviate the financial burden on victims of natural disaster and secure opportunities for applicants to advance to university-level studies. Those who wish to receive the exemption should contact the Admissions Office prior to applying for admission.

(1) Eligibility

Eligibility is granted to those who have been victims of a natural disaster in a district to which the Disaster Relief Act applies and to whom any one of the following applies.

- (i) The building containing the sponsor's residence is completely, significantly, or partially destroyed or washed away in the disaster.
- (ii) Sponsor is deceased or missing owing to the disaster.
- (iii) District in which the sponsor's residence is located has been designated as a caution zone or a planned evacuation zone as a result of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident in the Great East Japan Earthquake

(2) How to request the exemption

Contact the Admissions Office in advance, and if you are judged eligible, submit the designated request documents by the application deadline shown in (4) below. When sending the documents, write "Evaluation Fee Exemption Request Enclosed" in red on the envelope, and enclose a return envelope (120 x 235 mm size, with your name and address written on it and 84 yen in postage stamps affixed).

If you have requested an exemption, do NOT pay the evaluation fee when applying for admission.

(3) Requests form and certifications

- (i) Request form

Evaluation Fee Exemption Request Form (separate form, downloadable from "Evaluation Fee Exemption" page within "Admission" section of the university website)

- (ii) Certificates

- Disaster Victim's Certificate evidencing degree of damage to residence (災証明書) (if (1) (i) above applies)
- Document evidencing the deceased or missing person (if (1) (ii) above applies)
- Disaster Victim's Certificate evidencing the residence is located in a designated area (被災証明書) (if (1) (iii) above applies)

(4) Request deadline

August 16, 2024

(5) Notification of approval or non-approval

- (i) If your request is approved, the university will send you a Notice of Determination before the application period. When submitting your application, do not pay the evaluation fee, but affix the Notice of Determination to your Proof of Evaluation Fee Payment Form.
- (ii) If your request is not approved, the university will notify you separately prior to the application period. When submitting your application, pay the evaluation fee and complete the required procedures. Your application will not be accepted if you do not pay the evaluation fee.

(6) Other matters

If there are circumstances which render you unable to submit your request and certification by the deadline, pay the evaluation fee initially and submit your application for admission.

*For inquiries regarding evaluation fee exemptions, contact the Akita University Admissions Office: telephone +81(0)18-889-2256

Dormitories for Domestic Students at Akita University

Periods to request guides to the student dormitories and apply for residence therein will be announced on the university website (<https://www.akita-u.ac.jp>).

For inquiries regarding student dormitories, contact the Akita University Student Support and Careers Office: telephone +81(0)18-889-2240

Obtaining a Visa

Foreign nationals wishing to stay in Japan for more than 90 days must obtain a "Japan Visa" in advance. There are several types of visas, and visa status is determined by the reason for coming to Japan, status, and position. The "Student" visa applies to international students studying at Japanese universities. The visa application must be made in person at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country. It takes from a few days to a month from the time of application until the visa is issued. Procedures differ for MEXT Scholarship students and privately financed students. Please confirm the following and take the necessary procedures.

If you are selected as a MEXT Scholarship student:

Approximately one month prior to enrollment, Akita University will send the "Certificate of Acceptance," which is required for visa application, to the applicant and inform you of the date when you can start the visa application. After receiving this notice, please apply for the visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country with your passport and other necessary documents.

If you are enrolling as a MEXT Scholarship student, you do not need to submit the "Certificate of Eligibility" listed below.

If it is decided that you are enrolling as a privately financed student:

A "Certificate of Eligibility" (hereinafter referred to as "COE") is required to apply for a visa. After you pass the screening process and it is decided that you are enrolling as a privately financed student, Akita University will apply for a COE to the Immigration Bureau of Japan on behalf of you in response to your request. Once the COE is issued, Akita University will send it to you by email. After receiving the COE, please apply for a visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country with your passport and other necessary documents.

〈Procedures for obtaining the Certificate of Eligibility〉

- ① Contact Akita University International Affairs Division (hereinafter referred to as the "IAD") by e-mail after receiving "Certificate of Acceptance" and it is decided that you are enrolling as a privately financed student.

(the applicant → the IAD)

*E-mail address: ryugaku@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp (the IAD)

*The subject of the e-mail should be "Application for Certificate of Eligibility" and scanned copy of the "Certificate of Acceptance" should be attached.

- ② Guidance on documents required for the application process for the COE
(the IAD → the applicant)
- ③ Submission of documents required for the application process for the COE
(the applicant → the IAD)

- ④ Application for the COE
(the IAD → Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau)
- ⑤ Issuance of your COE
(Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau → the IAD)
- ⑥ Email your COE
(the IAD → the applicant)

〈Note〉

- The application process takes time, so applicants should contact the IAD as soon as it is decided that you are enrolling Akita University as a privately financed student. It takes about 6-8 weeks from application to issuance of the COE.

For any questions about a certificate of eligibility:

Akita University International Affairs Division
1-1, Tegata Gakuen-machi Akita-shi 010-8502 Japan
Tel: +81-18-889-2258
E-mail: ryugaku@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp

Dormitories for International Students after Enrollment

The university has dormitory accommodation for international students as outlined below.

*If you wish to reside in one of these dormitories, apply in advance without awaiting the outcome of your application for admission.

Inquiries and postal addresses for documents relating to international student dormitories:

1) International Student House/International House

International Office, Akita University, 1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-shi 010-8502
Telephone +81 (0) 18-889-2258
E-mail: ryugaku@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp

2) Nishiyachi Dormitory

Student Support and Careers Office, Akita University, 1-1 Tegata Gakuen-machi, Akita-shi 010-8502
Telephone +81 (0) 18-889-2240
E-mail: g-kikaku@jimu.akita-u.ac.jp

Application for Admission

Academic Year 2025 International Baccalaureate Admissions

Faculty of International Resource Sciences, Akita University

Application Number	*
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Note: Complete this form using black non-erasable ballpoint pen. Do not fill in the Application Number box.

Wished Department					
Name	First/ Given Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Year:	Month: Date:
			Gender		Male / Female
Nationality					
Application Qualification	Country of institution most recently attended		Institution name		
	Date of graduation (or completion)	Graduated (or expect to graduate): Completed (or expect to complete):		Year: Month: Date:	
	Date of (expected) obtainment of International Baccalaureate Diploma	Year: Month:			
Completion of subjects designated by Akita University (incl. expected) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> as applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> One subject (HL 4 or above) from Individuals and Societies (Group 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (HL 4 or above) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (HL 4 or above) <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (HL 4 or above) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology (HL 4 or above)				

Contact Details

Applicant	Address (incl. postal code and country):
	Telephone:
	E-mail:
Guardian	Address (incl. postal code and country):
	Telephone:

Education and Employment History

(Be sure to enter all details of any university entrance, withdrawal, employment, home-based studies, etc. Not required for those still attending senior high school)	
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Academic Year 2025 Examination Admission Slip

Application Number	*	
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Wished Department		

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Inquiries: Akita University Admissions Office

Telephone +81(0)18-889-3178

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Academic Year 2025 Photo ID Card

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*Do not fill in the Application Number box.

Personal Statement

Academic Year 2025 International Baccalaureate Admissions Faculty of International Resource Sciences, Akita University

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Wished Department					
Applicant	Name	First/ Given Name	Surname	Gender	Male / Female
				Date of Birth	Year: Month: Date:

Write about your key strengths and attributes in one page or less, handwritten or produced using word processing software, etc. You may attach reference materials, but CDs and the like are not accepted. You may also paste images, etc. in reference materials if necessary. If you write your achievements, write the process of effort.

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Proof of Evaluation Fee Payment Form

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International Baccalaureate Admissions

**Paste Proof of Payment
for Evaluation Fee**

Note: Make sure the Proof of Payment is securely pasted
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If you have been granted an evaluation fee exemption,
attach the Notice of Determination to this form.

Prior to examination or study Consultation Form for Applicants Requiring Special Consideration

Date: month day 2025 year

Application Category	International Baccalaureate Admissions	
Wished Department		
Name (Age)	First/ Given Name	Surname (years)
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Type/Severity of Disability Note: Attach a certificate from a doctor or other document detailing the applicant's condition		
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Consideration Requested During Study Note: After the University has approved admission, the Student Support Center may contact the applicant regarding consultation details.		
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School Last Attended, etc.	Name of Institution	
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① For Letter of Acceptance

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② For Administrative Procedures

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**Examination Admission Slip, etc.
for International Baccalaureate Admissions Enclosed**

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Akita-shi 010-8502 Japan

Tel: +81-18-889-3178
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Application for Admission.etc. for International Baccalaureate Admissions

Wished Department	Fuculty of International Resource Science	
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