

October 2025 Admission

# Hiroshima City University Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Program Application Guidelines

## General Entrance Exam

HCU designated forms

(Download the following application documents separately.)

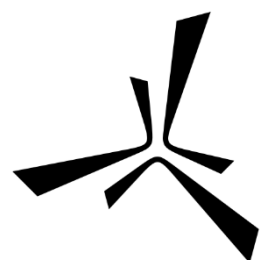
[Sheet A] Entrance Application Form

[Sheet B] Curriculum Vitae

[Sheet C] Exam Admission Ticket, Photograph Sheet,

Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Certificate Attachment Sheet

• Entrance Examination Fee Bank Remittance Form



Hiroshima City University

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## 1. Admission Policy

Hiroshima City University (HCU) develops professionals having sensitivity and passion toward seeking the truth, respecting diverse cultures and values, and wishing for lasting world peace. HCU also aims to train students to become professionals who have the ability to contribute to both the local and global communities, with a wide-ranging knowledge and solid expertise, as well as a strong sense of ethics.

For the purpose of nurturing such competent professionals, HCU seeks to admit:

- Persons who are well rounded and have a strong enthusiasm for learning
- Persons who are intellectually curious, inquisitive, and eager to create and utilize new knowledge
- Persons who wish to contribute positively to world peace and the development of local communities and the international community

The Graduate School of Peace Studies seeks to admit:

- Persons who can investigate, and objectively and scientifically analyze the background and causes of international conflicts, global issues, and various other events
- For adults who have work experience, persons with a strong interest in peace, human rights, and democracy, and who, after scholastically redefining and deepening their knowledge and experience in creating and maintaining peace, are eager and enthusiastic about communicating strongly about these topics and using their knowledge in their future work
- Persons who can independently think about and study the systems and criteria necessary to create and maintain peace, and who are eager and enthusiastic about communicating their ideas both domestically and abroad from the standpoint of creating peace

## 2. Degrees Conferred

The Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Program will confer a “Doctor of Philosophy (Peace Studies)” degree.

## 3. Number of Applicants to Be Admitted

Department	Recruitment category	Enrollment
Peace Studies	General Entrance Exam	4 persons

## 4. Application Qualifications

### (1) Application Qualifications

Applicants must meet any of the following qualifications (or, for items (1) to (5), be expected to meet them by September 30, 2025).

- ① Persons who have been conferred a Master’s degree or Professional degree (refers to a Professional degree as stipulated by Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations [Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953] pursuant to stipulations in Article 104, Paragraph 1 of the School Education Act, the same hereinafter)
- ② Persons who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree, Professional degree abroad or who have been conferred such a degree
- ③ Persons who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or Professional degree by completing a correspondence course offered by an overseas school in Japan
- ④ Persons who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or Professional degree by

completing the program of an overseas school in Japan that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology as corresponding to an overseas graduate school

- ⑤ Persons who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's degree by completing a program at United Nations University
- ⑥ Persons who have undertaken a course of study at a foreign educational institution, an educational institution as designated under item 4, or the United Nations University, and have passed the examinations stipulated in of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, or equivalent examinations, and have been deemed to possess an academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a Master's degree.
- ⑦ Persons specified by Successive Ministers of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- ⑧ Persons who have reached the age of 24 by September 30, 2025 and whose academic ability is recognized as equaling or exceeding that of a person with a Master's degree or Professional degree, based on an individual review of their qualifications for admission by this university's Graduate School

## 2) Preliminary review

Persons who wish to **apply based on the qualification ⑦ and ⑧** above will undergo a preliminary review to confirm their eligibility to apply. Be sure to contact the Admissions Office and then submit the following documents. If sending them by mail, use **registered mail**, and write **“Contains preliminary review application for the Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Degree Program”** in red ink on the envelope surface. Refer to **“5. Application Procedure”** → **“(4) Where to apply / contact information for application and examinations”** later for where to submit the documents. If bringing the documents in person, the reception hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reception is not available on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The result of the review will be notified to the applicant by mail by the application period.

### [Preliminary review documents]

- a. Preliminary review application (HCU designated form)
- b. Resume (HCU designated form)
- c. Research and other achievements (form)

Use A4-sized sheets. Japanese should be about 2,000 characters, and English should be about 1,200 words.

- d. Documents ⑥ to ⑪ in **“5. Application Procedure”** → **“(5) Application documents”**
- e. Certificates showing academic abilities, qualifications, or certifications obtained since attaining highest educational level (copies of applicable items)
- f. Return envelope (Please write your postal code, address, and name on a long size 3 envelope, and affix 110 yen worth of stamps. Not required for overseas residents.)

Note 1: Forms designated by HCU will be issued upon request.

Note 2: If a submission document is prepared in a language other than Japanese or English, be sure to attach its Japanese or English translation.

**[Submission deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on June 10 (Tue), 2025 (JST)**

## 5. Application Procedure

### (1) Prior consultation

Referring to “Faculty Members of the Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Degree Program” on page 13 or the university’s website, select your desired supervisor from among the faculty members. **Before applying, be sure to consult in advance with the faculty member through the Admissions Office.** Applications cannot be accepted if you did not carry out the prior consultation.

For seeking prior consultation, applicants are required to send an e-mail with the subject line “Prior Consultation of Peace Studies (Doctoral Program)” to the Admissions Office (nyushi@m.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp). The e-mail must include: **1) your name** and **2) the name of a faculty member you wish to work with**, and attach **② Curriculum Vitae**, **⑩ Abstract of master’s thesis** and **⑪ Research Proposal** data in “**(5) Application documents**”.

**[Inquiry deadline] June 20 (Fri), 2025 (JST)**

\* If you would like to receive a prior consultation after the deadline, please contact the Admissions Office.

### (2) Application period

**June 27 (Fri) to July 3 (Thu), 2025 (Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on final day, JST)**

⌈ If submitting application documents by mail, only **registered express mail postmarked by July 2 (Wed), 2025, the day before the application deadline**, will be accepted if it arrives after the deadline. ⌋

### (3) How to apply

After having prior consultation with your desired supervisor, place all application documents in a envelope and **submit it to the Admissions Office within the application period**, either by mail or delivery in person. If submitting by mail, be sure to use **registered express mail**, and write “**Application Documents for Entrance Examination (Doctoral Program)**” in red ink on the envelope surface.

If bringing the documents in person, the reception hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reception is not available on Saturdays and Sundays.

### (4) Where to apply / contact information for application and examinations

Admissions Office, Hiroshima City University,

3-4-1 Ozuka-Higashi, Asaminami-ku, Hiroshima-shi 731-3194 Japan

E-mail: nyushi@m.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp

### (5) Application documents

Document Required for Application			How to Prepare
①	Entrance Application Form	[Sheet A]	Enter the required information on the HCU designated form. When making entries, carefully read the <b>NOTES</b> items shown in the margins.
②	Curriculum Vitae	[Sheet B]	
③	Exam Admission Ticket	[Sheet C]	Enter the required information on the HCU designated form.

Document Required for Application			How to Prepare
④	Photograph Sheet	[Sheet C]	<p>Enter the required information on the HCU designated form. Photos must be taken within 3 months prior to application, 4 cm H x 3 cm W, showing upper body, uncovered head, facing camera, and no background. Write your name and date of birth on the back before affixing it.</p> <p>*The photo will be used on your student ID card and in our university's academic affairs system until you complete your doctoral program.</p>
⑤	Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Certificate Attachment Sheet		<p>Use the HCU designated request form to transfer the entrance examination fee of <b>30,000 yen</b> at your financial institution. After making the transfer, affix the “Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Certificate” (bearing the stamp of the financial institution) to the HCU designated “Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Certificate Attachment Sheet.”</p> <p>However, <b>if you have completed an HCU Graduate School of Peace Studies Master’s degree program in September of 2025 and are advancing to the doctoral degree program at this Graduate School, entrance examination fees are not required.</b></p> <p><b>* The payment method is different for applicants residing abroad. For details, please inquire by E-mail to the contact listed in “4) Where to apply / contact information for application and examinations.”</b></p>
⑥	Academic Transcript		<p>Submit an original academic transcript prepared by the president or dean of the graduate school you attended or graduated from.</p>
⑦	Certificate of (Expected) Completion of Master’s Degree Program		<p>Submit an original certificate prepared by the president or dean of the graduate school from which you attended or graduated.</p> <p><b>* If you have graduated from a higher education institution in China, authenticate your diploma on the China Higher Education Student Information Network (<a href="https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/">https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/</a>) and print out the authentication screen education Please submit the departmental (educational certificate electronic annotation list: 教育部学历证书电子注册备案表).</b></p>
⑧	<p>Report of exam results measuring English proficiency or Japanese proficiency</p> <p><b>[Submission not required for persons who are native speakers of English]</b></p>		<p>Submit one of the following exam score certificates (showing score, <b>Original and 1 copy</b>). Persons who are not native speakers of either Japanese or English should select from a. to f. However, this is limited to tests implemented in August 2023 or later.</p> <p>Exam score certificates and documents will be enclosed and returned with the exam admission ticket.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency</li> <li>b. TOEIC® (IP test also accepted)</li> <li>c. TOEFL® (PBT or iBT)</li> <li>d. IELTS™ (Academic Module)</li> <li>e. Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)</li> <li>f. Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU, taken the “Japanese as a foreign language” subject)</li> </ul> <p><b>* If you take the online exam and submit your scores, we will only accept scores from tests with a proctor. Please submit a printout of the grade display screen as your report card.</b> Proctored exam score is an exam score that is identified and monitored by a proctor based on camera footage during the online exam.</p>

Document Required for Application		How to Prepare
⑨	Master's degree thesis, etc. <b>(4 copies)</b>	Persons who have a Master's degree thesis at the time of application should submit that Master's degree thesis. Persons without a Master's degree thesis at the time of application should submit 1) their thesis for a Master's degree currently being authored, or 2) activity reports, books, or documents authored through work or privately (other equivalent works are also accepted). <b>Furthermore, 1) a thesis for a Master's degree may be submitted at a later date. For details, refer to "If Submitting Thesis for Master's Degree at a Later Date" in item ⑬ below.</b>
⑩	Abstract of master's thesis, etc. <b>(4 copies)</b>	Prepare an abstract of the "Master's degree thesis, etc." in item ⑨ above. Use Japanese or English. Japanese should be about 1,200 characters on A4 paper, and English should be about 700 words on A4 paper. <b>* If submitting item ⑨ above at a later date, submit this at a later date as well.</b>
⑪	Research Proposal <b>(4 copies)</b>	Use Japanese or English. Japanese should be about 1,200 characters on A4 paper, and English should be about 700 words on A4 paper.
⑫	Return envelope	Write your postal code, address, and name on a standard-size envelope (rectangular #3, 23.5 cm x 12 cm) for shipping the exam admission ticket, and apply an <b>110-yen stamp</b> . Not required for overseas residents.
⑬	If Submitting Thesis for Master's Degree at a Later Date	If submitting ⑨-1) the thesis for a Master's degree and ⑩ abstract of master's thesis at a later date, the submission must arrive <b>by 5:00 p.m. on July 31 (Thu), 2025 (JST)</b> . <u>Please be aware that if the documents are not submitted by the deadline, you will lose your eligibility due to incomplete application documents. The entrance examination fee will also not be returned.</u> (To submit these documents, print 4 copies of each and either bring them in person or send them by registered express mail to the Admissions Office. If submitting by mail, only registered express mail postmarked by July 30 (Wed), 2025, the day before the deadline, will be accepted if it arrives after the deadline. If bringing the documents in person, the reception hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reception is not available on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.)

Note 1: Download forms for ① to ⑤ **(for Doctoral Program)** from the university's website.

Note 2: If you cannot submit a transcript due to special circumstances, submit documents that serve as a replacement thereof. (Copy of a transcript or completion diploma if you graduated from a foreign graduate school, for example).

Note 3: **If a document from ⑥ to ⑨ is written in a language other than Japanese or English, be sure to attach its Japanese or English translation.**

Note 4: If a document is not prepared as instructed in the "How to Prepare" column (for example, information is omitted, translation is not attached, etc.), the application may not be accepted.

Note 5: Persons who are subject to a preliminary review and have already submitted the documents specified in ⑥ to ⑪ do not have to resubmit the documents.

Note 6: A certificate with the applicant's maiden name may be used. In such a case, please attach a document stating the date of the name change, the new name and the maiden name filled in by the applicant. (The format is optional.)

Note 7: It is the responsibility of each applicant to carefully consider and submit the application documents.

**(6) Precautions when applying**

- 1) If you do not submit all of the required documents, your application will not be accepted. Carefully check and recheck when applying.
- 2) After the application documents have been accepted, changes to application items will not be permitted. If, however, your name, address, and/or telephone number changes, promptly contact the Admissions Office.
- 3) **Once accepted, application documents and entrance examination fees will not be returned. However, we can return your Master's Degree thesis, etc., after reviewing your academic abilities if you wish. Please state so when you apply.**
- 4) If an application document entry is found to be incorrect, even after the applicant's admission has been approved, said admission may be revoked.

**(7) Sending examination ticket**

An Examination ticket will send after the application deadline. If you do not receive it by June 30 (Mon), 2025, please inquire with our Admissions Office.

**(8) Return of entrance examination fee**

Paid examination fees will be returned (refunded) in the cases below. However, any service fees that arise in connection with the return will be paid by the remitter (applicant).

- 1) A person paid the examination fee but did not apply
- 2) A person mistakenly paid the examination fee twice or mistakenly paid more than the prescribed amount
- 3) A person submitted the application documents but the application was not accepted

**[How to request a refund]**

If case 1) or 2) applies, contact the Admissions Office. An "Examination Fee Refund Request" will be sent to you by e-mail. After entering the required information, mail it to the Admissions Office address.

In case 3), an "Examination Fee Refund Request" will be enclosed with the application documents when they are returned to you. After entering the required information, mail it to the Admissions Office address.

**[Application deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on August 29 (Fri), 2025 (JST)**

**(9) Waiver for the entrance examination fee**

If it is deemed to be extremely difficult for a person of Hiroshima City to pay the entrance examination fee, that person may be subject to a waiver for the entrance examination fee.

Consult with the Admissions Office in advance and apply before the deadline.

Note: "Person of Hiroshima City" refers to persons who correspond to either of the following cases.

- a. Person who has continually had an address within Hiroshima City since October 1, 2025 or before
- b. Person whose spouse or relative in the first degree of kinship has continually had an address (Resident registration) within Hiroshima City since October 1, 2025 or before

**[Application deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on June 10 (Tue), 2025 (JST)**

## **6. Special Measures for Applicants Affected by Disasters Applicable to the Disaster Relief Act in April 2023 or Later**

Applicants affected by the above disasters can apply to have their entrance examination fees refunded after submitting their admission application (entrance examination fees must be transferred when making their application). Also, successful applicants can apply to have their admission fees partially waived.

The application procedure requires an HCU designated application form and documents that verify the claim. For details, check HCU website.

## **7. Persons Requesting Considerations in Examination or Study**

Persons who would like considerations in examination or study, such as persons with disabilities, should prepare an application for these considerations and consult with the Admissions Office by **June 3 (Tue), 2025**.

We will supply the application form upon request. Please submit your application form etc. for admission to HCU Admissions Center by the deadline below.

### **[Content to be included in application]**

- a. Applicant's name, address, and contact telephone number
- b. Type of entrance exam you want to take
- c. Type and degree of the disability, etc. (Attach a diagnosis sheet from a doctor or a copy of one's disability certificate)
- d. Matters requesting considerations in examination
- e. Matters requesting considerations in study
- f. Matters to consider in classes, etc. at the school you graduated from
- g. Situation in daily life

\* If you need to request considerations in examination urgently due to an unforeseen accident, please notify the Admissions Office as soon as possible. Depending on the timing and nature of your request, we may not be able to give you the request.

\* The information you provide on the application will be used by us to consider examination and study consideration. It will not be used by us to determine who is accepted.

**[Application deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on June 10 (Tue), 2025 (JST)**

## **8. Handling of Personal Information**

- (1) Personal information contained in application documents (such as your name, date of birth, sex, and other personal information) will be used for entrant selection, notification of acceptance, enrollment procedures, and surveys/research (entrance exam improvement, application trend surveys/analyses, etc.).

Also, said information will be managed by the university in connection with the educational affairs of successful applicants after admission (student registration, school guidance, etc.) and student support services (health management, scholarship applications, tuition waiver applications, etc.).

- (2) With some of the operations and services mentioned above, outside companies may be employed, after necessary steps are taken to ensure that personal information is appropriately managed.



## 9. Preparation of Examination Environment

Please ensure that you complete all the preparations listed below (1) to (5) before the exam.

- (1) A bright and quiet private room where no third parties can enter (such as a seminar room, your home, or a rental space).
- (2) A stable internet environment capable of sending and receiving video.
- (3) A computer or similar device that can connect to the internet (equipped with a webcam, microphone, speakers, etc.).
- (4) A backup for the device mentioned in (3).
- (5) Install the Zoom application on the device you will use on the day of the exam and conduct a connection test in advance (including the backup device).
  - Zoom application installation (<https://www.zoom.us/download>) \*No account creation is required.
  - Zoom meeting test (<https://zoom.us/test>)
  - Zoom Help Center (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en>)

If you are unable to prepare (1) or (2) and wish to take the exam in a special examination room at our university, please apply via email to the Admissions Office as follows:

Subject: Application for Special Examination Room Use for Peace Studies Graduate School Entrance Exam

Body: 1) Applicant's Name

2) Reason for requesting to take the exam in a special examination room (e.g., because the internet environment is unstable)

\* Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all applicants depending on the number of requests.

\* Applications will not be accepted for any reason after the application deadline. Please arrange your own examination environment.

### [Application deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on July 3 (Thu), 2025 (JST)

You will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of your request to take the exam in a special examination room when your admission ticket is sent.

If you are taking the exam in the special examination room, please bring the above (3) and (4) and connect to HCU network (wireless LAN) before taking the exam.

## 10. Selection Procedures

### (1) Examination schedule (JST)

Scheduled date	Exam subject	Time	Implementation method
August 23, 2025 (Sat)	Oral examination	Morning group Starting at 9:30 a.m.	The exam will be conducted online using "Zoom".
		Afternoon group Starting at 1:30 p.m.	

### (2) Examination and evaluation methods

Exam subject	Content and evaluation standard of academic ability review
Oral examination (about 60 minutes)	<p>[Content] Focusing on the Master's thesis (including a suitable alternative paper), research plans, and the intended research field, this test consists of (1) research presentation on the Master's thesis (about 20 minutes) and (2) question-and-answer session about the research presentation, research plans at the Doctoral Program, and the research field (about 40 minutes).</p> <p>[Evaluation] Research motivation, research ability, etc. will be evaluated on a three-level scale based on the admissions policy.</p>

\* The oral examination is conducted in Japanese; however, it may also be performed in English depending on the research field.

### **(3) Admission criteria**

Oral examination results, research plans, and other submitted documents are reviewed and evaluated comprehensively.

### **(4) Precautions for examination**

- a. Details regarding the exam implementation will be provided when the admission ticket is sent.
- b. Examinees must access the Zoom meeting by the specified time and complete the connection to the waiting room.
- c. If you are not present in the examinee waiting room at the start time of the exam, you will be treated as absent.
- d. Please have your examination ticket ready at hand during the exam, including the waiting time.
- e. Please ensure that your settings are adjusted to prevent any interruptions to the exam due to unrelated phone calls, emails, or notifications during the exam, including the waiting time.
- f. Only the materials submitted as application documents are permitted to be on hand during the exam.
- g. you may be asked to show your surroundings on camera before or during the exam for the purpose of preventing cheating. Please be careful not to show anything related to your privacy.
- h. You are not allowed to leave the exam once it has started. If you leave, you will be disqualified.
- i. If you are unable to join the Zoom meeting due to issues such as not being able to connect to the internet on the day of the exam, you may not be able to take the exam.
- j. Any costs associated with taking the online exam (such as communication fees) will be borne by the examinee.
- k. If there is a need to communicate anything else to the examinees, it will be notified when the examination tickets are sent. Additionally, if there are urgent matters to communicate to the examinees, they will be posted on the university's website.

## **11. Notice Regarding Malpractice**

- (1) Engaging in impersonation during the exam or cheating (including bringing in reference materials other than those submitted as application documents, accessing web browsers (such as Google Chrome, Firefox, etc.) or social media (such as LINE, X, etc.) to view content related to the exam during the exam, including waiting times) and cooperating with other examinees, as well as any actions that compromise fairness with other examinees, such as recording or filming during the use of Zoom, will be considered malpractice, and the results of the entrance examination may be rendered invalid. Furthermore, even after enrollment, your admission may be revoked. In such cases, application documents, entrance examination fees, and admission fees will not be refunded.
- (2) If your gaze frequently shifts, we may check to confirm whether you are engaging in cheating or other forms of malpractice.

## **12. Announcement of Successful Applicants**

### **September 3 (Wed), 2025, noon (JST)**

A notification of acceptance will be delivered to the successful applicants.

The university's website will also post the examinee numbers of the successful applicants. Since this is reference information, please check for the official notification on the acceptance letter sent to successful applicants.

Inquiries made by e-mail, mail, etc., will not be answered.

### 13. Enrollment Procedure

#### (1) Enrollment procedure period

**September 4 (Thu) to 11 (Thu), 2025 (Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on final day, JST)**

#### (2) Enrollment procedure method

- 1) Documents necessary for enrollment procedure will be delivered directly to the applicant along with the notification of acceptance.
- 2) If submitting by mail, be sure to use **registered express mail** and then **send it so that it arrives within the enrollment procedure period.**
- 3) Documents can be submitted in person only on **September 11 (Thu)**, the last day of the enrollment procedure period. The reception location is the Admissions Office. The reception hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 4) After the enrollment procedure period has ended, those who have completed the enrollment procedures will be sent a Letter of Admission.

#### (3) Important notes regarding enrollment procedure

- 1) If you do not complete the procedures within the specified period, it will be assumed that you have declined admission.
- 2) If you do not submit all of the required documents, said documents will not be accepted. Carefully check when submitting documents.
- 3) **Once accepted, enrollment procedure documents and enrollment fees will not be returned.**
- 4) **If you are applying based on an upcoming expected completion, you must submit your completion certificate promptly after completing your program. If you are unable to complete the course by the day before enrollment, your enrollment will be cancelled.**

### 14. Payments

#### (1) Payments due by enrollment procedure

Payment		Amount
Admission fee	Person within Hiroshima City	282,000 yen
	Person other than the above	423,000 yen

Note: "Person within Hiroshima City" refers to persons who correspond to either of the following cases.

- a. Person who has continually had an address (Resident registration) within Hiroshima City for 1 year or longer as of October 1, 2025
- b. Person whose spouse or relative in the first degree of kinship has continually had an address (Resident registration) within Hiroshima City for 1 year or longer as of October 1, 2025

**\* Persons who have completed an HCU Peace Studies Master's degree program in September of 2025 and are advancing to this doctoral degree program are not required to pay entrance fees.**

#### (2) Payments due after entrance

Payment	Amount	Payment time
Tuition fee (annual sum: 535,800 yen)	267,900 yen	By end of April
	267,900 yen	By end of October

Note: The tuition fee is current as of April 2025. If revisions are made, the new tuition fee will apply at the time of revision.

### **(3) Partial waiver for admission fee and tuition fee**

#### **1) Partial waiver for admission fee**

If it is deemed to be extremely difficult for a person corresponding to either of the following to pay the admission fee, that person may be subject to a partial waiver for the admission fee. Please consult with us before the enrollment procedure.

- a. The party mainly bearing the education expenses died within one year before enrollment.
- b. The enrolling party or the party mainly bearing the education expenses was involved in a disaster such as a wind or flood disaster within one year before enrollment.
- c. The enrolling party is a person of Hiroshima City and belongs to a household receiving public assistance pursuant to the Public Assistance Act.

#### **2) Partial waiver or postponement for tuition fee**

If it is deemed to be difficult for the person to pay the tuition fee due to economic reasons and the person is deemed academically outstanding, that person may be subject to a partial waiver or postponement for the tuition fee. Detailed information will be offered at the orientation meeting after enrollment.

## **15. Admission and Tuition Fee Exemption System for Adult Learners**

### **(1) Target group**

Staff members of organizations or groups that engage in activities aimed at creating and maintaining peace (such as national governments, local governments, international organizations, and news organizations), or persons who hold office or are employed in an equivalent capacity, who are highly expected to engage even further in activities aimed at creating and maintaining peace at said organizations after having completed their studies at the Graduate School of Peace Studies

### **(2) Educational expenses to be exempted**

Admission and tuition fee

### **(3) Determination of target group**

Persons are selected based on their written application and letters of recommendation from affiliated institutions.

## Faculty Members of the Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Program

	Name	Subject	Research Field
Professor	KAWAKAMI, Akihiro ☉	Advanced Seminar: Constitution of Japan and Pacifism	• Theory of Constitutional Law • Theory of Local Government • Theory of Human Rights
Professor	NAGAI, Hitoshi ☉	Advanced Seminar: Modern and Contemporary History of Japan	• Modern Japanese History • Japan-Philippines Relations
Professor	OKIMURA, Tadashi ☉	Advanced Seminar: United Nations	• International Relations • International Institution Studies • United Nations Studies
Professor	OSHIBA, Ryo ☉*	Advanced Seminar: Global Governance	• International Relations (Global Governance Studies)
Professor	SATO, Shiro ☉	Advanced Seminar: Peace & International Security	• International Relations • Security Studies • Peace Studies
Professor	UMEHARA, Toshiya ☉	Advanced Seminar: Norms on Disarmament and Peace in International Politics	• International Relations • Security and Disarmament • Non-nuclear Norms • Media of War and Peace
Associate Professor	KATO, Mihoko	Advanced Seminar: Contemporary Russian Politics and Foreign Policy	• Russia's Foreign Policy • International Relations in Eurasia
Associate Professor	SHIJO, Chie	Advanced Seminar: Contemporary Society and Peace	• Historical Sociology, Memories and Representations of the Atomic Bombings
Associate Professor	SON, Hyun Jin	Advanced Seminar: Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues	• International Law • Situation on the Korean Peninsula • North Korean Issues
Associate Professor	TAKEMOTO, Makiko	Advanced Seminar: Pacifism and Peace Movements	• Modern and Contemporary German History • History of Peace Philosophy and Peace Movements
Associate Professor	XU, Xianfen	Advanced Seminar: Politics and Foreign policy in Contemporary China	• History of Japan-China Relations • International Relations in East Asia • International Cooperation Studies

Note 1: Subjects shown are those expected to be offered in April 2025.

2: **Your desired supervisor must be a special seminar instructor (indicated by ☉).**

3: Faculty members indicated with asterisks (\*) are expected to retire at the end of March 2026.