

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS**  
**Leadership for ASEAN Marine Environments and Resources (LA MER) Program**  
**(MASTER'S PROGRAM)**

**(NON-SCHOLARSHIP)**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Leadership for ASEAN Marine Environments and Resources (LA MER) Program, which is organized jointly by the fields of Biosciences and Environmental Sciences, offers an opportunity for graduate study to students by instructing all courses in English. This program is open to international and Japanese students, and not only limited to applicants from ASEAN.

Upon enrollment, candidates will be each assigned to an advisor who will direct their thesis research in the designated field of specialization. The degree of Master of Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars with a minimum of 30 credit hours (thesis: 12, course work: 12, seminar: 6). Some of the courses may include laboratory work and training.

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

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION (Fall 2022)**

**1. Number of Students for Admission**

A small, limited number of students (international and Japanese students) will be accepted for enrollment under the Leadership for ASEAN Marine Environments and Resources (LA MER) Program in the Graduate School of Engineering and Science.

**2. Qualifications Required for Applicants**

- (1) Prospective applicants are advised to contact a potential thesis advisor at the University of the Ryukyus for consultation on research themes and plans; applicants without an advisor's prior approval may not receive full consideration during the admission screening.
- (2) Education: University graduates, who have completed 16 years of formal education, or those who have qualifications equivalent to university graduates.
- (3) Health: Applicants should be physically and mentally able to pursue study at university.
- (4) Language Proficiency: Applicants should be fluent in English.
- (5) Time Limit for Arrival in Japan: Applicants should arrive in Japan between September 20 and September 30, 2022. Arrival dates may change at the direction of the MEXT based on the COVID-19 situation.

**3. Expenses**

- (1) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY
- (2) Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY
- (3) Tuition Fee: A total of 535,800 JPY for one year, to be paid in October and April in two divided installments.

Remarks:

- 1) The University shall waive the collection of admission fees for privately financed international students who are enrolled in this program.
- 2) The University shall waive the payment of tuition for the top four scoring privately financed students who are enrolled in this program.
- 3) The University will also offer privately financed students partial exemption from tuition fees. The exemption will be granted to students with outstanding academic achievements who have extreme difficulty in paying tuition due to financial difficulties.

#### 4. Application

All of the following documents should be sent by registered airmail and insured and must be received by the Graduate School of Engineering and Science of the University of the Ryukyus before the May 25, 2022 deadline.

- (1) Completed Application Form (use the form supplied) . . . Form I-2, II-2, III
- (2) Health Certificate (by public hospital within the past 6 months) . . . Form IV
- (3) Certificate of Graduation or Diploma (undergraduate and/or graduate) or Certified Letter from the university at which the applicant is currently enrolled stating the expected graduation date.
- (4) Official Academic Transcript (undergraduate and/or graduate) from the university with their English translation.

A GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) must be issued by the university authorities.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{A \times 4 \text{ points} \times \text{course credits} + B \times 3 \text{ points} \times \text{course credits} + C \times 2 \text{ points} \times \text{course credits} + D \times 1 \text{ point} \times \text{course credits}}{\text{Total Credits Earned}}$$

Grading Scale

A	..... Excellent (90-100)	4 Points
B	..... Good (80-89)	3 Points
C	..... Average (70-79)	2 Points
D	..... Passing (60-69)	1 Point
F	..... Failure (0-59)	0 Points

- (5) Certificate of Citizenship or Proof of Residence in the applicant's home country (e.g. a copy of an applicant's passport).
- (6) Letter of Recommendation, addressed to the president of the University of the Ryukyus, by the dean or the head of the university/institution. (Form V)
- (7) Letter(s) of Reference from the major professor and/or supervisor who has personal knowledge of the applicant.
- (8) Photograph (upper front figure without hat taken within 6 months, passport size 4.5cm × 3.5cm) with the applicant's name and nationality written on the reverse side and to be fixed on the specified part of the application form (an electronic data will be accepted).
- (9) AN OFFICIAL TOEFL SCORE of 72 (Internet-based Test) or IELTS SCORE of 5.5 or above or an equivalent or higher score on an equivalent test for an applicant whose instructional language at the home institution is NOT English. An original or a certified copy of an OFFICIAL TOEFL score report is required to be submitted. \*The score report must be issued within 2 years. A certificate indicating the medium of instruction is English issued by the university authority can be substituted for a TOEFL score for an applicant whose instructional language at the home institution is English.
- (10) Publication list (Form VI)  
State author's name(s), publication year, title, name of journal (vol. and no.), name and address (city name) of publisher (if a book or chapter), and page numbers. \*Attach documents that can confirm the title, author's name(s) etc. E.g. the first page of the PDF of the paper, etc.

- (11) Those who have a job need to submit a certificate or document of guaranteed admission from their employer stating an approval for an applicant to attend the University of the Ryukyus.
- (12) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000JPY should be paid by bank transfer before application deadline, May 25, 2022. Refer to the following payment information.

University Bank Account Information

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

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

SWIFT Code: RYUBJPJZ

Account Number: 428711

Name of Account Holder: KOKURITSUDAIGAKUHOJINRYUKYUDAIGAKU

Account Holder's Address: 1 Senbaru, Nishihara, Okinawa 903-0213, Japan

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

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

\*Transfer fee will be charged separately.

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

E-mail: rggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp

\*Please pay any and all applicable bank transfer fees in addition to the examination fee. Ask your bank for details.

Remarks:

- 1) The above documents should be written or typed in English on the supplied forms.
- 2) All documents should be prepared in English. For documents cannot be prepared in English, a separate English translation should be attached.
- 3) Letters of recommendation and reference should indicate English proficiency of the applicants as excellent, good, or fair.
- 4) The information for documents (1), (2), (6) and (10) must be written on the forms provided.
- 5) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking supporting evidence. They will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline.
- 6) All submitted documents will be retained and will not be returned to applicants.

**5. Application Deadline**

May 25, 2022

**6. Selection and Admission**

- (1) Applicants will be evaluated by the screening committee of the program based on their submitted documents and online interviews including a presentation. Only those who have a solid academic background and research capability will be contacted for online interviews. The online interview will be scheduled around the middle of June.
- (2) The results of selection by the screening committee and the graduate school committee will be announced to individuals in July 2022.
- (3) Accepted candidates will be enrolled as full-time graduate students and they will be expected to accomplish course work and thesis research (Master of Science degree to be awarded) in two years, under supervision and instruction exclusively in English.

**7. Other Notes**

- (1) Successful applicants are expected to study and understand the geography, climate customs and habits of Okinawa as well as the general features and conditions of the University of the Ryukyus.
- (2) Successful Japanese applicants are expected to actively collaborate with other LA MER

- international students on study and research.
- (3) The International House and university dormitory may be available for accommodation at reasonable cost if there are vacancies.
  - (4) The areas of research conducted by the faculty members and curricula of the program are outlined in the following section.

## **8. Security Export Control**

The University of the Ryukyus adheres to the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA)" and thus conducts security export control in order to maintain international peace and security. Thus, research and education content of overseas students may be changed in certain cases to adhere to these regulations.

## **Correspondence**

Applications must be sent by registered air mail.

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

Academic Affairs Unit (Faculty of Science)  
Graduate School of Engineering and Science  
University of the Ryukyus  
1 Senbaru  
Nishihara, Okinawa 903-0213  
Japan

Phone: +81-98-895-8595

E-mail: [rggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:rggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)

**\*If you cannot submit application documents by post due to COVID-19, contact the Faculty of Science ([rggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:rggakmu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)) in advance.**