

Academic Year 2027

International Admissions Examination Guide



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I Admission Policy

1. Mission Statement

With its innovative international liberal arts educational philosophy, Akita International University aspires to prepare students to be leaders in global society. International Liberal Arts education at AIU enables students to acquire a broad scope of knowledge and sharpens their analytical thinking skills; it helps them gain insight into the critical issues confronting the world and develops in them a global outlook, as it equips them with the ability to communicate effectively in English and other languages.

2. Characteristics

- From the perspective of an emphasis on education, we widely recruit faculty members with enthusiasm and capability for education from all over the world, regardless of nationality, age, or gender; All classes are conducted in English by the professors about half of whom are foreigners.
- In order to acquire international vision and sense through cross-cultural experience, our students are obliged to study abroad for one year.
In conjunction with this, a cosmopolitan educational environment and campus life is offered where foreign students gather from across the globe.
- As a university open to the world based on constant exchanges with the cross-cultural community, we deepen cooperation with universities/colleges around the world including 211 partner universities/colleges in 52 countries/regions (as of July, 2026).
- As a select few, our students are provided a whole person education by, for example, everyone being obliged to live in a dormitory for at least one year after admission.

3. Future Students

At Akita International University, we want students who share our philosophy: Successful applicants should be equipped with:

- Balanced basic academic competencies across the broad fields of the humanities, the natural and social sciences, as well as logical, critical and creative thinking skills and outstanding ability or experience in specific areas that they are enthusiastic about further developing within the scope of their learning
- Strong interest and an inquiring mind toward global affairs including the nature of diverse cultures, languages, history and societies of the world based on their experiences in having studied abroad or participated in various international activities in and out of their countries
- Strong desire to gain practical skills of foreign languages (especially English) and knowledge from a broad range of liberal-arts subjects.

II Overview and Schedule of Admission for the International Examination

Exam Name		International Examination
Enrollment Date		September 2027
Number of Seats Available		5
Application Commitment Type		Binding Commitment (Accepted applications agree to cancel all other applications and enroll at AIU)
Application Period	Period for online application and payment of the application fee	October 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – October 9, 2026, 11:00 p.m.
	Deadline for submission of required documents after online application	October 1, 2026 – October 26, 2026 (*Must arrive by the deadline)
Interview Date		November 28, 2026 *The interview schedule varies depending on your registration number. Your interview time will be announced when your Admission Ticket is issued.
Announcement of Successful Applicants		December 9, 2026
Enrollment Procedure Period		December 10, 2026 – January 8, 2027 (*Must arrive by the deadline)
Disclosure of Examination Results Request Period		December 18, 2026 – December 25, 2026 (*Must arrive by the deadline)

※ Please note that all dates and times are in Japan Standard Time (JST).

International Examination (September Enrollment)

Qualifications for Application	Applicants must meet one of the following requirements and, in principle, be at least 18 years of age by the time of enrollment. 1) Graduated from a Japanese high school or secondary school, or be expected to graduate by August 31, 2027. 2) Completed a 12-year curriculum at a Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)-accredited school in Japan, or be expected to complete such education by August 31, 2027, or otherwise be recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as having an equivalent qualification. 3) Completed a total of 12 years of school education in a country or region where the standard school curriculum consists of fewer than 12 years by subsequently completing additional education at a higher educational institution, or be expected to complete more than 12 years of education by August 31, 2027 4) Be recognized, pursuant to Article 150 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Act, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a graduate of a Japanese high school, as shown in Appendix 2 or be expected to meet this requirement by August 31, 2027.
Requirements for Application	Meeting all the following criteria: 1) Be able to confirm that they will enroll if admitted 2) Hold one of the English language proficiency qualifications listed in Appendix 1 on page 7. However, applicants who have received at least 3 consecutive years of education in English, including the final year of secondary education, and have graduated or are expected to graduate, may submit documentation certifying this in lieu of the English language proficiency qualifications listed in Appendix 1*. Applicants who completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years of secondary education in a country other than Japan, or who are otherwise recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as having an equivalent qualification, must also satisfy one of the university entrance qualification requirements for their country specified in Appendix 2 on page 8.

	3) An applicant who does not hold Japanese nationality and does not have Permanent Resident or Special Permanent Resident status in Japan must be eligible to obtain the status of residence “Student,” as stipulated under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan and be able to enter Japan by August 31, 2027
Screening Process	Admission decisions are made based on a comprehensive evaluation of the application documents (e.g. academic transcript, statement of purpose) and the results of the Interview Applicants are expected to review AIU’s Admissions Policy before preparing their application documents. The submitted documents must reflect the applicant’s own thoughts and be written in the applicant’s own words. While external resources, including generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, may be used during the planning and drafting process, the final submission must be the applicant’s own original work.
Interview	Online

*Even in the case of countries/regions (e.g. U.S.A, Australia, etc.,) and educational institutions (e.g. International schools, etc.,) in which the first language is English and where the education system is entirely taught in English, applicants are required to submit an official document that proves the medium of instruction is English.

III Application Documents and Procedure

1. Application Documents

Documents	Notes
1. Application Form	※All documents and forms to be printed after downloading should be A4 size or letter-size. Either color or black and white is acceptable. Please download the form from the online application website and print it out single-sided.
2. Statement of Purpose	Please complete and submit your Statement of Purpose in English based on the guidelines on the AIU website. (1) Format: Any format (A4 or Letter size) (2) Length: Approximately 500 words (3) Required Information: Include your name and the date
3. Diploma and Transcripts	Submit (1)～(3). These must be <u>originals</u>. Photocopies are not acceptable. (1) Official certificate of High School Graduation or Certificate of Scheduled High School Graduation. *Notarized photocopies of diplomas or certificates are acceptable. An official letter or document issued by the school is also acceptable, provided it certifies the applicant's expected graduation date upon fulfilling all requirements. (2) Official High School transcript. *The transcript must include grades for at least three years, including the final year. *If issued by a Japanese high school, please submit a “Transcript of Academic Records(調査書)” (3) Official certificate which shows that the applicant has successfully passed exams or completed designated programs stipulated in Appendix 2 on page 8. *Documents written in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied by a certified translation in English, along with a certified true copy of the original document.

4. Verification of English Proficiency	Submit one of the scores (grades) listed in Appendix 1 on page 7. ❖ Certain certificates must be original; photocopies or downloaded files will not be accepted for these documents. ❖ TOEFL® TEST score may be directly sent from ETS to AIU. AIU Institution Code: 8524 ❖ Certificates that arrive after the application period will not be accepted.
5. Application Fee	Please pay the Application Fee (17,000 JPY) by following the “Online Application Procedure” on page 9.
6. Return Envelope ※If you wish to return your English Language Proficiency Certificate	※The delivery destination will be limited to addresses within Japan. If you have enclosed an English Language Proficiency Certificate and wish to have it returned, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for return.

*In principle, documents and materials submitted in your application will NOT be returned to you.

■ AIU Website

<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/ug/>

■ Online Application Website

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/aiu/>

Appendix 1 English Proficiency Requirements

All scores must be valid as of the last day of the application period, as determined by the testing organization and must be from a test taken no more than two years from the last day of the application period. Please submit one of the scores (grades) listed below. Test score reports and proficiency certificates must show your legal name. If the name on your certificates differs from your official name, you must submit supporting documents.

Type of examination		Minimum English Proficiency Requirements	Submission Method
TOEFL iBT® (※1 ※4)	Total Score (0-120)	61	Photocopies are acceptable
	Band Score (1-6)	3.5	
TOEIC® L&R + S&W (※1)		1100	Original Score Report (Photocopies and downloaded data are not acceptable)
EIKEN STEP (※4)		Grade Pre-1	Photocopies are acceptable
EIKEN S-CBT (※4)		Grade Pre-1	
EIKEN S-Interview (※4)		Grade Pre-1	
IELTS™ (※2 ※4)		6.0	Photocopies are acceptable
GTEC CBT type (※3)		1000	Original Score Report (Photocopies and downloaded data are not acceptable)
GTEC Advanced (※3)		1000	
TEAP		300	Original Score Report (Photocopies and downloaded data are not acceptable)
Cambridge English Language Assessment (B2 First/B2 First for Schools)		170	Original Score Report (Photocopies and downloaded data are not acceptable)

※1 TOEFL ITP®, TOEIC® IP, and TOEFL iBT® MyBest® scores will not be accepted.

※2 For IELTS, only scores from the Academic Module are accepted. Scores from One Skill Retake are not accepted.

※3 GTEC official score certificate (4-skill)

※4 Digital certificates and photocopies are acceptable (TOEFL, Eiken and IELTS). If you submit a printed digital certificate or a copy of the original certificate, we will verify your scores using the score verification service provided by the testing organization.

Please note that the following English language qualifications are not acceptable.

- TOEFL iBT® Home Edition
- IELTS™ Indicator
- IELTS™ Online

Appendix 2
List of Requirements for Admission for Each Country

Educational System	Requirements for Admission
U.S.A.	High school diploma and SAT (Code: 7472) or ACT (Code: 8061)
Canada	Passed courses (or earned credits) necessary to be admitted to a local university according to the standardized test conducted in the applicant's province (for provinces that do not have a standardized test, it is required to have a certificate of graduation from the applicant's high school). *Since each Province has its own education system, the above requirements may not apply to some applicants. In that case, please contact the AIU Admissions Office.
United Kingdom	Taken more than one GCE (A Level) test (excluding Japanese language courses)
Germany	Passed <i>Abitur</i>
France	Passed <i>Baccalaureat</i>
Australia	Taken the standardized test conducted in the applicant's state and passed the courses (or earned the credits) necessary to be admitted to a local university (for states that do not have a standardized test, it is required to have a certificate of graduation from the applicant's high school). *Since each state has its own education system, the above requirements may not apply to some applicants. In that case, please contact the AIU Admissions Office.
New Zealand	Completed Year 13 and passed Level 3 of NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement)
South Korea	Graduation certificate of high school
China	Graduation certificate of senior high school (高級中学) and result of National Higher Education Entrance Examination (普通高等学校招生全国统一考試)
Taiwan	Graduation certificate of senior high school (高級中学) and the result of GSAT (学科能力測驗) or AST (指定科目考試)
International Baccalaureate System	Completed the IB curriculum and passed the six final examinations *Application from any country where the qualified applicant resides will be accepted.
Another educational Systems	Passed or taken a university entrance examination or its equivalent in the country where the applicant resides. The content of the entrance examination needs to be carefully assessed. *If you think the above requirement does not apply, please contact the AIU Admissions Office.

*In case it is not possible to submit certificates or documents mentioned above at the time of application, please submit a letter in English issued by the student's high school explaining the reasons why the documents are not available. If the required documents are not submitted by the time of enrollment, admission will be canceled and the application fee and matriculation fee will not be refunded.

*For documents issued in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation notarized by a Japanese embassy/consulate or an appropriate public office in your country.

*Please be aware that applications may be denied because of varying education systems and requirements among countries. Verification of applications may take time; therefore, it is important

to submit applications well ahead of the deadline to ensure a smooth process.

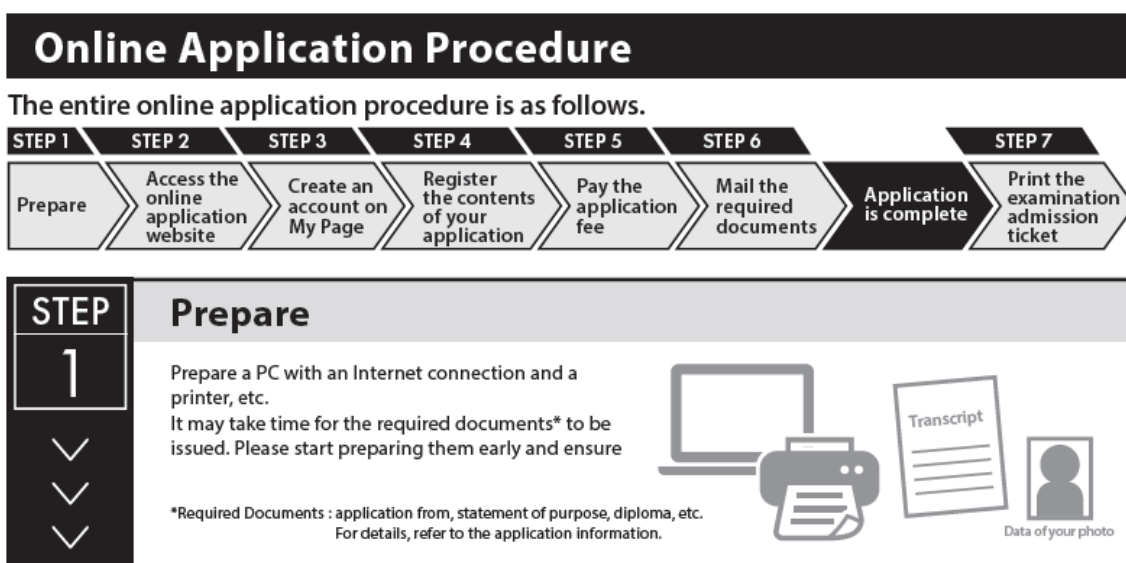
*Please contact the AIU Admission Office at least two months before the beginning of the application period if you were educated under a different education system from the country or area you are living in, e.g. attending an American-system international school in Korea, or if you are attending an international school which is not accredited by an international school accrediting organization (WASC, ACSI, CIS, NEASC, Cogna).

2. Application Procedure

After registering your application information on the online application website and paying the application fee, please print out the downloadable documents, such as the application form, and mail them together with the other required documents, such as the statement of purpose.

All completed documents must be received by AIU by the last day of the application period. Please write on the envelope in red: "Application for International Examination Enclosed." Be sure to send the documents to AIU by registered, special delivery mail. Overseas post must also be registered and sent by air.

Regarding the application procedure, please follow the "Online Application Procedure" instructions below:



STEP

2



Access the Online Application Website

Access from the
Online Application
website

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/aiu/>

or

the University
website for
applicants

<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/>



STEP

3



Create an Account on My Page

Enter the required information according to the instructions on the screen to create an account on My Page.
If you have already registered on My Page, proceed to STEP 4.



① If you are registering for the first time, click

My Page Registration



② Register your e-mail address and click on

Send an e-mail for temporary registration



③ Click on the
To the log-in page from the user registration screen.



④ A default password and a registration URL will be sent to your registered e-mail address.

*Configure your e-mail settings to receive e-mails from the e-apply.jp domain.



⑤ From the log-in screen, use your registered e-mail address and the default password you received in step 4 and click

log-in



⑥ Change your default password.



⑦ Enter your personal information and click

Next



⑧ Confirm your personal information and click

Register this information



⑨ Registration is complete. Click

To My Page



⑩ When the above page appears, My Page registration is complete.

*You can proceed to the application procedures by clicking on the Apply button only while applications are being accepted. You cannot proceed from here onward after the application period. Click on the Log-out button.

STEP

4



Register the Contents of Your Application

Make sure to check the procedures and important notices on the screen, and then enter the required fields according to the instructions on the screen.



① After logging in to My Page, click on the **Apply** button, and the registration page will appear.

② Select an entrance exam and confirm the important notices.

③ Select the desired department, etc.

④ Upload a photo. Click on the **Select Photo** button to select a photo.



⑤ Enter your information (name, address, etc.).

⑥ Confirm the contents of your application. Click on the **Application Form (sample)** button to check your application form.

⑦ Your application is registered. Click on the **Pay** button to proceed to the page where you can pay your application fee.

⑧ Payment methods for application.
● Convenience stores
● ATMs with Pay-easy
● Online banking
● Credit cards



⑨ Document required for the application in PDF format (Sample)

*This document can be printed out after the application fee is paid.

If you have selected "Convenience Stores" or "ATMS with Pay-easy" as your payment method, write down the payment number, which will appear after the selection of a payment method, in the memo space below, and make the payment at a convenience store or an ATM with Pay-easy within the designated payment deadline.

For 7-ELEVEN												
Payment slip number Memo (13 digits)												

For Daily YAMAZAKI, Seicomart										
Online payment number by Memo (11 digits)										

For LAWSON, MINISTOP, FamilyMart, ATMS with Pay-easy													
Customer number memo (11 digits)													
Confirmation number memo (6 digits)													
Receiving agency number (5 digits)	5	8	0	2	1	*A receiving agency number is required for payment Pay-easy.							

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you after the application registration is completed. If you have restricted the reception of e-mails, please allow e-mails from the sender (@e-apply.jp) to be received. *Please note that confirmation e-mails may be sorted into your junk e-mail folder, etc.



Please be careful not to enter incorrect information, as the registered information cannot be changed or modified after the application registration is completed. However, if you have not yet paid the application fee, you can substantially modify the information by re-registering using the correct information.

*Please note that if you have selected a credit card for the "Payment Method for the Application Fee," the payment will be completed simultaneously with the registration for application.

STEP

5



Pay the Application Fee

1 Credit Card Payment

You can select this method and make a payment when registering your application.

[Accepted Credit Cards]

VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG Card, DC Card, UFJ Card, NICO'S Card



Payment is completed upon registration.

2 Online Banking Payment

After registering your application, you will be redirected to the page of each financial institution from the current page. Please follow the instructions on the screen to make the payment.

*For online payment, your bank account must be signed up for Internet banking.

The procedures are completed online.

3 Convenience Store Payment

Payment at a convenience store can be made using the payment number that will appear after you have registered the application information.

● Payment can be made at a cash register.

● Payment can be made using a store terminal.



Loppi



Multi-functional copy machine

FamilyMart



4 Bank ATMs with Pay-easy

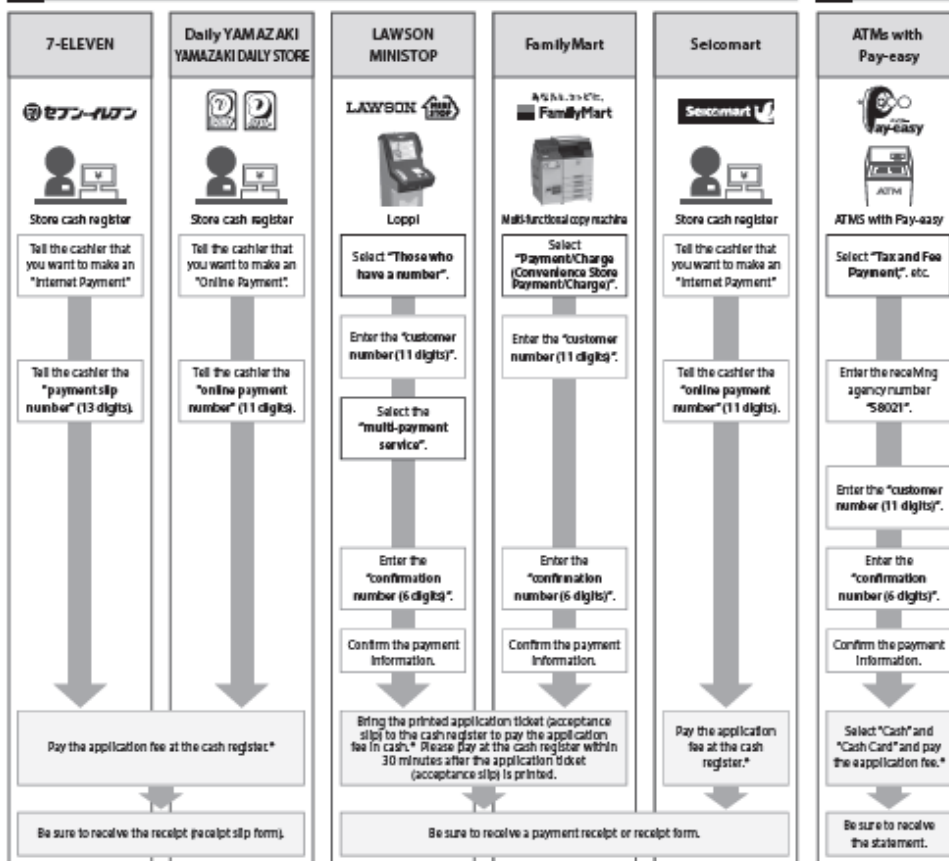
Payment can be made using the payment number that will appear after you have registered the application information at bank ATMs with Pay-easy by following the instructions on the ATM screen.



*Please check the "Payment Method Selection" screen to see the banks that offer this payment method.

Enter the required information following the instructions on the screen of each convenience store terminal or ATM and confirm the details before paying the application fee.

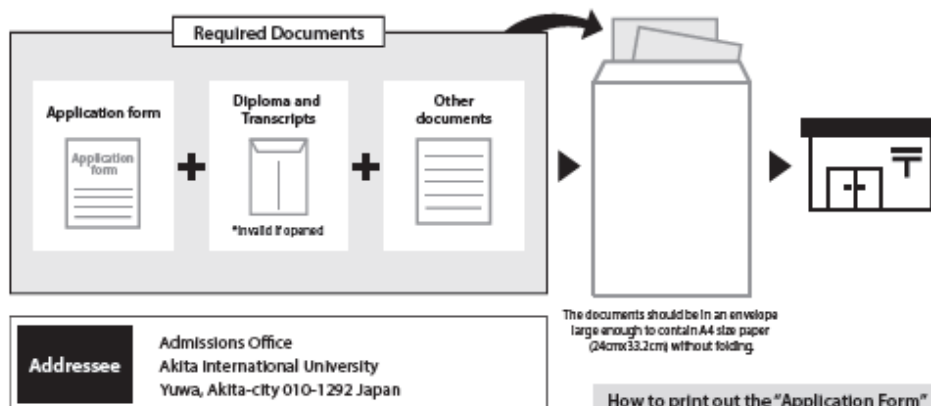
3 Convenience Stores



*When using ATMs of Japan Post Bank or banks, you need to pay using a cash card if the amount exceeds 100,000 yen. When using a convenience store, you can pay up to 300,000 yen in cash.

STEP**6****Print and Mail the Required Documents**

After completing the application registration and the payment of the application fee, print out the downloadable documents, and mail them together with the other required documents by registered, special delivery mail. Overseas post must also be registered and sent by air. *The application must arrive by the final date of the application period.

**How to print out the "Application Form"**

- (1) Click on the **Print Application Form** button shown on My page.
- (2) Once the payment has been successfully completed, you will be able to click on the **Print Application Form** button to print out the web application form.

Application Documents

For details, please check "Application Documents" in the application information.

*Once received, the application fee will not be refunded, nor will any of the required documents be returned.

<Application is Complete.>**Important points when submitting your application**

Your application will be completed by paying the application fee and mailing the required documents after completing the registration on the online application website. Please note that even if you complete the registration, your application will not be accepted if the required documents are not received by the final date of the application period.

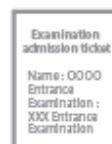
Online application is available 24 hours a day. However, the application registration and payment of the application fee must be completed by 11:00 pm on the application deadline date (business hours vary depending on each facility, such as convenience stores, ATMs, and other facilities).

STEP**7****Print the Examination Admission Ticket**

When the examination admission ticket is ready to download, a notification will be sent to the e-mail address you registered at the time of application, and also to your My Page on the online application website. Please make sure to download the examination admission ticket from the online application website and print it out.

[Notes about Printing]

The examination Admission Ticket must be printed single-sided on A4 size or letter-size paper.



3. Application Fee

(1) Application Fee: 17,000 JPY

(2) Refund Policy: The application fee is non-refundable, except in the following cases. If any of these apply to you, please contact the AIU Admissions Office via email (ugrad@gl.aiu.ac.jp) by the deadline below.

- i. The application fee was paid, but application documents were not submitted.
- ii. The application fee was paid, but application documents were submitted after the deadline.
- iii. The application fee was paid and documents were submitted, but the application was not accepted due to incomplete documents, ineligibility, or other reasons.

Refunds will be made by bank transfer, regardless of the original payment method. Any transfer fees or service charges incurred will be borne by the applicant.

Deadline for Refund Request	Friday, December 4, 2026, (JST)
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4. Application Address and Inquiries

Admissions Office

Akita International University

Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292 Japan

TEL +81-18-886-5931 (Direct, open on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., JST)

FAX +81-18-886-5910

E-mail: ugrad@gl.aiu.ac.jp

Website: <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/>

*In principle, inquiries by telephone should be made by the applicant themselves.

5. Personal Information Policy

Personal information in the application documents will be handled in the following manner.

*Those who apply to AIU will be considered to have agreed with the following.

- (1) Personal information kept by AIU will be handled in accordance with the Akita Prefecture Personal Information Protection Clause. It will also be kept strictly confidential in keeping with the Public University Corporation AIU's Personal Information Protection Regulations.
- (2) Personal information will be used to screen applicants and for admission procedures, follow-up checks on applicants, assistance and support following admission (scholarships, health care, etc.), guidance on academic matters, and collection of tuition fees.

IV Selection Process

The selection process will consist of an individual interview conducted online in English via Zoom. The interview will be based on the applicant's Statement of Purpose and other submitted materials. Further details regarding the interview procedure will be provided separately.

1. Preparation Before the Interview

(1) Computer with a Camera

Please prepare a computer with a camera and the required operating system and browser for the interview.

- We strongly recommend using the downloaded Zoom application rather than accessing Zoom via a web browser to ensure connection stability and full functionality.
- A smartphone or tablet may also be used; however, we strongly recommend using a computer for a more stable connection. Please note that the university cannot be held responsible for any problems or technical difficulties caused by the use of a smartphone or tablet.

Category	Operating System
PC (Recommended)	Windows: 10/11 (<i>S Mode is not supported</i>)
	macOS: 10.15 or later
Smartphone / Tablet	iOS: 16 or later
	Android: 10 or later

- ❖ For detailed hardware and system requirements, please refer to the official Zoom website (https://support.zoom.com/hc/en/article?id=zm_kb&sysparm_article=KB0060748). If you plan to use an older PC, smartphone, or tablet, please be sure to check the requirements in advance to ensure your device is fully supported.
- ❖ Please ensure your operating system is updated in advance and avoid running any applications other than Zoom on the day of the interview.
- ❖ In the event of a connection issue, we may use an alternative tool, such as Google Meet.
- ❖ The online interview URL and other relevant details will be sent to your registered PC email address. Please make sure you can receive emails from **@gl.aiu.ac.jp**.

(2) Internet Connection Requirements

This interview will be conducted online. Please ensure you have a stable internet connection. Make sure that an internet speed of at least 10 Mbps is secured in the actual environment where you will take the interview.

- **Speed Test Instructions:** You can test your internet speed by typing "speed test" into the Google search bar and clicking "RUN SPEED TEST". (Takes about 30 seconds)
- **Speed Requirement:** Please check that both your download and upload speeds are at least 10 Mbps. If you cannot ensure this speed, please be sure to contact the Akita International University Admissions Office in advance.

- **Network Usage:** Internet speed can fluctuate depending on overall network usage. Please ask your family members to refrain from using the internet as much as possible during your interview.
 - **Interview Environment:** We recommend taking the interview in a private room, such as at home or school. Please ensure that no one else is in the same room during the online interview.
- (3) Earphones with Microphone / Headset
- To avoid ambient noise, the use of earphones with a microphone or a headset is recommended.
- **Connection Type:** For connection stability, please refrain from using Bluetooth earphones and instead use wired earphones with a microphone.
- (4) Zoom app
- As the interview will be conducted via Zoom, please prepare the application in advance according to the following instructions:
- **Download Source:** Please download and install the Zoom application directly from the official Zoom website (<https://zoom.us/download>). Avoid downloading from third-party websites to ensure security.
 - **Update to Latest Version:** Ensure that your Zoom application is updated to the latest version prior to the interview day to prevent potential technical issues.
 - **Join a Test Meeting:** Please make sure to join a test meeting via the official Zoom website (<https://zoom.us/test>) in advance. Use this test to verify that your internet connection, video (camera), and audio (microphone and speakers) are functioning properly.

2. Precautions for Online Interview

- ① **Prohibition of Sharing URLs and Links:** Applicants are not permitted to share selection URLs, link details, or related information with any third party.
- ② **Prohibition of Observation:** Third parties, including family members, high school teachers, or cram school instructors, are strictly prohibited from observing the interview process.
- ③ **Access Restrictions:** Access to the online interview room is strictly limited to the applicant, the interviewers, and university staff members.
- ④ **Recording and Broadcasting Regulations:** Please note that the university will record the interview session. However, any photography, audio recording, video recording, or online live streaming/broadcasting by the applicant is strictly prohibited.
- ⑤ **Technical Issues on the Day of the Exam:** In the event that you experience difficulties entering the interview room due to internet or device failure on the day of the exam, please contact the Akita International University Admissions Office immediately.
- ⑥ **Rescheduling for Technical Difficulties:** If the interview cannot be conducted as scheduled due to the technical issues mentioned above, the interview time will be

postponed and conducted later on the same day.

- ⑦ **Schedule Fluctuations:** Please note that the interview start time may vary slightly depending on the progress.
- ⑧ **Preparation Before the Interview:** Before the interview begins, please connect your device to a power source and close all web pages and applications except for the interview room.
- ⑨ **Troubleshooting and Phone Contact:** If technical issues occur, such as video or audio failing before or during the interview, the university may contact you by phone. Please keep your mobile phone nearby and be ready to answer calls at any time.
- ⑩ **Unforeseen Circumstances and Disclaimer:** If the university deems it necessary to alter the entrance examination schedule or content announced in these guidelines due to unforeseen circumstances, such as natural disasters or infectious disease outbreaks, updates regarding changes to start times or exam formats will be posted on the university website. Please note that the university assumes no responsibility for any financial burdens or individual disadvantages incurred by applicants as a result of these changes.

3. Important Notes for Application

- ① Instructions for entering applicant information during online application are follows:
 - 1) Please enter your legal name as it appears in your official government-issued identification.
 - 2) If you have a passport, enter your name in English exactly as spelled in your passport.
 - 3) Foreign nationals residing in Japan must enter their name exactly as printed on their Residence Card (or Special Permanent Resident Certificate).
 - 4) As the university may contact you regarding your application details, please provide an emergency phone number different from the applicant's primary number.
 - 5) For your ID photo data, please upload a photo that strictly meets the specified requirements displayed on the screen. If an invalid photo is uploaded, you will be required to re-upload it after submitting your application.
- ② Applications that do not meet all of the criteria below will not be accepted, so please exercise due care:
 - a) Must be a complete set of all application documents
 - b) Must have no omissions or incorrect entries (corrections may be made by striking out the incorrect text and writing the correction above it. But corrections made using correction fluid or correction tape will render the document unacceptable).
 - c) Any handwritten entries by the applicant must be in black ballpoint pen or black ink, only.
- ③ Changes to application details are not permitted once the application has been accepted. However, if there are changes to your name, address, or phone number, please contact the Admissions Office.
- ④ Admission Tickets are scheduled to be available for download about one week prior to

the exam date. Please check the email sent to you approximately one week before the exam date for the details.

- ⑤ Even after acceptance has been granted, if any discrepancies are found between the submitted application documents and the actual facts, acceptance may be revoked.
- ⑥ In principle, application documents and application fees once accepted will not be returned or refunded.

V Announcement of Successful Applicants and Admission Procedures

1. Date of Announcement of Successful Applicants

(1) Date of Announcement

Please refer to page 2 for the dates of the announcement of successful applicants

(2) Announcement Method

We will send a letter of acceptance to successful applicants by post. The application numbers of successful applicants will also be posted on the AIU website (<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/>) at approximately 2:00 p.m. on the day of the announcement. Please be sure to officially confirm your result by the acceptance letter. AIU will not respond to any inquiries regarding the results of the examination.

2. Enrollment Procedure

(1) Admission Procedure Period:

Please refer to page 2 for the dates of the enrollment procedure period.

(2) Enrollment Procedure Method:

Successful applicants must pay the matriculation, tuition and residence hall fees listed on the invoice enclosed with the acceptance letter. Please be sure to submit the required documents by the end of the enrollment procedure period, otherwise you may not be able to enter Japan by the matriculation date due to the time required for visa application.

3. Fees and Expenses for the First Year

(1) Matriculation Fee

- ① 423,000 JPY (282,000 JPY for residents of Akita prefecture).

*“Residents of Akita prefecture” refers to those who satisfy one of the following criteria:

- a. Those who will have continuously lived in Akita prefecture for one year or more by the date of matriculation.
- b. Those whose spouses or relatives within one generation will have continuously lived in Akita prefecture for one year or more by the date of matriculation.
- c. Those who graduated from high schools in Akita.
- d. Those whom the President of Akita International University authorizes.

② Payment method and initial payment details:

Payment instructions will be included in the invoice sent with the Letter of Acceptance. Successful applicants must pay the Matriculation fee by the date specified on the invoice. Your acceptance will be revoked if the full payment is not received by the designated date. Any transaction fees associated with the payment must be borne by the applicant. Please note that the matriculation fee is strictly non-refundable under any circumstances.

(2) Tuition

① 896,000 JPY/year

Should the amount of tuition fee be revised during the student's enrollment, the new tuition fee will be applied at the time of revision.

② Payment Timing (after initial payment)

In principle, the tuition fee is paid separately each semester. Payment Deadlines are subject to change.

<u>Tuition per semester</u>	<u>Payment Deadline</u>
Spring Semester 448,000 JPY	May 1
Fall Semester 448,000 JPY	October 1

(3) Residence Hall Fee

In principle, students are required to live in the dormitory for one year after enrolling at the university.

① 622,900 JPY/year

(Including room and board, meals during the semester, and move-out cleaning fee.)

*This is the amount for fiscal year 2026 and is subject to change. Should the residence hall fee be revised during the student's enrollment, the new amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

② Payment Timing (after initial payment)

In principle, the residence hall fee is paid separately each semester. Payment Deadlines are subject to change.

<u>Residence Hall Fee per semester</u>	<u>Payment Deadline</u>
Spring Semester 290,100 JPY	late-March
Fall Semester 332,800 JPY	mid-August

(4) Other expenses

- (a) Personal Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance (JPY 4,660/four years)
- (b) Student Activity fee (JPY 60,000)
- (c) Parents Association fee (JPY 20,000)

- Detailed information, including the cost of textbooks and the TOEFL® TEST, will be provided with the enrollment procedure information.
- International Students residing in Japan under the “Student” visa status are required to separately enroll in the Inbound Student Insurance (43,400 JPY).
- A lifetime Alumni Association membership fee (30,000 JPY) is required separately from the university fees.
- The above figures are based on the Academic Year 2026 and are subject to change.

4. Disclosure of Examination Results

Unsuccessful applicants may request the disclosure of their personal information related to the examination, provided that the request is made solely by the applicant themselves.

- (1) **How to Request:** Please submit your request by postal mail during the disclosure period (requests will be valid if postmarked by the final day of the disclosure period). Enclose your Admission Ticket and a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

*Due to postal conditions, shipping to overseas locations may not be possible. If you wish to have documents sent abroad, please contact the Admissions Office in advance.

- (2) **Information to be Disclosed:** Evaluation (Displayed by Rank)
- (3) **Disclosure Period:** Please refer to Page 2 for the disclosure period.
- (4) **Send Request To:**

Admissions Office, Akita International University
Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292 Japan
TEL +81-18-886-5931 (Direct)

VI Others

1. English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program and Japanese Language Course

All degree-related classes are taught in English at AIU, and in principle, students for whom English is not their mother tongue must complete the EAP program, which begins at matriculation. Native speakers of English can be exempt from EAP, if judged appropriate by the head of EAP. These students may be required to take alternative courses such as “Bridging Learning Communities” and Japanese language courses, etc.

2. Study Abroad

In principle, students must spend at least one year studying abroad at a partner university. Partner universities for the study abroad program include 211 universities in 52 countries and regions as of July 2026. Please note that some universities may require additional tuition fees.

Statement of Purpose

Choose two experiences or activities from either inside or outside of school that have had the greatest impact on your personal growth and briefly describe each one. Reflecting on these experiences, explain what you hope to learn at AIU and the specific abilities you hope to develop during your studies.

Note: Your statement may be typed on a separate sheet of A4-size or letter-size paper. Please include your name and date, use Times New Roman, 11-point font, and single spacing. The statement must not exceed 500 words. If you are unable to submit a typed statement, please print it clearly (do not use cursive writing).

Application Documents Checklist

Please make sure that all required documents are enclosed with your application.

Documents	Status/Selection
1. Application Form	☐ Enclosed
2. Statement of Purpose	☐ Enclosed
3. Diploma and Transcripts	☐ Enclosed
4. Verification of English Proficiency	Verification Category (Choose one) ☐ TOEFL ☐ IELTS ☐ EIKEN ☐ GTEC ☐ TEAP ☐ Cambridge English ☐ Letter issued by high school Submission method (Choose one) ☐ Enclosed ☐ Directly delivered to AIU from the test institution *Fill out the expected arrival date (/ /) YYYY MM DD
5. Application Fee	☐ Paid
6. Return Envelope (<i>*if applicable</i>)	☐ Enclosed
7. Application Documents Check List (<i>This form</i>)	☐ Enclosed