

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS**  
**OKINAWA GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM**  
**(NON-SCHOLARSHIP)**

**(MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM)**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Okinawa Global Health Science Program has been organized in order to offer a better opportunity for graduate study to students from abroad by (1) instructing all courses in the English language and (2) commencing the academic program in October instead of April.

The Program is organized by the Field of Human Health Promotion and International & Islands Health Science, and offers a Master's and a Doctoral program to acquire knowledge and research skills for public health improvement of developing countries.

Upon enrollment, the candidates are each assigned to a supervisor who will direct their thesis research for two years (Master's program) and three years (Doctoral program) in the designated field of specialization. The degree of Master of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 30 credits (16 compulsory credits and 14 or more elective credits). Some of the courses may include laboratory or field work and training. The degree of Doctor of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 14 credits.

Before deciding the field and the topic of research, applicants are encouraged and recommended to contact appropriate supervisor(s) listed in the Faculty Members.

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION (Fall 2017)**

● Admission Schedule

Application Deadline	February 1 (Wed), 2017
Exam (international student)	February 27 (Mon) - March 4 (Sat), 2017
Exam (Japanese student)	March 4 (Sat), 2017
Announcement of Successful Candidates	March 17 (Fri), 2017
* Application Period for the Qualifying Review	January 11 (Wed) - January 18 (Wed), 2017
* Announcement of the Qualifying Review Results	January 27 (Fri), 2017

**1. Study Areas and Number of Students for Admission**

Master's Program	A total of 3 students (2 international students and 1 Japanese student)
Doctoral Program	A total of 2 students (1 international student and 1 Japanese student)

**2. Qualifications Required for Applicants**

2-1) Education: Applicants must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she

[1] has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or

[2] is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a Japanese graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty)

2-2) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to take graduate studies at universities in Japan.

2-3) Language: **applicants must be fluent in English.**

2-4) Arrival in Japan: between September 29 and October 5, 2017.

2-5) Those who can guarantee their admission to the university if they are accepted.

\*Applicants who apply under category (2-1) [2] must complete the Eligibility Assessment Application at 3.

Remarks:

- (1) Those who do not arrive within the time limit will be subject to cancellation of their admission.
- (2) Those applicants who failed to graduate by September 2017 will be subject to cancellation of their admission.

### **3. Eligibility Assessment**

Applicants falling under eligibility category [2] in 2. Qualifications Required for Applicants (1) must undergo eligibility assessment. Before applying, the following documents must be sent by January 18, 2017(Wed) to the mailing address given in 6. Correspondence.

Application Procedures.

- 1) Admission Application (Application for Individual Admission Eligibility Assessment)  
(University's prescribed form) (item (1) in 4. Formalities of Application)
- 2) Reasons for Application (University's prescribed form)
- 3) Academic record issue from most recent school
- 4) Graduation (completion) certificate or attendance certificate issue from most recent school (item (3) in 4. Formalities of Application)
- 5) Curriculum vitae and Research plan

### **4. Formalities of Application**

All of the following documents must be received by the Graduate School of Health Sciences, the University of the Ryukyus, before the 1 February 2017 deadline. They must be submitted by the head of the graduate school if the applicant is a graduate student; by the head of the institution or establishment if employed; and by the dean of the university from which the applicant graduated, if he or she is now without any formal affiliation.

- (1) Completed Application Form (use the form supplied) (Form I - i , I - ii , I - iii)
- (2) Health Certificate (by public hospital within the past 6 months) (Form II)  
A Letter of Recommendation, addressed to the attention of Dean of Graduate School of Health Sciences University of the Ryukyus, by the dean or head of the institution/employing body. (Form III)
- (3) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY should be paid by bank transfer before application

deadline, February 1 , 2017. Refer to the following payment information.

University Bank Account Information

Name of Bank: Bank of the Ryukyus (Bank code No. 0187)

Name of Branch: Ginowan Branch (Branch code No. 512)

SWIFT Code: RYUBJPJZ

Account Number: 428711

Name of Account Holder: KOKURITSUDAIGAKUHOUJINRYUKYUDAIGAKU

Account Holder's Address: 207 Uehara, Nishihara, Okinawa 903-0215, Japan

Bank Address: 1-5-3 Ginowan, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa 901-2211, Japan

Bank Phone Number: +81-98-893-2231

\*Transfer fee will be charged separately.

\*Please e-mail us to notify when you send a wire transfer.

E-mail: igzgaksen@to.jim.u-ryukyu.ac.jp

- (4) Certificate of Graduation or Diploma (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable), or Certified Letter from the university or the graduate school at which the applicant is currently enrolled, stating the expected graduation date.
- (5) Official Academic Transcript (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable) from the university (and the graduate school) and their English translation.
- (6) Certificate of Citizenship or Proof of Residence in applicant's home country.
- (7) Photograph (upper front figure without hat, taken within 3 months, 4 cm× 3 cm), name and nationality indicated on the reverse side, and to be fixed on the specified part of the application form.
- (8) State the titles or subjects of books or papers (including undergraduate and master's thesis written by the applicant), if any, with the name and address of the publisher and the date of publication.
- (9) Certificate of Guaranteed Admission (Those who have a job need to make sure to turn in a document from your employer which states that you are allowed to attend the University of the Ryukyus temporarily.) (There is no required format to follow.)

Remarks:

- 1) The above documents should be written in English using word-processing software when possible.
- 2) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking supporting evidence. They will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline.
- 3) All the submitted documents will be retained and will not be returned to the applicant.
- 4) The information for documents (1), (2), (6) must be written on the forms provided. As a rule, only the originals are accepted.
- (10) English assessment (based on the submission of a TOEFL, TOEIC and other English language Official Score Report) (copy)

●Admission criteria

Admission shall be determined based on the results of oral exam (interview) and English assessment (based on the submission of a TOEFL, TOEIC and other foreign language Official Score Report)

●Expenses(may be subject to change)

(1) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY

(2) Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY

(3) Tuition: A total of 535,800 JPY for one year, to be paid in October and April in two divided installments.

Remarks:

- 1) The top three of accepted candidates of international nationalities will not be charged for admission fee.
- 2) The top three of accepted candidates of international nationalities and the top two of Japanese will be exempted from tuition payment. However, those who perform badly in school will not be guaranteed for tuition exemption.

## **5. Other Notes**

- (1) Successful applicants are expected to study and understand the geography, climate, customs and habits of Okinawa as well as the general features and conditions of the University of the Ryukyus.  
Useful information is found in the references supplied with these guidelines.
- (2) The International House may be available for accommodation at reasonable cost, if there are vacancies.
- (3) The areas of research conducted by the faculties, and curricula of the Program are outlined in the following section.

## **6. Correspondence**

Applications must be sent by registered air mail by the head of the affiliated institution or employing body on behalf of the applicant.

All the correspondence related to this application should be addressed to:

Academic Affairs Unit (Faculty of Medicine)  
University of the Ryukyus  
207 Uehara  
Nishihara, Okinawa 903-0215  
Japan  
E-mail: [igzgaksen@to.jim.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:igzgaksen@to.jim.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)