

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION TO  
GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMS AT THE GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
“SPECIAL APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS”**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2027  
(STARTING FROM APRIL 2027)  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
NAGOYA UNIVERSITY**

**May 2026**

**URL: <https://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/english/admission/index.html>**

**[Important] Advance Procedures on the Internet Application Site**

The Graduate School of Environmental Studies requires applicants to register “My Page” on the website, register application details, and pay the application fee in advance (see attached document “Online Application Flow” on page31-34).

Please prepare all items required for the online application, devices such as a computer connected to the internet and a color printer, an email address, a portrait photo, and submit your application after confirming the payment method, documents to be submitted, etc. If you do not have a color printer at home, please check the printable environment in advance, such as a convenience store.

Note that you will need to register for an account before applying, so ensure you have enough time to complete the application process. Important information about the examination and other related issues may be sent by the University to your registered e-mail address. Therefore, please register an e-mail address that you check on a regular basis and has little chance to be changed or deleted.

International applicants who are eligible for enrollment in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies with student visa status can apply for the “Special application for international students”. This brochure is a simple version of the guidelines for such applicants. More detailed information is provided in the Japanese version. Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor in advance.

## I. MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM

### 1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the requirements listed below:

- (1) Graduation, or expected graduation by March 31, 2027 from an undergraduate school or university in Japan.
- (2) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2027, of 16 years of formal education in his/her home country or other countries.
- (3) Persons who have been conferred, or expect to be conferred by March 31, 2027, a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree through attending an overseas university or another overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country’s government or a related institution, or have been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and graduated from a program that requires 3 or more years to complete (includes graduating from a program implemented by the relevant overseas school while living in Japan through distance learning, as well as graduating from a program implemented by an educational facility established with the relevant overseas country’s school education system and has received the designation mentioned above).
- (4) Approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) (1953 Ministry Bulletin, Vol. 5).
- (5) Have completed 3 years (or above) of education at a university in Japan, or have completed 15 years of formal education at an institution overseas; Or, have completed 15 years of formal education at an overseas institution in Japan (provided the program is equivalent to the formal education in its foreign country and is being recognized by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) by March 31, 2027. The applicant should also have earned all credits in good academic standing. All mentioned above should be recognized by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.
- (6) Completion of a program of study recognized by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies as equivalent to graduation from a Japanese university.

**Note: Applicants wishing to apply based on the requirement (5) or (6) above will be given an eligibility examination. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies for details. A separate application is required for the eligibility examination, to be submitted by June 12, 2026.**

## 2. Departments Offering Master's Degree Programs

Departments offering a Master's Program at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies are as follows:

- Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture
- Department of Social and Human Environment

## 3. Application Procedures

- Period for Online Registration and Examination Fee Payment: June 17 – 12:00pm, July 7, 2026
- Application Period: July 1 – 4:00pm, July 7, 2026 (Submission to the Office: 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00pm, Registered mail: must arrive no later than 4:00pm, July 7)

The application procedure will be completed by submitting the necessary application documents within the application period after completing registration and examination fee payment with the online application system.

\*The TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet can be submitted separately to the Office of Student Affairs by 4:00pm, July 31, 2026 (Friday)

Registration and examination fee payment with the online application system alone does not complete the application procedures.

The examination fee payment must be completed within four days from the day of registration. If a payment is not made within the period, the application registration will be automatically cancelled. (Please re-register if your registration is cancelled)

\*If the payment deadline is in less than four days, the payment deadline will be prioritized.

When submitting application documents by mail, please print out the "Address Sheet" in color via the online application system, attach it to a Kaku 2 envelope, and send it so it arrives by the application deadline.

When you are sending a set of application documents from overseas or sending an English score sheet separately from the application documents, send it by (express) registered mail or tracked post (EMS etc.) addressed to "9. Contact information". It is not necessary to affix the on-line issued "Address Sheet" but necessary to indicate the name of the enclosed document on the envelope.

For details, see "STEP 6 (Send Required Documents)" on page34.

All application documents shall be filled out in either Japanese or English.

### Payment of Examination fee

Examination fee 30,000 Japanese Yen

MEXT scholarship recipients are exempt from the examination fee. Please check "Exemptions from the examination fee" when applying.

Please note that if you select "Exempt from the examination fee" by mistake and submit your application documents without paying the examination fee, the documents will not be accepted.

\*In addition to the examination fee, a service charge (about 750-1,300 yen) will be required.

\*Examination Fee Refund Policy

The paid examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances except in the following two cases.

(1) If the applicant does not complete the application procedures after paying the examination fee, or your application has not been accepted.

(2) If the applicant paid the examination fee in duplicate.

Because the process for the refund will require a large reduction in the amount due to remittance charge and a

long time, please make the payment with special caution.

If you have any questions about the application procedures, please contact us at env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- (1) \*Nagoya University Graduate School Application Form
- (2) \*Photograph Card (affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months)  
The applicant must prepare and upload a portrait photo (up to 2MB), that is front facing, includes the upper body, no hats or backgrounds, and has been taken within 3 months of the application.
- \* (1)(2) The application form and photograph card must be **printed in color on a single-sided sheet of A4 sized paper** from the online application system.
- (3) Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form /Curriculum Vitae/Resume  
\*If the address to where the notification of acceptance will be sent is different from the address registered on the online application, the contact information must be provided in the "Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form".
- (4) Reason for Application
- (5) \*Official Transcript (or Academic Record) from the university above (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. English version is required if the transcript is written neither in Japanese nor in English). Be sure to also submit the grade assessment standards.
- (6) \*Diploma or Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation from the university where the applicant pursued undergraduate studies (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. An English version is required if the certificate is written neither in Japanese nor in English).
- \* (5)(6) Note: For applicants who have graduated from a university in the People's Republic of China: We reserve the right to investigate applicants' credentials, for example the Degree Certificate or Expected Graduation Certificate, or the academic transcript submitted by an applicant through the Center for Student Services and Development(CSSD).
- (7) TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet.  
Applicants must submit an original score sheet of the "Test Taker Score Report" of TOEFL iBT (including the Home Edition; MyBest scores are not accepted), the "Official Score Certificate" or the "Digital Official Score Certificate" of TOEIC (Listening & Reading Test), or the "Test Report Form" of IELTS (Academic Module). Only scores of the examinations taken on or after August 1, 2024, will be accepted. Score reports submitted directly by the testing institution will not be accepted. The original score sheet will not be returned. For more details, please refer to "4. Examination Method".  
In case of applicants for the self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment, however, graduates and soon-to-be graduates from an institution of higher education basically in a country or region where English is an official language do not need to submit a TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet.
- (8) Declaration of applicable specific categories for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act  
With the clarification of the scope of control for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act ("FEFTA"), a part of provision of sensitive technology to faculty members and students at universities and research institutions has become subject to control under the FEFTA. Consistently with this change, when applying for Nagoya University, it is required to submit a "Declaration of applicable

- specific categories” based on the “Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories”. Some applicants will also be required to submit a “Letter of confirmation” at the time of their admission.
- (9) Self-Recommendation Letter (Required only for applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Social and Human Environment)  
Only applicants for the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination in the General Application must write a self-recommendation letter.
- (10) Additional Application Form  
Applicants to the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences must fill out this form.
- (11) Research Proposal (applicants to the Department of Social and Human Environment only)  
There is no specific format or page requirement. Print the document on A4 paper. It must include the following: 1) background of the problem and research objectives, 2) a review of existing literature, and 3) research methodology and methods. The proposal should refer to the relevant literature where appropriate. It should be written in either Japanese or English.
- (12) A photocopy of your residence card or passport  
Applicants who are currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of their residence card (both sides). Oversea resident must submit a passport page with the ID photo.
- (13) Applicants receiving a scholarship from the Japanese Government (MEXT) must provide a Certificate of Status issued by the university where they are currently enrolled. However, applicants who are presently enrolled in Nagoya University do not need to do it.
- (14) A pre-confirmation letter by a prospective supervisor (required only for applicants applying to the Architecture course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture)

## 4. Examination Method

### (1) Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences consists of the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences. The Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences consists of the following seven laboratories: Earth Environmental Systems, Geology and Geobiology, Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, Earth and Planetary Physics, Ecology, Earth and Planetary Dynamics, and Chronology and Natural History. The Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences consists of the following four laboratories: Global Environmental Variation, Climate Science, Global Geochemistry, and Global Water Cycle.

Applicants are required to contact their prospective supervisor(s) prior to application. This ensures that the supervisor(s) can prepare for the examination by taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration.

Please refer to the "DOCUMENTS REQUIRED" regarding the "English Test". The original TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet taken on or after August 1, 2024, will be converted into the score for the test subject "English". Documents other than those listed above (e.g. TOEIC-IP test) will not be accepted. If a valid score sheet is not submitted, the score for the examination subject "English" will be zero.

#### (1.1) Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences

##### ① General Selection

The academic aptitude test is administered through either the General Entrance Examination (English, specialized subjects, oral examination) or the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination (English, oral examination). For the "English" exam subject, scores will be calculated based on the score sheet submitted at the time of application in accordance with "Documents Required." Please note that if a valid score sheet is not submitted, the score for the "English" exam subject will be recorded as zero. For details on the content of the "Specialized Subjects" exam, please refer to the separate file containing the admission guidelines.

For the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination, applicants who have not sufficiently studied the subject areas covered in the written examination (Specialized Subjects) but demonstrate a strong desire to study and conduct research in Earth and Planetary Sciences will be selected based on their application documents and an interview. Applicants to the Earth and Planetary Sciences program may take either the Regular Entrance Examination or the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination, or both; therefore, those taking the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination must submit a Self-Recommendation Form (using the Graduate School's template). However, students currently enrolled in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Faculty of Science, Nagoya University, or those who graduated from this department in March 2022 or later, are not eligible to take the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination.

The written and oral examinations will be conducted in person at an examination venue within Nagoya University.

Please contact faculty members in your desired research field in advance regarding your proposed research topic and other matters. If you do not contact them beforehand, faculty members in your desired field may contact you via email or other means.

Exam Type	Date	Exam Time	Exam Subject (Exam Format)	Meeting Place (Note 4)
General Entrance Exam	Monday, August 17, 2026	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Specialized Subjects (Written Exam) (Note 1)	3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building
	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM	Oral Exam (Note 2)	Lecture Room 1, Lecture Room 2
Self-Nomination Entrance Exam	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	1:00 PM– 4:00 PM	Oral Exam (Note 3)	3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building Lecture Room 1, Lecture Room 2

(Note 1) Exam Content

- Select any two questions from the eight questions covering the foundational fields of Earth and Planetary Sciences (Earth Environmental Science, Earth Science I, Earth Science II, Earth Science III, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics).
- For the scope of specialized subjects, please refer to the “Scope of Specialized Subjects” section for the Earth Environmental Science Major in the separate file containing the Examination Guidelines.
- Since scientific calculators will be provided to each examinee during the exam, bringing your own scientific calculator is not permitted.

(Note 2) An oral interview will be conducted regarding the content of your graduation research and the topics you wish to study in your desired field.

(Note 3) Give a presentation of no more than 5 minutes on the content of your graduation research, the topics you wish to study in your desired field, and any points you wish to highlight about yourself. An oral interview will be conducted based on this presentation. You may use a whiteboard and a PC projector for your presentation. A computer (OS: Windows) with Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 or later installed will be provided. Please bring your presentation file on a USB flash drive.

(Note 4) Please assemble 10 minutes before the start of the exam. Late arrivals will not be permitted for the oral exam.

② Special Selection for International Students

The academic aptitude test consists of English, specialized subjects, and an oral examination. For the “English” exam subject, scores will be calculated based on the score sheet submitted at the time of application in accordance with “Documents Required.” Please note that if a valid score sheet is not submitted, the score for the “English” exam subject will be recorded as zero. For the “Specialized Subject” exam, adjustments may be made based on language proficiency and prior coursework; therefore, you must contact your preferred academic advisor in advance.

Date	Exam Duration	Exam Subject (Exam Method)	Meeting Place (Note 4)
Monday, August 17, 2026	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Specialization subject (Written Examination) (Note 1)	3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building Lecture Room 1, Lecture Room 2
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM	Oral Exam English Interview (Note 3)	3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building Lecture Room 1, Lecture Room 2

(Note 1) Questions will be based on specialized subjects corresponding to previously studied material. Taking into account Japanese reading comprehension skills, etc., questions and answers will be in Japanese or English.

(Note 2) An oral examination will be conducted regarding the content of the graduation thesis and the research topics the applicant wishes to pursue in their desired field.

(Note 3) An oral examination in English will be conducted regarding your motivation for applying and your research plans after enrollment.

(Note 4) Please assemble 10 minutes before the start of the exam. Late arrivals will not be permitted for the oral exam.

### ③ Special Selection for Working Professionals

The Special Selection for Working Professionals will not be conducted during the First Application Period. It is scheduled to be conducted during the Second Application Period.

### ④ How to Submit Score Sheets

Submit the score sheet to this Graduate School by 4:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2026. If your score sheet is ready at the time of application, you may enclose it with the envelope containing the application form and other required documents and submit it to this Graduate School. Please note that replacement of a submitted score sheet is not permitted.

### ⑤ Second Choice

Applicants may list up to two preferred fields of study. Since there is a limit to the number of students a single faculty member can accept, and it may not be possible to have your preferred faculty member as your supervisor, please be sure to list a second choice whenever possible. If you are admitted but your assigned supervisor is not your first choice, you will be notified of this fact along with your admission notification.

Since the examination is conducted separately for the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division and the Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences Division, if your first and second choices are in different divisions, you must take the examination for both your first and second choices. In such cases, please use the statement of purpose for your first-choice division. However, when listing your second-choice division, please follow the instructions provided in the statement of purpose for that division. Details will be communicated to each applicant via email or other means after the application is submitted.

## (1.2) Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences

The scholastic ability test is conducted by the General Examination (English, specialized subjects, and oral examination) or the Self-recommendation Examination (English and oral examination). Applicants who wish to take the Self-recommendation Examination must select the General Application. Regarding the “English Test”, please refer to the “3. Application Procedures, DOCUMENTS REQUIRED”. It is strongly recommended to contact your prospective advisor in advance regarding your desired research theme.

The following table shows the examination schedule and location.

Type	Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
General Examination	Monday, August 17, 2026	13:00 –	Specialization Subject and Oral Examination *1	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	9:00 –, 13:00 –		
Self-recommendation Examination	Monday, August 17, 2026	13:00 –	Oral Examination *2	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	9:00 –, 13:00 –		

\*1: The General Examination (Specialization Subject and Oral Examination) will be conducted in the Environmental Studies Building. In the Oral Examination, applicants will be asked to answer questions about their undergraduate research, their motivation for applying, and their research plans after enrollment. In the Specialization Subject, applicants will be questioned on fundamental aspects of their academic field in two of the seven basic fields of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences (geoenvironmental science, geophysics, geochemistry, physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics), taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration. The two Specialization Subject fields must be selected from the recommendation fields designated by your first-choice professor. Applicants taking the General Examination must fill out and submit the “Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Science)”. No changes will be allowed to the Specialization Subject fields declared at the time of application. The examination will be conducted either in English and/or Japanese. The designated time for the examination will be notified by e-mail by July 31. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called.

\*2: Applicants who take the Self-recommendation Examination must submit the Self-Recommendation Form (a form of the Graduate School). The Self-recommendation Examination will be conducted in person at the Nagoya University. However, if it is difficult to come to Nagoya University, the option for the online examination may be selected. Applicants must fill out and submit the “Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences)”. Online examinations may be held at times other than those listed above. Applicants are required to give a 5-minute presentation on their undergraduate research and their research plan after enrollment, and then answer questions based on the presentation. Please prepare the power point or pdf file for presentation and bring it stored in a USB memory device. The examination will be conducted either in English and/or Japanese. The designated time for the oral examination will be notified by e-mail by July 31. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called.

**Submission for score sheet of English test:** As described in the “DOCUMENTS REQUIRED” section, submission of the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet with the other documents is strongly recommended at the time of application. However, if you do not have a valid score sheet at the time of application, you may submit the score sheet separately to the address shown in “9. Contact information”, arriving no later than July 31, 16:00 2026. Applicants should check the appropriate box in the Score sheet section of the “Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences)” and submit with the application documents.

Research Field	Name	Recommendation Field*						
		Geoenvironmental Science	Geophysics	Geochemistry	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Mathematics
Global Environmental Variation	NAKATSUKA Takeshi	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
	UEMURA Ryu	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
	SAKAI Akiko	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
Climate Science	FUJITA Koji	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
	SUDO Kengo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
	OHATA Sho	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Global Geochemistry	TSUNOGAI Urumu	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	NAKAGAWA Fumiko	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
	YAMAZAKI Atsuko	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>				
	TANIMOTO Hiroshi	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
	WATANABE Tsuyoshi	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>				
Global Water Cycle	TSUBOKI Kazuhisa		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
	HIYAMA Tetsuya	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>					
	TAKAHASHI Nobuhiro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>			
	MOCHIDA Michihiro	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		
	AIKI Hidenori		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
	MASUNAGA Hirohiko	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
	SHINODA Taro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
	KURITA Naoyuki		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
	FUJINAMI Hatsuki	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>					

\* Specialization Subject fields recommended by each supervisor are marked with “○”.

## (2) Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture

Examinations for international students will be held according to the following schedule.

Course	Date
Sustainable Development Course	August 19 – 20, 2026
Architecture Course	August 20 – 21, 2026

### Important Notice on the submission of the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet

(Only for applicants to the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture):

- As described in the “DOCUMENTS REQUIRED” section, submission of the score sheet with application documents is recommended. However, if you do not have a valid score by the deadline for application, you may submit the score sheet separately, sealed in an envelope, to the address shown in “9. Contact information” by the deadline for the score sheet with the word “Score Sheet enclosed” written in red on the envelope. Please note that replacement score sheets after submission will not be permitted.

### (2.1) Sustainable Development Course

[Important Notice]

- Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor before application. The questions in the examination are likely to take the applicants’ language ability and academic background into consideration.

[Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table. Examinations will be conducted in English and/or Japanese.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9:30 – 11:30	Specialization Subject (Written Examination) *1 *3	Lecture Room 1, Environmental Studies Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
	13:00 – 14:00	Essay (Written Examination) *2 *3	Same as above
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 – 12:00	Interview *4	To be announced during Written Examinations

\*1: Applicants must select three questions to answer from among the following categories:

(1) Environmental Engineering and Policy: three questions, and (2) Environmental Chemistry: two questions. Refer to the Appendix 1 for the scope of questions.

\*2: Applicants must write one short essay.

\*3: Only black pencils (or black mechanical pencils), erasers, a pencil sharpener and a watch are allowed to be used during the written examinations.

\*4: Applicants are required to answer questions mainly related to their reason for application as well as their research plan after joining the program and related topics. Interviews are conducted in the presence of all faculty members of the Sustainable Development Course.

Sustainable Development Studies Course, Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture,  
Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University  
AY2027 Master's Program Entrance Examination (1st calling)

### Subjects for the Examination and the Scope of the Questions

**【English】** Score will be given based on the submitted TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS scoresheet.

**【Specialization subject】** Choose and answer 3 questions from the following 5 questions.

- Environmental Engineering and Policy (Three questions)

Scope of the questions: Global warming and climate change issues; decarbonized society; sound material-cycle society; environment and economy; environmental issues related to land, cities, and transportations; environmental assessment; biodiversity and conservation; disaster prevention and mitigation; water supply and sewage; waste treatment and disposal; urban air quality and thermal environment; housing and the built environment, etc.

- Environmental Chemistry (Two questions)

Scope of the questions: Energy and material resources; chemical thermodynamics; electrochemistry; materials production, recycling and disposal; green sustainable chemistry; air, water, and soil pollutants; chemical substances related to global warming, ozone depletion, and acid rain; chemical substances affecting urban life; environmental analytical chemistry, etc.

**【Essay】** Write an essay on a topic related to environmental, social, economic, or related issues.

Logical argumentation skills will be primarily evaluated.

## (2.2) Architecture Course

### [Important Notice]

Japanese language skill should be needed in the examinations.

Applicants must get a pre-confirmation letter from their prospective supervisor before opening the online registration form (by June 16, 2026).

### [Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Thursday, August 20, 2026	13:30 – 18:40	Specialization I: Planning Theory and Design (Written Examination) *1	Drafting Room, ES Building, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor *2
	13:30 – 17:30	Specialization I: Environmental Engineering, and Structural Engineering (Written Examination) *1	Lecture Hall, Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Friday, August 21, 2026	13:30 –	Interview *3	Lecture Room 1 and 2, Environmental Studies Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor *4

\*1: Applicants must select one subject area from (1) Planning Theory (Urban planning, Architecture planning, Architectural history and theory) and Design, (2) Environmental Engineering (Building environmental engineering, Building equipment engineering), and (3) Structural Engineering (Structural engineering, Building material engineering). The subject area must be selected and written in the application form. In the examination, answers are requested to be written in Japanese. In (1) Planning and Design, applicants are requested to answer the questions on the planning field by writing in the first one hour, and to draw architectural design proposal in the next four hours after the interval of ten minutes. The scoring ratio of "Planning" and "Design" is 30% to 70%.

\*2: An applicant who will take the examination of "Planning and Design" should come to 1st floor, ES Building at 13:00.

\*3: Applicants are requested to answer questions mainly relating to their motivations, learning and research plans after admission, and related topics in Japanese. The schedule for the "Interview" may be altered due to the number of applicants. If it is changed, details will be announced before the "Interview".

\*4: The waiting room will be Lecture Hall available after 13:00 or will be announced on the first examination day.

### [Notes on taking examinations]

- Please ensure to carry the admission ticket and display it on the desk at all times during the examination.
- For each exam, applicants are required to arrive at the designated exam room before the scheduled start time. Arriving late may result in a failing admission. For written exams, entry into the exam room is allowed up to 30 minutes after the start time.
- Applicants may only use pencils, mechanical pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, or simple rulers for the purpose of drawing diagrams during the exam.
- Simple watches are permitted, but the following are prohibited: those with dictionary, calculator, or terminal functions, or any that make it difficult to determine if such functions are present; watches with a sounding second hand; kitchen timers or study timers; and large clocks.

- Alarm clocks and other communication devices, including mobile phones, must be turned off prior to starting the exam.
- During the exam, any items that are not essential for the examination are strictly prohibited.

[Prospective Supervisor]

Applicants can list up to two prospective supervisors. There is a limit to the number of students each supervisor can accept, and even if you pass, you may not be assigned to your first-choice supervisor's laboratory. Therefore, it is recommended that you list a second choice. Once you have confirmed that you have passed the entrance examination, please reach out to your prospective supervisor.

### (3) Department of Social and Human Environment

- Special application for international students

The entrance examination is scheduled as below. **Be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application**, because examination questions may be prepared according to applicants' language skills and academic background. Consideration will be given to applicants who have significant difficulty in coming to Japan to take the examination, so **be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application**. The written and oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9:30 – 11:30	Written Examination *1	Lecture Hall, Graduate School of Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2

\*1 Enter the exam room by 9:10 a.m. As for the Written Examination, you are required to answer the questions in your chosen academic field. Dictionaries and calculators are prohibited. See below for the range of questions in each academic field.

Academic Fields	Range of Questions
Environmental Policies	Applicants are required to answer one question related to Environmental Policies, and answer another from different academic fields: Economic Environment, Environmental Law and Politics, Sociology, and Geography
Economic Environment	Applicants are required to answer two questions from the following subjects. Environmental Economics, Economic Theory, Statistics, Business Administration, Management Organization Theory.
Environmental Law and Politics	Applicants are required to answer two questions from the following subjects. Environmental Politics, Environmental Administration, Environmental Governance.
Sociology	Applicants are required to answer two questions related to Sociological Theory and Social Research Methods. Questions are in part given in English.
Geography	There are a total of two questions. Questions are in part given in English. Topics to be covered are those that are crucial to Human Geography, Physical Geography and/or research methods in Geography. Additionally, your writing skills are also evaluated.

\*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination.

- General application (Self-recommendation admission) \*1

The following table shows the examination schedule. The oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2

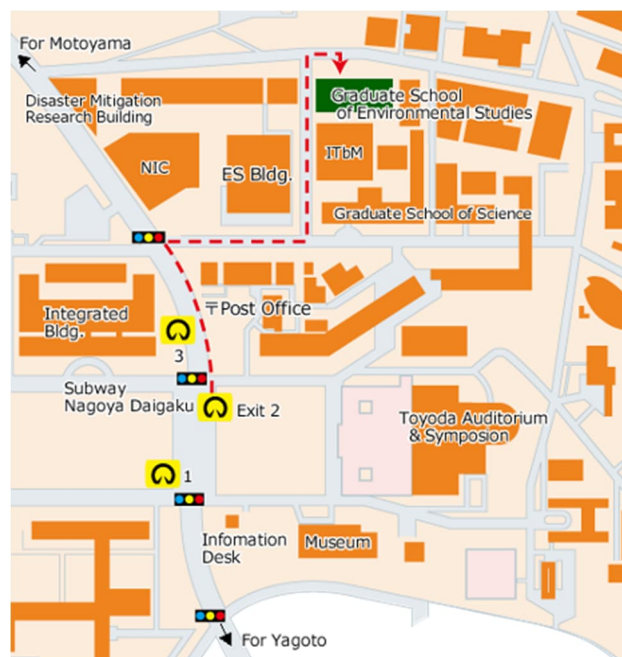
\*1 International applicants can also apply for “General application” the same as domestic applicants (please see the Japanese version of the application guideline for details). Applicants who wish to take the “self-recommendation admission” must get prior approval from their prospective supervisor.

Accordingly, applicants must consult with their prospective supervisor well before the date.

(Please note that applications are approved only in limited circumstances for those with high academic potential and achievement. Dual application to “special application for international students” and “general application”, including “self-recommendation admission”, is not allowed.) Applicants must mention the name of their prospective supervisor who approved their application on the application form.

\*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination. When self-recommendation admission applicants have extreme difficulty to come and take the oral examination at Nagoya University, the applicant’s prospective supervisor may allow the applicant to take an online video interview. Applicants who wish to take this must have their prospective supervisor’s approval and mention it on the application form. Online video interviews are held during the same time period as the oral examinations as written above. It is the applicant’s responsibility to have access to a webcam and a good internet connection; if you fail to do so, the applicant may be considered as absent.

- Access to the location of the **written examination of Department of Social and Human Environment**  
Lecture Hall, Graduate School of Environmental Studies Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.



## 5. Notification of Selection Results

Notification Date: 13:00pm, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 (scheduled)

Successful applicants' examination numbers will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.

Letter of Acceptance/Rejection of Application will also be sent by post to each applicant at a later date.

## 6. Enrollment Procedures

Successful applicants will be notified of enrollment procedures by post in the beginning of March 2027.

## 7. Admission and Tuition Fees

(1) Admission Fee: JPY 282,000 (estimated)

\*To be paid by the date of registration stated above.

(2) Tuition Fees: JPY 267,900 (estimated) per semester

\*To be paid on a per semester basis. Tuition fees for the Spring Semester are to be paid in May, and those for the Fall Semester in November. In the event of a revision in the tuition fees, the new fees will be applied as effective from the date of revision.

Note: Admission and tuition fees are exempted for students receiving the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship.

## 8. Important Notice

- Under no circumstances will the school allow changes to the applicants' documents or refund the examination fee.
- Before application, applicants are strongly recommended to contact their prospective supervisor. Please refer to the following website (go to "Faculty Members") for more information on our faculty members:  
<https://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

## 9. Contact information

The Office of Student Affairs, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University  
D2-1(510), Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, JAPAN 464-8601  
E-mail: env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

\*Nagoya University (Tokai National Higher Education and Research System) has established the Tokai National Higher Education and Research System Security Export Control Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") in accordance with the security export control system under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. We conduct rigorous screening for exports of goods and transfers of technology (including the admission of individuals). Please note that if an applicant is found to be in violation of the Rules, admission may not be granted even if the individual passes the entrance examination, or research activities after enrollment may be restricted. For more information, please visit the website below. Additionally, individuals subject to these restrictions will be notified separately. Please be aware that in such cases, if an examination fee has already been paid, it will not be refunded.

<https://www.aip.nagoya-u.ac.jp/securityexport-extramural>

International applicants who are eligible for enrollment in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies with student visa status can apply for “Special application for International students.” This brochure is a simple version of the guidelines for such applicants. More detailed information is provided in the Japanese version. Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor in advance.

## II. DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

### 1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the requirements listed below:

- (1) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2027 of a Master’s Degree from a graduate school in Japan.
- (2) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2027 of graduate study at a graduate school in his/her home country or other countries. The qualification awarded must be recognized as the equivalent of a Master’s Degree in Japan.
- (3) Approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) (1989 Ministry Bulletin, Vol. 118).
- (4) Completion of a program of study recognized by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies as equivalent to the completion of a Master’s Degree program from a Japanese university.

**Note: Applicants wishing to apply based on the requirement (3) or (4) above will be given an eligibility examination. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies for details. A separate application is required for the eligibility examination, to be submitted by June 12, 2026.**

### 2. Departments Offering Doctoral Degree Programs

Departments offering Doctoral Programs at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies are as follows:

- Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture
- Department of Social and Human Environment

### 3. Application Procedures

- Period for Online Registration and Examination Fee Payment: June 17 – 12:00pm, July 7, 2026
- Application Period: July 1 – 4:00pm, July 7, 2026 (Submission to the Office: 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00pm, Registered mail: must arrive no later than 4:00pm, July 7)

The application procedure will be completed by submitting the necessary application documents within the application period after completing registration and examination fee payment with the online application system.

\*The TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet can be submitted separately to the Office of Student Affairs by 4:00pm, July 31, 2026.

Registration and examination fee payment with the online application system alone does not complete the application procedures

The examination fee payment must be completed within four days from the day of registration. If a payment is not made within the period, the application registration will be automatically cancelled. (Please re-register if your registration is cancelled)

\*If the payment deadline is in less than four days, the payment deadline will be prioritized.

When submitting application documents by mail, please print out the "Address Sheet" in color via the online application system, attach it to a Kaku 2 envelope, and send it so it arrives by the application deadline.

When you are sending a set of application documents from overseas or sending an English score sheet separately from the application documents, send it by (express) registered mail or tracked post (EMS etc.) addressed to "9. Contact information". It is not necessary to affix the on-line issued "Address Sheet" but necessary to indicate the name of the enclosed document on the envelope.

For details, see "STEP 6 (Send Required Documents)" on page34.

All application documents shall be filled out either in Japanese or English.

### **Payment of Examination fee**

Examination fee 30,000 Japanese Yen

MEXT scholarship recipients, as well as those who are expected to graduate from a master's program at Nagoya University are exempt from the examination fee. Please check "Exemptions from the examination fee" when applying.

Please note that if you select "Exempt from the examination fee" by mistake and submit your application documents without paying the examination fee, the documents will not be accepted.

\*In addition to the examination fee, a service charge (about 750-1,300 yen) will be required.

\*Examination Fee Refund Policy

The paid examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances except in the following two cases.

- (1) If the applicant does not complete the application procedures after paying the examination fee, or your application has not been accepted.
- (2) If the applicant paid the examination fee in duplicate.

Because the process for the refund will require a large reduction in the amount due to remittance charge and a long time, please make the payment with special caution.

If you have any questions about the application procedures, please contact us at [env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp).

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

(1) \*Nagoya University Graduate School Application Form

(2) \*Photograph Card (affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months)

The applicant must prepare and upload a portrait photo (up to 2MB), that is front facing, includes the upper body, no hats or backgrounds, and has been taken within 3 months of the application.

\* (1)(2) The application form and photograph card must be **printed in color on a single-sided sheet of A4 sized paper** from the online application system.

(3) Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form /Curriculum Vitae/Resume

If the address to where the notification of acceptance will be sent is different from the address registered on the online application, the contact information must be provided in the "Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form".

(4) Reason for Application

(5) \*Diploma or Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation from the university where the applicant pursued graduate studies (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. An English version is required if the certificate is written neither in Japanese nor in English).

(6) \*Official Transcript (or Academic Record) from the university above (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. English version is required if the transcript is written neither in Japanese nor in English). Be sure to also submit the grade assessment standards.

\* (5)(6) Note: For applicants who have graduated from a university in the People's Republic of China: We reserve the right to investigate applicants' credentials, for example the Degree Certificate or Expected Graduation Certificate, or the academic transcript submitted by an applicant through the Center for Student Services and Development(CSSD).

(7) Declaration of applicable specific categories for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.

With the clarification of the scope of control for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act ("FEFTA"), a part of provision of sensitive technology to faculty members and students by universities and research institutions has become subject to control under the FEFTA. Consistently with this change, when applying for Nagoya University, it is required to submit a "Declaration of applicable specific categories" based on the "Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories." some applicants will also be required to submit a "Letter of confirmation" at the time of their admission.

(8) TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet (required only for applicants to the Sustainable Development Course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture and applicants for self-recommendation to the Department of Social and Human Environment)

Applicants must submit an original score sheet of the "Test Taker Score Report" of TOEFL iBT (including the Home Edition; MyBest scores are not accepted), the "Official Score Certificate" or the "Digital Official Score Certificate" of TOEIC (Listening & Reading Test), or the "Test Report Form" of IELTS (Academic Module). Only scores of the examinations taken on or after August 1, 2024, will be accepted. Score reports submitted directly by the testing institution will not be accepted. The original score sheet will not be returned. For more details, please refer to "4. Examination Method".

In case of applicants for the self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment, graduates and soon-to-be graduates from an institution of higher education basically in a country or region where English is an official language do not need to submit a TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS

original score sheet.

- (9) Master's Thesis/Research (required only for applicants to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Social and Human Environment)  
Applicants to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences can submit any one from among (i) Master's thesis or its abstract, (ii) reprints of paper published in an academic journal or abstracts of conference presentations, and (iii) if the applicant has not submitted a master's thesis, a summary of the applicant's research in any format on a single side sheet of A4 paper.  
Applicants for the Department of Social and Human Environment can submit the Master's thesis. If it has not been submitted, a summary of the research will be accepted (about 4000 words in A4 size).
- (10) Additional Application Form (required only for applicants to the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences)
- (11) Research Proposal (required only for applicants to the Department of Social and Human Environment)  
The research proposal should include the following: 1) background of the problem and objectives of the research, 2) a review of the existing literature, and 3) methodology and methods of the research. The proposal should refer to the relevant literature where appropriate. It shall be written in either Japanese or English.
- (12) Self-recommendation letter (Applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Sustainable Development Course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture and the Department of Social and Human Environment)  
Applicants for the self-recommendation admission in the General application to the Sustainable Development Course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture and the Department of Social and Human Environment must write a self-recommendation letter. (Form 12, A4 size single-sided printing)
- (13) A photocopy of your residence card or passport  
Those applicants who are currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of their residence card (both sides). Oversea resident must submit a passport page with the ID photo.
- (14) Applicants receiving a scholarship from the Japanese Government (MEXT) must provide a Certificate of Status issued by the university where they are currently enrolled. However, the applicant who is presently enrolled in Nagoya University does not need to do it.
- (15) A pre-confirmation letter by a prospective supervisor (required only for applicants applying to the Architecture course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture)

## 4. Examination Method

### (1) Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences consists of the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences. The Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences consists of the following seven laboratories: Earth Environmental Systems, Geology and Geobiology, Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, Earth and Planetary Physics, Ecology, Earth and Planetary Dynamics, and Chronology and Natural History, and Ecology. The Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences consists of the following four laboratories: Global Environmental Variation, Climate Science, Global Geochemistry, and Global Water Cycle.

Applicants are required to contact their prospective supervisor(s) prior to application, so that the supervisor(s) can prepare for the examination, taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration. Online examinations may be held at times other than those listed below.

#### (1.1) Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences

The oral examination will be conducted in person at an examination venue within Nagoya University. Applicants will be required to give a 15-minute presentation on the content of their research (such as their master's thesis) and their research plans after admission, followed by an approximately 15-minute oral examination assessing their expertise in their field. Whiteboards and PC projectors may be used for the presentation. Computers running Windows with Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 or later installed will be provided. Candidates must bring their presentation files on a USB flash drive.

##### ① General Selection

The academic aptitude test will be held on the following dates.

Please contact your prospective supervisor in advance regarding your desired research topic.

Date	Time	Exam Subject (Exam Format)	Meeting Place (Note 2)
Monday, August 17, 2026	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM	Oral Exam (Note 1)	Seminar Room 1, 3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building

(Note 1) Presentation of master's thesis or equivalent and oral examination. For applicants from departments other than the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division, Department of Earth Environmental Sciences, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University, language proficiency (English) will also be assessed during the oral examination.

(Note 2) Please assemble 10 minutes before the start of the exam.

##### ② Special Selection for International Students

The academic aptitude test will be held on the following dates.

Please note that the exam questions may be adjusted to take into account language proficiency and prior coursework; therefore, you must contact your prospective supervisor in advance.

Date	Time	Exam Subject (Exam Format)	Meeting Place (Note 2)
Monday, August 17, 2026	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM	Oral Exam (Note 1)	Seminar Room 1, 3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building

(Note 1) Presentation of master's thesis or equivalent and oral examination. For applicants from departments other than the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division, Department of Earth Environmental Sciences, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University, language proficiency (English) will also be assessed during the oral examination.

(Note 2) Please assemble 10 minutes before the start of the exam.

③ Special Selection for Working Professionals

The academic aptitude test will be held on the following dates.

Please contact your prospective supervisor in advance regarding your desired research topic.

Date	Time	Exam Subject (Exam Format)	Meeting Place (Note 2)
Monday, August 17, 2026	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM	Oral Exam (Note 1)	Seminar Room 1, 3rd Floor, Environmental Studies Building

(Note 1) Applicants will be required to present their previous research and research plans for the doctoral program, and will undergo an oral examination assessing their expertise in their field. Language proficiency (English) will also be evaluated during the oral examination.

(Note 2) Please assemble 10 minutes before the start of the exam.

## (1.2) Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences

It is strongly recommended to contact your prospective advisor in advance regarding your desired research theme. The following table shows venue and time of the oral examination schedule. Oral examinations will be conducted in the Environmental Studies Building.

Date	Time	Examination	Location
Monday, August 17, 2026	13:00 –	Oral Examination	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	9:00 –, 13:00 –		

### Note

- 1) Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called.
- 2) A whiteboard and a PC projector can be used for the presentation. Microsoft Power Point (2016, Japanese version) installed on a Windows PC is available.
- 3) The oral examination will be conducted in English and/or Japanese.
- 4) Applicants who are enrolled in the Master's program of the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Nagoya University and wish to enter the spring semester in April 2027 will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on their master's thesis currently being prepared and a 5-minute presentation on the research plan (total 15 minutes or less). This will be followed by an interview based on the presentation. Other applicants will be asked to give a 30-minute presentation on their Master's program research (in 20 minutes) and their Doctoral program research plan (10 minutes). This will be followed by an interview based on the presentation.
- 5) Applicants are required to take an exam at the Environmental Studies Building, Nagoya University. If it is difficult to come to Nagoya University, a remote (online) examination can be selected. Applicants who wish to take the online examination should fill out and submit the Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences). The examination schedule and other details will be notified by e-mail by July 31.

## (2) Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture

Examinations for international students will be held according to the following schedule.

Course	Date
Sustainable Development Course	August 19 – 20, 2026
Architecture Course	August 18 – 21, 2026

### Important Notice on the submission of the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet

(Only for applicants to the Sustainable Development Course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture):

- As described in the “DOCUMENTS REQUIRED” section, submission of the score sheet with application documents is recommended. However, if you do not have a valid score by the deadline for application, you may submit the score sheet separately, sealed in an envelope, to the address shown in “9. Contact information” by the deadline for the score sheet with the word “Score Sheet enclosed” written in red on the envelope. Please note that replacement score sheets after submission will not be permitted.

### (2.1) Sustainable Development Course

[Important Notice]

- Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor before application. The questions in the examination are likely to take the applicants’ language ability and academic background into consideration.

[Examinations and schedule]

- Special application for international students

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table. English and/or Japanese language will be used in the examinations.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9:30 – 11:30	Specialization Subject (Written Examination) *1 *2	Lecture Room 1, Environmental Studies Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
	13:00 – 18:00	Oral Examination (Oral Examination) *3	To be announced during Written Examinations
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 – 12:00	Interview *4	To be announced during Written Examinations

\*1: Prior to application applicants are required to contact the prospective supervisor to determine the examination subjects (three fields).

\*2: Only black pencils (or black mechanical pencils), erasers, a pencil sharpener and a watch are allowed to be used during the written examinations.

\*3: Questions in the Oral Examination will be mainly related to the examination subjects.

\*4: Applicants are required to answer questions mainly related to their reason for application as well as their research plan after joining the program and related topics. Interviews are conducted in the presence of all faculty members of the Sustainable Development Course.

- General application (Self-recommendation admission) \*1

The following table shows the examination schedule. The oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9:00 – 18:00	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 – 12:00	Interview *3	To be announced during Oral Examinations

\*1 International applicants can also apply for “General application” the same as domestic applicants (please see the Japanese version of the application guideline for details). Dual application to “special application for international students” and “general application”, including “self-recommendation admission”, is not allowed. **Applicants who wish to take the “self-recommendation admission” must get prior approval from their prospective supervisor. Accordingly, applicants must consult with their prospective supervisor well before the date.** (Please note that applications are approved only in limited circumstances for those with high academic potential and achievement.) Applicants must mention the name of their prospective supervisor who approved their application on the application form.

\*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated time and other details of the oral examination.

\*3: Applicants are required to answer questions mainly related to their reason for application as well as their research plan after joining the program and related topics. Interviews are conducted in the presence of all faculty members of the Sustainable Development Course.

## (2.2) Architecture Course

### [Important Notice]

Applicants must get a pre-confirmation letter from their prospective supervisor before opening the online registration form (by June 16, 2026).

### [Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 –	To be announced (2 hours)	Specialization Subject *2 (Written Examination)	To be announced
Friday, August 21, 2026 *1	To be announced (1 hour)	Oral Examination *3,4	To be announced
Friday, August 21, 2026	15:30 – *5 (20 min.)	Interview *3,6	Lecture Room 2, Environmental Studies Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor *5

\*1: Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor to confirm the schedule and the examination room.

\*2: “Specialization Subject” is conducted in Japanese or English and is related to the desired field of specialization.

\*3: “Oral Examination” and “Interview” will be conducted in English, Japanese, or both.

\*4: “Oral Examination” will consist of a 30-minute presentation covering the research conducted so far and outlining research plans for the graduate program. This will be followed by a 30-minute oral exam designed to evaluate specialist skills and communication abilities, which may be conducted in either Japanese or English. The assessment will also focus on logical thinking.

\*5: The time, location, and start of “Interview” may change based on applicant numbers and will be announced separately.

\*6: In the “Interview”, applicants must provide presentations and will be questioned on their motivations, learning objectives, and research plans.

### [Notes on taking examinations]

- Please ensure to carry the admission ticket and display it on the desk at all times during the examination.
- For each exam, applicants are required to arrive at the designated exam room before the scheduled start time. Arriving late may result in a failing admission. For written exams, entry into the exam room is allowed up to 30 minutes after the start time.
- Applicants may only use pencils, mechanical pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, or simple rulers for the purpose of drawing diagrams during the exam.
- Simple watches are permitted, but the following are prohibited: those with dictionary, calculator, or terminal functions, or any that make it difficult to determine if such functions are present; watches with a sounding second hand; kitchen timers or study timers; and large clocks.
- Alarm clocks and other communication devices, including mobile phones, must be turned off prior to starting the exam.
- During the exam, any items that are not essential for the examination are strictly prohibited.

### (3) Department of Social and Human Environment

- Special application for international students

The entrance examination is scheduled as below. **Be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application**, because examination questions may be prepared according to applicants' language skills and academic background. Consideration will be given to applicants who have significant difficulty in coming to Japan to take the examination, so **be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application**. The written and oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9:30 – 11:30	Written Examination *1	Lecture Hall, Graduate School of Environmental Studies Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2

\*1 Enter the exam room by 9:10 am. As for the Written Examination, you are required to answer the questions in your chosen academic field. Dictionaries and calculators are prohibited. See below for the range of questions in each academic field.

Academic Fields	Range of Questions
Environmental Policies	Applicants are required to answer questions related to Environmental Policy. In some cases, questions will be in part given in English.
Economic Environment	Applicants are required to answer questions related to Economics, Business Administration, and/or Statistics. In some cases, questions will be in part given in English.
Environmental Law and Politics	Applicants are required to answer questions given in English related to the study of Law and Politics.
Sociology	Applicants are required to answer questions related to Sociology. Questions are in part given in English.
Geography	Topics to be covered in the examination are those that are discussed in all fields of Geography. Articles in languages other than Japanese are included.

\*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination.

- General application (Self-recommendation admission) \*1

The following table shows the examination schedule. The oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations	Location
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2
Thursday, August 20, 2026	9:00 –	Oral Examination *2	To be announced *2

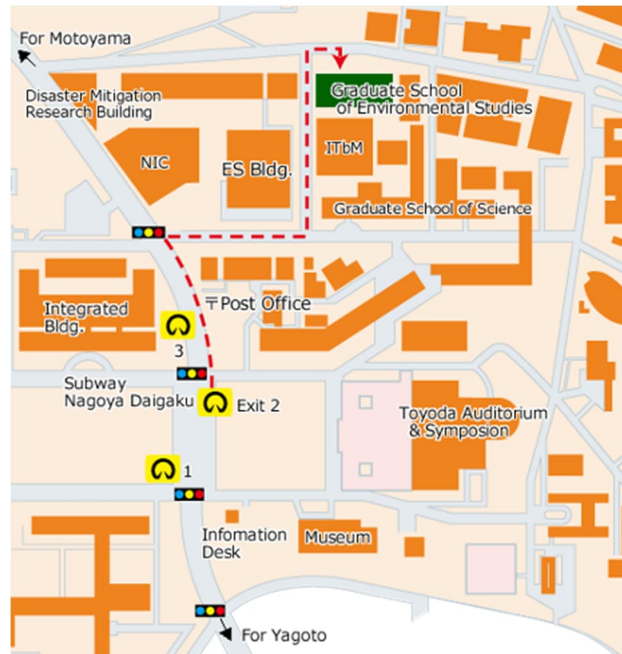
\*1 International applicants can also apply for "General application" the same as domestic applicants (please see the Japanese version of the application guideline for details). Applicants who wish to take the "self-recommendation admission" must get prior approval from their prospective supervisor.

Accordingly, applicants must consult with their prospective supervisor well before the date.

(Please note that applications are approved only in limited circumstances for those with high academic potential and achievement. Dual application to “special application for international students” and “general application”, including “self-recommendation admission”, is not allowed.) Applicants must mention the name of their prospective supervisor who approved their application on the application form.

\*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination. When self-recommendation admission applicants have extreme difficulty to come and take the oral examination at Nagoya University, the applicant’s prospective supervisor may allow the applicant to take an online video interview. Applicants who wish to take this must have their prospective supervisor’s approval and mention it on the application form. Online video interviews are held during the same time period as the oral examinations as written above. It is the applicant’s responsibility to have access to a webcam and a good internet connection; if you fail to do so, the applicant may be considered as absent.

- Access to the location of the **written examination of Department of Social and Human Environment** Lecture Hall, Graduate School of Environmental Studies Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.



## 5. Clinical Environmental Studies Program Information

Clinical Environmental Studies is a new concept of environmental studies proposed by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, and refers to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and practice that directly contributes to solving issues related to regional sustainability. The Clinical Environmental Studies Program is a program to develop human resources capable of such research and practice in the doctoral course, and is mainly conducted by the Education and Research Center for Sustainable Co-Development affiliated with the Graduate School of Environmental Studies. In the On-Site Research Training program, students go into the field to discover local issues and propose prescriptions for solving them; in the SDGs basic seminar, students learn what clinical environmental studies is and the basic content of sustainable development and the SDGs, and also consider how their own research topics can contribute to achieving the SDGs. Students who have earned the prescribed credits will receive a certificate of completion.

- This program is designed for students who wish to enter or advance to the doctoral program of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, in addition to the curriculum of their own major or course of study.
- Those who wish to take this course must fill in ✓ in the designated field on the application form.
- The main purpose of this program is to nurture students who are willing to broaden their perspectives not only through study and research in their specialized fields, but also through active participation in clinical environmental studies, which contributes to solving regional issues through collaboration among different fields.
- Completion requirement: 5 credits of On-Site Research Training\* (3 credits) and SDGs basic seminar\*\* (2 credits).
- Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate of completion in addition to their degree.
- The following are the two semesters courses related to the Clinical Environmental Studies Program. All of them are common courses of the Graduate School.

\* On-Site Research Training (3 credits): In a domestic field, a team consisting of faculty members and students from different fields will proceed with practical training from problem identification to the formulation of solutions.

\*\* SDGs Basic Seminar (2 credits): Students learn what clinical environmental studies is and the basic content of sustainable development and the SDGs, and consider how their own research topics can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

## 6. Notification of Selection Results

Notification Date: 13:00pm, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 (scheduled)

Successful applicants' examination numbers will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.

Letter of Acceptance/Rejection of Application will also be sent by post to each applicant at a later date.

## 7. Enrollment Procedures

Successful applicants will be notified of enrollment procedures by post in the beginning of March 2027.

## 8. Admission and Tuition Fees

(1) Admission Fee: JPY 282,000 (estimated)

\*To be paid by the date of registration stated above.

Note: MEXT scholarship recipients and those who are expected to graduate from a master's program at Nagoya University are exempt from the admission fee.

(2) Tuition Fees: JPY 267,900 (estimated) per semester

\*To be paid on a per semester basis. Tuition fees for the Spring Semester are to be paid in May, and those for the Fall Semester in November. In the event of a revision in the tuition fees, the new fees will be applied as effective from the date of revision.

Note: MEXT scholarship recipients are exempt from the tuition fees

## 9. Important Notice

- Under no circumstances will the school allow changes to the applicants' documents or refund the examination fee.
- Before application, applicants are strongly recommended to contact their prospective supervisor. Please refer to the following website (go to "Faculty Members") for more information on the research interests of our faculty members.

<https://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

## 10. Contact information

The Office of Student Affairs, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University

D2-1(510), Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, JAPAN 464-8601

E-mail: env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

\*Nagoya University (Tokai National Higher Education and Research System) has established the Tokai National Higher Education and Research System Security Export Control Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") in accordance with the security export control system under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. We conduct rigorous screening for exports of goods and transfers of technology (including the admission of individuals). Please note that if an applicant is found to be in violation of the Rules, admission may not be granted even if the individual passes the entrance examination, or research activities after enrollment may be restricted. For more information, please visit the website below. Additionally, individuals subject to these restrictions will be notified separately. Please be aware that in such cases, if an examination fee has already been paid, it will not be refunded.

<https://www.aip.nagoya-u.ac.jp/securityexport-extramural>

# Web Application Flow

The web application flow is as follows.



STEP

1

## Preparation

Prepare a computer and printer connected to internet (smartphone and tablet are not recommended).

Prepare \*required documents well in advance before application since it may take time to obtain them.

\*Required documents: ID photo data, certificates etc.  
For details, please check [the application guidelines](#) for the graduate schools you wish to enter.

(Photo data)

STEP

2

## Access the Application Site

From the application site ▶ <https://e-apply.jp/ds/nagoya-gs/>

STEP

3

## MyPage Registration

Follow the instructions on the screen to enter the required information and register for MyPage. If you have already registered MyPage, please proceed to STEP4.

① If you register MyPage for the first time, please login from [My Page registration](#).

② Register your email address and click [Submit a temporary registration e-mail](#).

③ Click [Go to Login](#).

④ The initial password and URL for main registration will be sent to the e-mail address.

\* Please check your e-mail settings as well to ensure that you are able to receive e-mails from @e-apply.jp domain.

⑤ On the login screen, enter the registered e-mail address and the "initial password" you received in ④, and click [Login](#).

⑥ Change from the initial password to new password.

⑦ Enter the required personal information and click [Next](#).

⑧ Confirm the personal information you entered and click [To register in this content](#).



STEP  
5



## Pay the examination fee

### 1 Paying with a credit card

You can select and pay during the Web application.

[Credit cards available for the payment]

VISA, Master, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG, DC, UFJ, NICOS



The payment can be completed during the Web application.

### 2 Paying by internet banking

(Only in Japan)

After your Web application is registered, the page will shift to the site of the bank you chose. Make the payment as instructed on the screen.

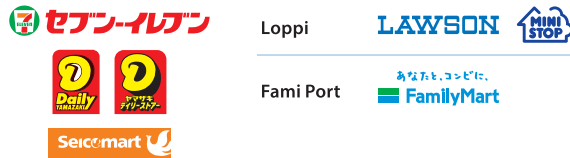
\*Required your bank account is registered for internet banking.

The payment can be completed online.

### 3 Paying at convenience stores (Only in Japan)

Write down the number displayed after your Web application is registered, and pay at any one of the following convenience stores.

● Pay at the cashier ● Pay using the terminal



### 4 Paying at ATMs with Pay-easy option

(Only in Japan)

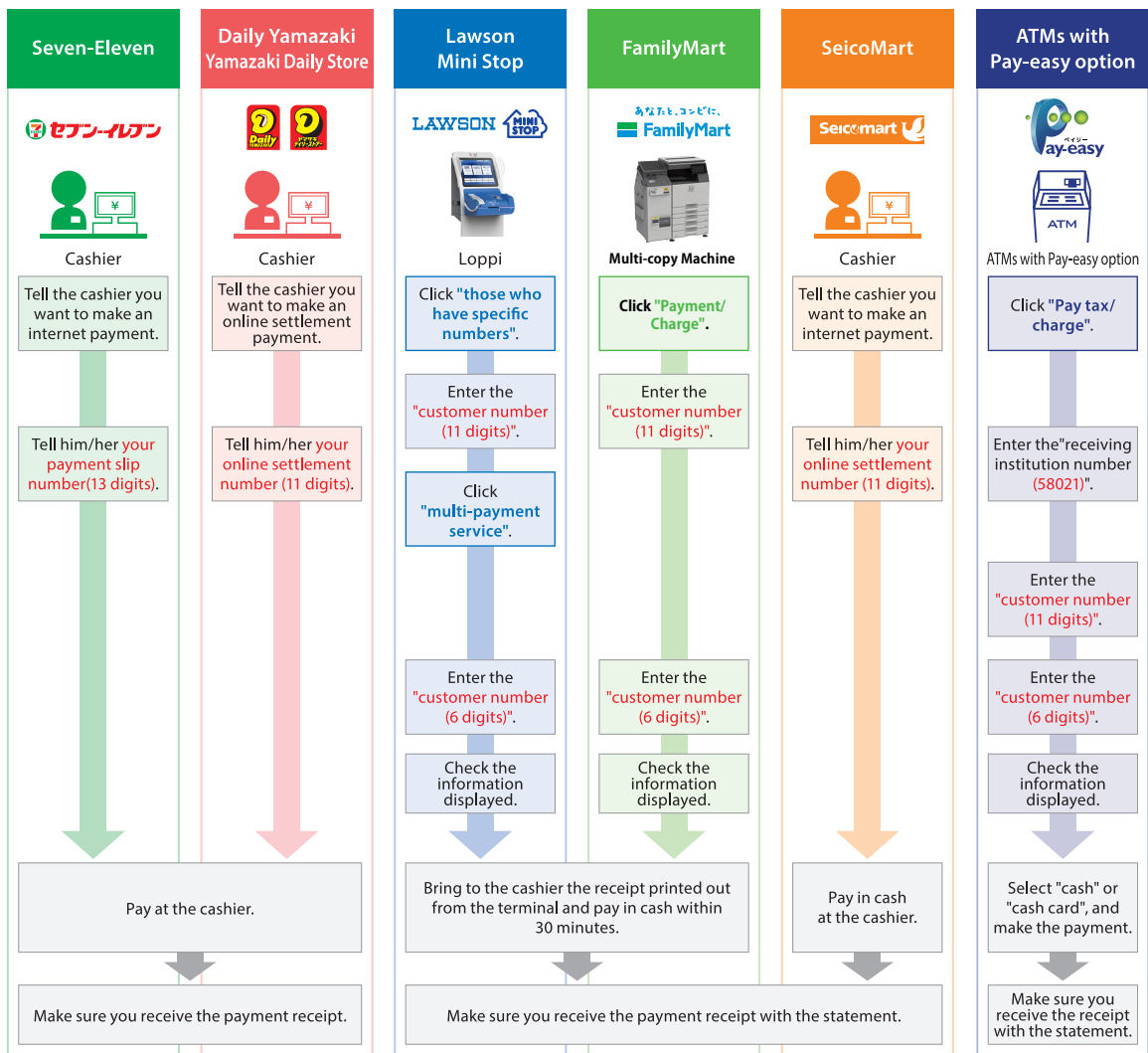
Write down the number displayed after your Web application is registered, and pay at any one of the ATMs with Pay-easy option as instructed on the screen.



\*Banks with Pay-easy option can be checked on the [Selection of Payment Method] page.

Enter necessary information as instructed on the screen of the terminal or ATM, check the information displayed, and make the payment.

### 3 Convenience stores



## STEP

# 6



## Send Required Documents by Post

Print the documents downloadable in color after the completing and paid your application and send them from post office by simple registered express mail (簡易書留・速達郵便) along with other required documents. If you are from outside Japan, send them by tracked post (EMS etc.) within the application period.

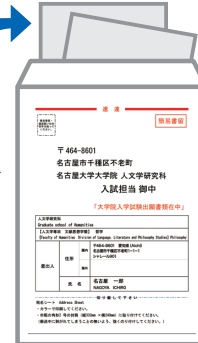
### Required documents

- Documents to be printed from the web applicaton
- Documents to be downloaded from the Graduate School WEB site and prepaed
- Certificated issued by your garaduated universities



One copy is required for each application registration. Please refer to **the application guidelines** for the required documents.

The mailing address of your application will be automatically printed on the Address Sheet. When sending from overseas, do not use this sheet.



Address sheet for submitting your application

Attach the sheet to a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm).



If the application guidelbook specify other submission methods, please follow it.

\*The examination fee and necessary documents that have been received will not be returned in any way except for those specified it in **the application guidelines**.

## < Application Completion >

### Note for Application

Your application will be completed only after you complete the web application, pay the examination fee, and send by post the required documents by the deadline. Please make sure to check the deadline in **the application guidelines**.

## STEP

# 7



## Print the Examinee's Registration Card

When the application is accepted and the examinee's registration card is able to be printed, you will be notified it through the e-mail address you have registered. If you do not receive the e-mail, please login to the Web application site by the day before the examination, print the card out on an A4 paper, single-sided in color, and bring this with you on the day of the examination.

