

October 2026 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.)

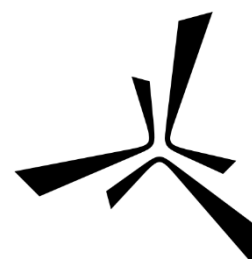
[Sheet A] Entrance Application Form

[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) Graduate School aims to foster individuals who possess rich sensitivity and a passion for the pursuit of truth, who respect diverse cultures and values, and who aspire to peace. Furthermore, it seeks to cultivate professionals with cutting-edge and advanced expertise, profound knowledge, the ability to identify, analyze, and solve problems, and a strong sense of ethics, enabling them to make broad contributions to society.

In order to nurture such professionals, HCU Graduate School 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 Doctoral Program seeks to admit:

- Persons who can scholastically 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 preeminent 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 preeminent 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, 2026).

- 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, 2026 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
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. Copies of certificates showing academic abilities, qualifications, or certifications obtained since attaining highest educational level (it applicable)
- f. Return envelope (Please write your postal code, address, and name on a long size 3 envelope, and affix 110 yen worth of stamps. If you live outside of Japan, you do not need to submit this.)

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 May 22 (Fri), 2026 (JST)

5. Application Procedure

(1) Prior consultation

Referring to “Faculty Members of the Graduate School of Peace Studies Doctoral Degree Program” on page 14 or HCU 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 degree thesis, etc.** and **⑪ Research Proposal** data in “**(5) Application documents**”.

[Inquiry deadline] June 2 (Tue), 2026 (JST)

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

(2) Application period

June 9 (Tue) to 15 (Mon), 2026 (Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on final day, JST)

Only application documents sent from within Japan, and only if all required documents are complete, will be accepted if sent by registered express mail postmarked by **June 14 (Sun), 2026**, even if they arrive after the deadline.

(3) How to apply

After having prior consultation with your desired supervisor, place all application documents in an 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 you bring the documents, 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 NOTES 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	<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 fixing it.</p> <p>*The photo will be used on your student ID card and in our university's academic affairs system.</p>
⑤	Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Certificate Attachment Sheet	<p>[Sheet C]</p> <p>Use the HCU designated request form to transfer the entrance examination fee of 30,000 yen 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, if you have completed the Master’s Program of HCU Graduate School in September 2026 and are advancing to the doctoral program at this Graduate School, entrance examination fees are not required.</p> <p>* The payment method is different for applicants residing outside Japan. For details, please inquire by e-mail to the contact listed in “4) Where to apply / contact information for application and examinations” before the application period begins.</p>
⑥	Academic Transcript	<p>Submit an original academic transcript and one copy prepared by the president or dean of the graduate school you attended or graduated from.</p>
⑦	Degree Certificate or Expected Degree Certificate (Original)	<p>Must be issued by the president or dean of the graduate school you attended or graduated from.</p> <p>If the completion certificate (or expected completion certificate) includes degree information, it may be submitted in place of the degree certificate.</p> <p>[For those who graduated from higher education institutions in China, submit the following two items:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree Certificate 学位证书 (this is not the Diploma 学位证书). • A printed copy of the CHSI verification page (China Higher Education Student Information Network: https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/), i.e., the China Higher Education Degree Verification (中国高等教育学位在线验证报告).

Document Required for Application	How to Prepare
<p data-bbox="277 768 536 904">Report of exam results measuring English proficiency or Japanese proficiency</p> <p data-bbox="225 913 248 943">⑧</p> <p data-bbox="277 952 552 1088">[Submission not required for persons who are native speakers of English]</p>	<p data-bbox="619 188 1469 353">Please submit the score report for one of the following tests (A–F). Only test results from examinations taken on or after July 1, 2024, and for which the official documents can be submitted by the final application deadline, will be accepted. Original documents will be returned after the examination process is completed.</p> <p data-bbox="619 360 1469 456">When submitting scores from an online test, only results from tests that included identity verification via camera and were conducted under the supervision of a proctor will be recognized.</p> <p data-bbox="619 506 1217 535">A. EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency</p> <p data-bbox="644 546 1190 613">Submit a printed copy of the digital certificate, or original certificate of passing and one copy.</p> <p data-bbox="619 645 1329 674">B. TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (including IP Test)</p> <p data-bbox="632 685 1195 714">[For applicants who have taken the Public Test]</p> <p data-bbox="644 725 1465 831">Submit the original “Official Score Certificate” and one copy, or download the “Test Taker Score Report” from your ETS account and submit a printed copy.</p> <p data-bbox="632 842 1469 909">[For applicants who have taken the IP Test (paper-based / mark-sheet format)]</p> <p data-bbox="644 920 1214 949">Submit the original “Score Report” and one copy.</p> <p data-bbox="632 960 1326 990">[For applicants who have taken the IP Test (online format)]</p> <p data-bbox="644 1001 1121 1030">Submit a printed copy of “Score Report”.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1061 810 1090">C. TOEFL iBT®</p> <p data-bbox="644 1102 1465 1207">Submit the original “Test Taker Score Report” and one copy, or download the “Test Taker Score Report” from your ETS account and submit a printed copy.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1238 1018 1267">D. IELTS™ (Academic Module)</p> <p data-bbox="644 1279 1417 1346">Submit the original “Test Report Form” and one copy, or download the eTRF from your account and submit a printed copy.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1377 1227 1406">E. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)</p> <p data-bbox="644 1417 1177 1447">Submit the original score report and one copy.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1478 1465 1545">F. Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)</p> <p data-bbox="671 1556 1166 1585">(Note: You must take the “Japanese” subject.)</p> <p data-bbox="644 1597 1465 1664">Submit a printed copy of “Score Confirmation Report” from your EJU on-line page.</p>
<p data-bbox="225 1839 248 1868">⑨</p> <p data-bbox="277 1839 571 1868">Master’s degree thesis, etc.</p>	<p data-bbox="619 1682 1469 1749">Persons who have a Master’s degree thesis at the time of application should submit that Master’s degree thesis.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1760 1469 1906">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).</p> <p data-bbox="619 1917 1469 2022">Furthermore, 1) a thesis for a Master’s degree may be submitted at a later date. For details, refer to “Submitting at a later date” on page 7.</p>

Document Required for Application		How to Prepare
⑩	Abstract of Master's degree thesis, etc.	Prepare an abstract of the "Master's degree thesis, etc." in item ⑨ above. Use Japanese or English. Japanese should be in about 1,200 characters, and English should be about 700 words. Write the applicant's name on the first page. Print it on one side of A4 paper. * If submitting item ⑨ above at a later date, submit this at a later date as well.
⑪	Research Proposal	Use Japanese or English. Japanese should be in about 6,000 ~ 8,000 characters, or English should be in about 4,000 ~ 5,600 words. Write the applicant's name on the first page and print it on one side of 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 a 110-yen stamp . If you live outside of Japan, you do not need to submit this.
Master's degree thesis and Abstract * Submitting at a later date		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. If you bring 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. [Submission deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on June 30 (Tue), 2026 (JST) If the documents arrive after the deadline, only those sent from within Japan via registered express mail and postmarked by June 29 (Mon), 2026 (the day before the application deadline) will be accepted, even if they arrive after the deadline. <u>If the documents are not submitted by the deadline, you will lose your eligibility due to incomplete application documents. In this case, the entrance examination fee will not be refunded.</u>

Note 1: Download forms for ① to ⑤ (**for Doctoral Program**) from HCU website.

Note 2: 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 3: **If a document from ⑥ to ⑧ is written in a language other than Japanese or English, be sure to attach its Japanese or English translation.**

Note 4: If you cannot submit an original transcript due to special circumstances, please consult the Admissions Office before the application period begins.

Note 5: Persons who have been granted application eligibility through the preliminary review are not required to resubmit documents that have already been submitted.

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) Applications will not be accepted if any of the required documents are missing or if the application arrives after the designated application period.
- 2) After the application documents have been accepted, changes to application items will not be permitted. If, however, your name, address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address 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 July 1 (Wed), 2026, please inquire with our Admissions Office.

(8) Return of entrance examination fee

The examination fee will not be refunded except in the following cases. However, any service fees that arise in connection with the return will be paid by the 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 31 (Mon), 2026 (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 for at least one year as of October 1, 2026
- b. Person whose spouse or relative in the first degree of kinship has continually had an address (Resident registration) within Hiroshima City for at least one year as of October 1, 2026

[Application deadline] Must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on May 22 (Fri), 2026 (JST)

6. Special Measures for Applicants Affected by Disasters Applicable to the Disaster Relief Act in April 2024 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.

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 (nyushi@m.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp) 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 June 15 (Mon), 2026 (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)

Examination Date	Time			Implementation method
	Group	Meeting Time	Starting Time	
July 11, 2026 (Sat)	Morning	9 : 00	9 : 30	The exam will be conducted online using “Zoom”.
	Afternoon	13 : 00	13 : 30	
【reserve day】 July 13, 2026 (Mon)				

Note 1: The examination time group will be notified when the admission ticket is sent. You cannot choose your group.

Note 2: The order within the group will be announced on the day of the exam.

Note 3: In the event that a situation occurs on the examination day that makes it impossible to continue the examination, only the affected examinee(s) will take the examination on the reserve day. In such cases, the examination time will be determined in consultation with the examinee.

(2) Examination and evaluation methods

Exam subject	Content and evaluation standard of academic ability review
Oral examination (about 60 minutes)	<p>[Content] Focusing on your Master’s degree thesis, etc. (including a suitable alternative paper), research plans, and the intended research field, this test consists of (1) presentation on your research plans (about 20 minutes) and (2) question-and-answer session about the (1), 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 applicant’s circumstances.

(3) Admission criteria

Oral examination results and submitted documents are reviewed and evaluated comprehensively.

(4) Precautions for examination

- a. Details regarding the exam implementation will be provided when the exam admission ticket is sent.
- b. Examinees must access the Zoom meeting by the meeting time for examinees and complete the connection to the waiting room.
- c. If you are not present in the examinee waiting room at the starting time of the exam, you will be treated as absent.
- d. Please have your examination ticket ready at hand from meeting time until the end of examination.
- e. Please ensure that your settings are adjusted to prevent any interruptions to the exam due to unrelated phone calls, emails, or notifications from meeting time until the end of examination.
- 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 may use the screen-sharing function on Zoom during the presentation on your research plans.
- i. You are not allowed to leave the exam once it has started. If you leave, you will be disqualified.
- 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 exam admission tickets are sent. Additionally, **if there are urgent matters to communicate to the examinees, they will be posted on HCU 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 from meeting time until the end of examinations) 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

July 22 (Wed), 2026, noon (JST)

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

HCU 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 2 (Wed) to 9 (Wed), 2026 (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 successful applicants along with the notification of acceptance.

- 2) Submit documents **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 9 (Wed)**, the final day of the enrollment 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 expected degree completion, you must submit your degree certificate or completion certificate (including information about the academic degree) promptly after obtaining the required degree. If you are unable to obtain the required degree by the day before enrollment, your enrollment will be revoked.**

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 within Hiroshima City for at least one year as of October 1, 2026
- b. Person whose spouse or relative in the first degree of kinship has continually had an address (Resident registration) within Hiroshima City for at least one year as of October 1, 2026

*** Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete, the Master's Program of HCU Graduate School will be exempted from the admission fee.**

(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
Premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research, and Students Liability Insurance (The insurance term is three years)	3,620 yen	By end of October

Note: These fees are effective as of April 2026. Any revisions will be subject to the revised fee at the time the revision is made.

(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	ISHIDA, Atsushi ☉	Advanced Seminar: Peace and Security Policies of Japan	•International Relations (Law and Politics of Resort to Force)
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
Professor	OKIMURA, Tadashi ☉	Advanced Seminar: United Nations	•International Relations •International Institution Studies •United Nations Studies
Professor	KAWAKAMI, Akihiro ☉	Advanced Seminar: Constitution of Japan and Pacifism	•Theory of Constitutional Law •Theory of Local Government •Theory of Human Rights
Professor	SATO, Shiro ☉	Advanced Seminar: Peace and International Security	•International Relations •Security Studies •Peace Studies
Professor	NAGAI, Hitoshi ☉	Advanced Seminar: Modern and Contemporary History of Japan	•Modern Japanese History •Japan-Philippines Relations
Professor	HYMANS, Jacques E. C. ☉	Advanced Seminar: Global Governance	•International Relations Theory •International Security •National Identity
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	XU, Xianfen	Advanced Seminar: Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China	•Japan-China Relations •International Relations in East Asia •International Cooperation Studies
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	YAMANE, Tatsuo	Advanced Seminar: Hiroshima's Reconstruction and International Society	•International Relations •Peacebuilding and Reconstruction

Note 1: Subjects shown are those expected to be offered in April 2026.

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