

Application Guidelines for Hiroshima University **3+1 Program (for AY2019 Admission)**

Hiroshima University 3+1 Program^{*1} welcomes applications from international students interested in pursuing studies at Hiroshima University. Application requirements and details are provided below.

***1 Hiroshima University 3+1 Program**

In this program, Hiroshima University, hereinafter referred to as "HU", accepts international students who have completed their third year of undergraduate studies at their home institution, and provides fourth-year education, including Specialized Education Courses and Research Tutorial for their graduation thesis to be submitted to their home institution. Upon successful completion, 3+1 Program students will receive a program completion certificate from HU, and will be able to transfer the credits earned at HU to their home institution and will be granted a bachelor's degree from their home institution. After completing the program in June of the following year, students who meet the prescribed requirements may be admitted as Research Students, and then to one of HU's Graduate Schools after passing its entrance examination. The program also accepts international students who have completed their second year of undergraduate studies at their home institution. HU's faculty members will provide third-year education, including Specialized Education and Research Tutorial in accordance with students' research plans. Students in this program will belong to one of the schools as Special Auditing Students. Many of the classes will be taught in Japanese.

1. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Applicants must be enrolled in undergraduate programs at their home institutions with which HU has concluded an agreement on the 3+1 Program and meet all four of the following requirements.

- 1) Applicants are enrolled in their fourth or third year of an undergraduate program at their home institution at the time of admission to this program (October 1, 2019).
- 2) Applicants meet one of the following language proficiency requirements:
 - i) Japanese-Language Proficiency Test N1
 - ii) TOEFL (iBT): 61 or higher, TOEFL (PBT): 500 or higher, IELTS (Academic) 5.0 or higher, or CET (College English Test): Grade 6
 - iii) Language skills equivalent to i) or ii) above
- 3) Applicants are certain to be granted a student visa upon entering Japan.
- 4) Applicants have been recognized by the head of their home institution that studying at HU will not hinder the timing of their graduation from their home institution, based on the number of credits already earned and expected to be earned.

2. Enrollment Period

The enrollment period in this program varies depending on the student's school year at his/her home institution when he/she is admitted to this program.

- 1) Applicants in their fourth year: From October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
After completing this program, students who meet all the prescribed requirements can continue their studies at HU as Research Students, and will then be able to enter one of HU's Graduate Schools in October 2020 or April 2021 if they pass its entrance examination.
- 2) Applicants in their third year: From October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

3. Tuition

- 1) Applicants in their fourth year: 399,600 yen (for three terms)
- 2) Applicants in their third year: 532,800 yen (for four terms)

Neither application fee nor admission fee are charged. In addition to tuition, 3+1 Program students are charged insurance premiums and other fees.

4. Accommodation

HU will provide information on private apartments. Besides tuition, students are responsible for their accommodation costs.

<Reference>

Monthly rents for single-person apartments in Higashi-Hiroshima City where HU's main campus is located are between about 20,000 and 50,000 yen. Monthly living expenses (including accommodation costs) are estimated to be at least 80,000 to 100,000 yen.

The School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences are in the Kasumi Campus which is located in Hiroshima City, and monthly rents for single-person apartments are between about 30,000 and 60,000 yen.

5. Application Documents, etc.

I. Application Documents

- 1) Research Proposal (designated form) ^{*2}
- 2) Certificate of Enrollment
- 3) Academic Transcript
- 4) Letter of Recommendation from the head of the applicant's home institution
(Expected date of graduation must be provided)
- 5) Certificate of Health (designated form) ^{*3}
- 6) Personal History
(designated form; with a half-length, hatless, full-face photo, taken within the past 3 months)
- 7) Document certifying language ability ^{*4}

Documents 1) – 7) must be written in either Japanese or English. However, in the case of a copy of a CET (College English Test) certificate, Chinese is acceptable.

^{*2} When sending your Research Proposal in electric format, please submit it as a Word document. In that case, you do not need to put your signature in the Applicant's Signature field. However, when you submit your Research Proposal by post, please be sure to sign your name in the Applicant's Signature field.

^{*3} If you have special requirements in order to study at HU due to a disability or some other reason, please contact us in advance.

^{*4} Please submit a copy of the Certificate of Result and Scores of the highest-level Japanese-Language Proficiency Test you have ever taken, or a copy of the official Score Report of an English language test. Applicants filing under eligibility requirement iii) of 2) in Section 1. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants should submit a Certificate of Language Proficiency (designated form) prepared by a faculty member of their home institution.

The following documents must be submitted after acceptance into the program

II. Required Documents for Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

- 1) Copy of passport pages containing the applicant's name, photo and passport number ^{*5}
- 2) A photo (40mm× 30mm, half-length, hatless, full-face) taken within the past 3 months, in JPG format
- 3) Proof of financial resources to cover applicants' expenses during his/her stay in Japan (either i) or ii) below)
 - i) Statement of Financial Support (designated form) and Certificate of Bank Account (issued by the bank, photocopy acceptable) ^{*6}
 - ii) Certificate of Scholarship (a copy is acceptable only for those who have been selected to receive the scholarship)

^{*5} If your passport is being issued, please submit a copy of an official certificate that proves your name, date of birth, etc.

^{*6} Please submit a Certificate of Bank Account showing a balance of more than 960,000 yen.

6. Selection Method

Applicants who meet all the requirements stipulated in Section 1 will be evaluated comprehensively based on their application documents (academic record, language proficiency, etc.) and interviews (content of the research proposal, language proficiency skills, eagerness to learn, etc.).

7. Academic Advisor

Applicants will be required to select ONE prospective academic advisor whose research field matches theirs from “ List of Academic Advisor”, and fill out the Research Proposal form with reference to the attached sample. Please note, however, that as a result of the screening mentioned in Section 6, you may not be allocated your preferred academic advisor.

Also, when you search Academic Advisor, you can use the ‘Profiles of Faculty and Research Schools’ as below.

<Reference>

Hiroshima University Profiles of Faculty and Research Scholars
<http://seeds.office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/search/index.html?lang=en>

8. Courses and Class Schedule

Students in the 3+1 Program will study Specialized Education Courses, Peace Studies, and language courses (Japanese or English). Students will also receive Research Tutorial on their Diploma Thesis (or Research Report) to be submitted to their home institution. The class schedule varies depending on the student’s school year at their home institution at the time of admission to this program.

- 1) Forth-year students: From the 3rd term of AY 2019 to the 1st term of AY 2020
- 2) Third-year students: From the 3rd term of AY 2019 to the 2nd term of AY 2020

<Reference>

For details of Hiroshima University’s class schedule, please refer to the URL below. (Will be posted after January, 2019)
<https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/momiji-top/en/learning/class-schedule.html>

9. Enrollment Capacity

Approximately 250 students

10. Way to Submit Application Documents and Submission Deadline

All required documents listed in Section I. Application Documents and II. Required Documents for Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in Section 5 must be sent to HU by the specified deadline.

- 1) **Electronic data** of the documents listed in I. Application Documents in Section 5

- i) How to submit to HU

The responsible department at the applicant’s home institution should collect all required electronic documents and send them via email to the email address provided in Section 11. Inquiries.

Applicants should check and observe the deadline for submitting the required documents to their home institution.

- ii) Submission deadline to HU

All application documents must be received by HU by 5:00 p.m. (JST) on Friday, March 22, 2019.

- 2) **Original hard copies** of the documents listed in I. Application Documents in Section 5

- i) How to submit to HU

The responsible department at the applicant’s home institution should send hard copies of all

required documents by post to the address provided in Section 11. Inquiries.

ii) Submission deadline to HU

All application documents must be received by HU by Friday, March 29, 2019.

3) **Electronic data** of the documents listed in II. Required Documents for Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in Section 5

Details will be announced to successful applicants.

11. Inquiries

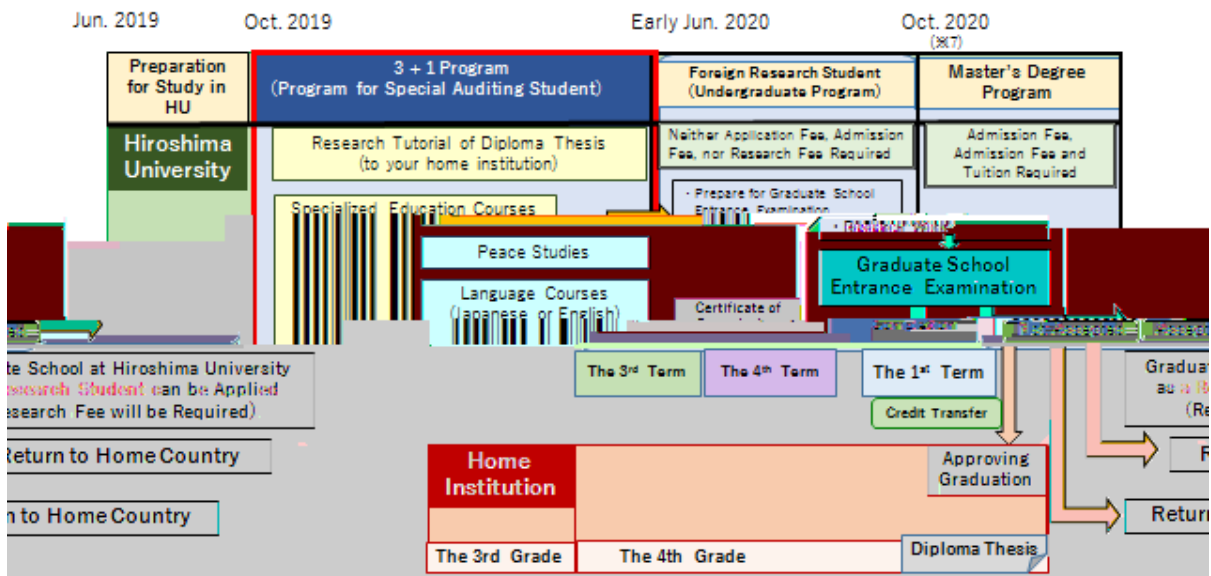
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12. Hiroshima University 3+1 Program Application Schedule and Flow

By the End of March 2019	Submission of Application Documents to Hiroshima University Application Documents (Electronic Data)
April – June 2019	Interview via Video Conference, etc.
By the End of July 2019	Notification of Selection Results to Applicants Determination of an Academic Advisor
By the End of July 2019	Online Application for Certificate of Eligibility to Acquire a Visa (by himself/herself)
August – September 2019	Visa Acquisition (by himself/herself)
October 1, 2019	Enrollment in Hiroshima University 3+1 Program



*7 Even if a student fails a Graduate School entrance examination for October admission, if he/she satisfies all the application requirements of the Graduate School he/she wishes to enter (requirements differ among Graduate Schools) and obtains the informal consent of the academic advisor from whom he/she will receive Research Tutorial, he/she may apply for admission as an Research Student at the Graduate School (application fee, etc. will be charged).

Students who prefer to go to the graduate schools which only have entrance at April, if he/she satisfies all the application requirements of the Graduate School he/she wishes to enter (requirements differ among Graduate Schools) and obtains the informal consent of the academic advisor from whom he/she will receive Research Tutorial, he/she may apply for admission as an Research Student at the Graduate School (application fee, etc. will be charged).