

Application Guide for Asia Bridge Program

October 2024 Enrollment, Undergraduate Program

(Second call for applications)

Shizuoka University holds an entrance examination for international students from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of India, and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who are enthusiastic about being active globally and contributing to social innovation. After enrollment in October 2024, ABP (Asia Bridge Program) students will intensively study basic subjects (Japanese, Mathematics, etc.) for the first six months. Then they will start taking liberal arts and specialized subjects in each faculty together with Japanese students and graduate in four years. The classes in the program will basically be conducted in Japanese. The approximate levels of Japanese language proficiency expected by each faculty are as shown on Table 1 on page 9.

[Admission Policy]

ABP fosters individuals who have broad perspective on both technology and management, and play leading roles abroad, especially in the Asian region. ABP graduates are expected to contribute in the following ways in the future:

- They will be able to manage production, marketing, and sales bases throughout Asia.
- They will be able to discuss technologies in the fields of engineering, agriculture and information-communication in Japanese from the perspective of a local human resource, and be able to promote international expansion by taking advantage of the technological and business strengths of Japanese corporations.
- Graduates from the Faculty of Education will be able to promote school education with a global outlook by attaining a Japanese teacher's license (required for graduation).

I. Expected number of students to be enrolled

Humanities

Faculty of Education

Science and Technology

Faculty of Science

} A few for each faculty

II. Application Qualifications

Applicants must meet all the conditions in 1) to 5) below.

- 1) Applicants may not hold Japanese citizenship. Otherwise, they must plan to renounce their Japanese citizenship by the time of enrollment. (Applicants who hold Japanese citizenship must contact the admissions office regarding renouncing procedures before applying. See page 8 for the contact information.)
- 2) Applicants must hold citizenship in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of India, or the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- 3) Applicants must be able to obtain an appropriate resident status that allows their enrollment to the university as per the Japanese Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
- 4) Applicants must meet one of the conditions in (1) to (6) below.
 - (1) Applicants must have completed 12 years of school education in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Kingdom of Thailand, or the Republic of India; or must have completed the Senior High School Level Education (aahtaattaann aasaint panyarrayy) in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

or the former Union of Burma (including those who expect to complete said education by September 30, 2024). Otherwise, the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology must have designated applicants as a person who meets this standard.

- (2) Applicants must have passed an examination in their home country that confirms that they have the academic ability equivalent or greater to (1) above, and they must turn 18 years old by September 30, 2024.
 - (3) Applicants must hold an International Baccalaureate diploma granted by the International Baccalaureate Organization, a foundation based on the Swiss Civil Code.
 - (4) Applicants must hold an Abitur diploma, recognized as a qualification for university admission in the states of the Federal Republic of Germany.
 - (5) Applicants must hold a Baccalaureate diploma, recognized as a qualification for university admission in the French Republic.
 - (6) Applicants must hold a General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (hereinafter referred to as “GCE A-Level”), recognized as a qualification for university admission in the United Kingdom. For the subjects and evaluation required for application, see Table 2 on page 9.
- 5) Applicants must have spent no longer than three years of total time enrolled in Japanese secondary schools (equivalent to junior high school and senior high school) during their 12 years in school education or an equivalent course of study. If applicants were enrolled in an international school in Japan, or a school that conforms to the Japanese education system in a country other than Japan, that period of enrollment will be treated equivalently to being enrolled in a Japanese school.

[NOTICE] If any points regarding the application qualifications are unclear, please contact us through the contact address shown on page 8, before applying. If the application contains any fraudulent or otherwise untrue information, admission may be revoked even after it is granted.

III. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit their score reports for the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) that they have taken among the test sessions specified in No. 8 of the following table (**1. List of documents to submit**), and English Language qualification examinations that they have taken since June 4, 2022. The subjects required for application are as shown on Table 3 on page 9.

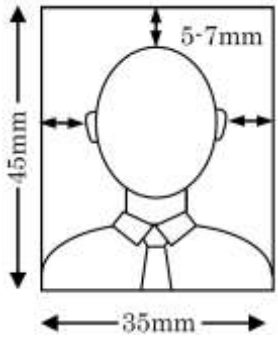
In addition, applicants may submit their Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) scores taken among the test sessions specified in No. 10 of the following table (**1. List of documents to submit**) instead of their EJU score only for Japanese as a Foreign Language.

[NOTICE] In case of any discrepancies between the translation and the original Japanese application guide, the Japanese version shall prevail.

IV. How to Apply

Students who wish to apply should prepare all of the documents listed in the following table in accordance with the prescribed format and submit them through the online application site. The application will be complete after submitting all the documents AND pressing the "Final Submission" button during the application period. If any information has been left out or any falsehoods are discovered, the application may not be accepted.

1. List of documents to submit

No.	Document name	Submission format	Description
1	Applicant information	Online entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The required information should be entered on the screen through the online application system. - When registering and applying, the names written in English on the applicant's passport or national identification card should be used without any omission. - Applicant information, scores for the various examinations should all be entered without failure.
2	Japanese essay (Reason for applying)	Electronic file (PDF)	<p>Applicants must submit an essay describing their motivation for applying, the academic fields they are interested in, and their desired career path after graduation. (This should be written in Japanese, around 500 characters. In addition, the examinee number and the names written in English on applicant's passport or national identification card should be written on the top-center.</p> <p>* The applicants who apply for the Faculty of Education, please write an essay on why you choose the faculty and your plan after obtaining the teacher's license. The website below provides an overview of each faculty and department. The applicants for the Faculty of Education should read 【ABP教育学部への出願を検討している皆さんへ】 on the site carefully to understand. https://www.abp.icsu.shizuoka.ac.jp/u-departments/</p>
3	Facial photo	Electronic file (PDF, JPG, GIF, or PNG; 150 dpi or greater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It should be the size shown below, and include margins from the border to the head of 5-7 mm. - It should be taken as a front-facing bust with headwear removed, and within three months prior to applying. (If headwear is used for religious reasons, it will be allowed as long as the face is shown clearly.) - It should have an image resolution of 150 dpi or greater. 
4	Academic transcript	Electronic file (PDF, JPG, GIF, or PNG; 150 dpi or greater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must submit a copy of an academic transcript for each academic year that is issued by the principal of the applicant's graduating upper secondary school, and based on the curricula entered in the applicant information. - Applicants must submit a transcript for the third year terms that have been completed by the time of submission. - The academic transcript must include the name of the high school, and the school's official seal or a signature by the school's principal. - If the academic transcript is not written in Japanese or English, then applicants must also submit an electronic file of a Japanese or English translation of the transcript. - Anyone may perform the translation, but the translation must contain the official seal of the organization that performed the translation, or the translator him/herself must sign it by hand.
5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must submit a copy of an academic transcript for each academic year that is issued by the principal of the applicant's graduating upper secondary school, and based on the curricula entered in the applicant information. - Applicants must submit a transcript for the third year terms that have been completed by the time of submission. - The academic transcript must include the name of the high school, and the school's official seal or a signature by the school's principal. - If the academic transcript is not written in Japanese or English, then applicants must also submit an electronic file of a Japanese or English translation of the transcript. - Anyone may perform the translation, but the translation must contain the official seal of the organization that performed the translation, or the translator him/herself must sign it by hand.

6	Academic transcript	Third year	Electronic file (PDF, JPG, GIF, or PNG; 150 dpi or greater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If possible at the time of application, high school final examination results should be included. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">[NOTE] - Applicants from the Indian education system must submit an academic transcript for the three years from 10th through 12th year of secondary school. - Applicants from the Myanmar's education system must submit an academic transcript for the three years from 4th year of lower secondary school, and 1st and 2nd year of upper secondary school. Marks obtained in Matriculation Examination, Matriculation Examination Passed Certificate and the Japanese or English translations thereof can be submitted as an alternative to academic transcripts and certification of completion.
7	Certification of completion			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A certificate of completion or of qualification. - Among the applicants who meet the conditions in "II. Application Qualifications 4", those who have completed (1) should submit the certificate of completion from their graduating upper secondary school that was issued by that school's principal, and those that acquired the qualification in (2) should submit a copy of that certificate of qualification. - Applicants must submit a copy of the original that includes an official seal in an electronic file. <p>[NOTE] If applicants are high school students, they do not need to submit a certificate of completion or any similar documents.</p>
8	EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students) score report			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must submit a copy of the score report (mailed or printed out through EJU Online) from one of the following test sessions in an electronic file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st session in 2022, 2nd session in 2022, 1st session in 2023, 2nd session in 2023 - Shizuoka University will refer to JASSO for the grades. <p>* After the application deadline, applicants cannot replace the score report.</p>
9	Score report from English language qualification examination such as TOEIC® L&R			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must submit a copy of the score report from the TOEIC® L&R, TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, TOEFL iBT®, or IELTS (Academic Module) tests taken on and after June 4, 2022 in an electronic file including the PDF version of the TOEIC® Digital Authenticated Official Score Certificate (provisional title) downloaded from the TOEIC® official site. - The score report must include the applicant's name, date of birth, and a photo. - The TOEIC® L&R IP test, TOEFL ITP® test or IELTS (General Training Module) test will not be accepted.
10	JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) score report			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants who have not taken the EJU Japanese as a Foreign Language examination may not apply without submitting their JLPT score report. - Applicants who have taken the EJU Japanese as a Foreign Language examination should also submit their JLPT score report if they have one. - Applicants may submit a copy of the score report from one of the following test sessions in an electronic file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st session in 2022, 2nd session in 2022, 1st session in 2023, 2nd session in 2023
11	Consent form *This form is required for applicants who are public employees or corporate employees only.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Those applicants who work for a public office or a company and applying for the Faculty of Science must submit the consent form signed by their employers in an electronic file. - Please download the designated form from the ABP Website.

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2. Faculties and departments available for applications / Dual applications

The faculties and departments available for applications are shown in Table 3 on page 9. Dual application is not allowed.

3. Application website

Applications for the Asia Bridge Program entrance examination are all done online. Applicants should apply by following the on-screen directions from the online application website. The online application website will be open only during the application period. For details, please visit the following ABP Website.

<https://www.abp.icsu.shizuoka.ac.jp>

If the application process does not go smoothly due to system bugs or errors, applicants should email.

abpquery@adb.shizuoka.ac.jp

4. Application period

Monday, June 3 – Tuesday, June 11, 2024

(The application website opens at noon, Japan time on the first day of period, and closes at noon on the last day.)

5. Schedule from application until enrollment

See the description for each item for more details.

Procedure		Schedule / Period
Application		Monday, June 3 – Tuesday, June 11, 2024 (until noon, JST)
First selection results announcement		Monday, July 1, 2024
Coordination of interview examination dates and connection check dates		Tuesday, July 2 – Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Notification of interview examination date and time		Monday, July 8, 2024 * mentioned on the examination voucher
Online interview connection check		Sometime during the period of Wednesday, July 10 – Friday, July 12, 2024
Interview Examination	Faculty of Education	Sometime during the period of Thursday, July 18 – Friday, July 19, 2024
	Faculty of Science	Sometime during the period of Wednesday, July 17 – Friday, July 19, 2024
Second selection results announcement		Tuesday, July 30, 2024
University registration		August – Late September 2024
Enrollment day		Tuesday, October 1, 2024

V. Selection Methods

1. Selection methods & point distribution

First selection

The first selection will be made according to the number of points or grades for Japanese language proficiency examinations (EJU Japanese as a foreign language or JLPT), EJU subject tests (Science, Japan and the World, Mathematics), and English language qualification examination. Please note applicants will be excluded from the selection if they fail to attain scores of 50% or greater for each scoring classification (1) of the second selection described on page 6.

Second selection

Applicants who pass the first selection will be evaluated according to the following selection methods and point distributions after taking an interview examination.

1) Faculty of Education

Training Course for School Teachers			
Selection methods & point distribution	<p>Applicants who have passed the first selection will pass this second selection according to the results of their EJU (Japan and the World, Mathematics), their English language qualification examination, and their interview examination. The language used in the interview examination will be Japanese.</p> <p>The points earned for (1) examinations and (2) interview examination shown in the following table will be calculated, and applicants must attain 50% of both portions as the minimum requirement to pass the selection. Applicants will be selected comprehensively in order of their achievements.</p>		
	Point divisions	Subjects (EJU and English) & interview examination	
	(1) Examinations	Japan and the World [200 points]	500 points
		Mathematics (course 1 or 2) [200 points]	
English language qualification examination [100 points]			
(2) Interview examination	Interview examination	500 points	
<p>Regarding the English language qualification examinations, the total possible score for each examination is converted to the scale of 100% (100 maximum points for each).</p>			

2) Faculty of Science

Departments	Department of Mathematics, Department of Physics, Department of Chemistry, Department of Biological Science, Department of Geosciences		
Selection methods & point distribution	<p>Applicants who have passed the first selection will pass this second selection according to the results of their EJU (Science, Mathematics), their English language qualification examination, and their interview examination. The languages used in the interview examination will be Japanese and English. The interview examination will include an oral examination (with questions related to the field of specialization).</p> <p>The points earned for (1) academic ability and (2) communication skills shown in the following table will be calculated, and applicants must attain 50% of both portions as the minimum requirement to pass the selection. Applicants will be selected comprehensively in order of their achievements.</p>		
	Point divisions	Subjects (EJU and English) & interview examination	
	(1) Academic ability	Science [200 points]	400 points
		Mathematics (course 2) [200 points]	
(2) Communication skills	English language qualification examination [100 points]	450 points	
	Interview examination (including oral examination) [350 points]		
<p>Regarding the English language qualification examinations, the total possible score for each examination is converted to the scale of 100% using the CEFR conversion table as a reference. (100 maximum points for each).</p>			

2. Methods and Period for the Second Selection Interview Examination

The individual interview examination will be held online (Zoom interview).

The dates and times for the online interview connection check and the interview examination will be decided through coordination with the applicants who passed the first selection. The details will be sent via email to each applicant. Applicants should prepare an environment where they can achieve a fast, stable internet connection.

If an interview examination cannot be completed during the periods specified by the faculties due to poor connections, then the applicant will be considered absent from the interview examination.

Procedure		Schedule / Period
Coordination of interview examination dates and connection check dates		Tuesday, July 2 – Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Notification of interview examination dates and connection check dates		Monday, July 8, 2024 * mentioned on the examination voucher
Online interview connection check		Sometime during the period of Wednesday, July 10 – Friday, July 12, 2024
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VI. Results Announcements

The results for the first and second selection will be sent via email to applicants according to the following schedule. Furthermore, applicants who pass the second selection will be announced on the ABP Website (<https://www.abp.icsu.shizuoka.ac.jp>).

First selection results announcement	Monday, July 1, 2024
Second selection results announcement	Tuesday, July 30, 2024

VII. University Registration and Date of Enrollment

Details will be sent individually via email to the students who have been accepted. If all the required documents for the admission process have not been submitted by the specified dates, the admission decision may be revoked even after the offer is granted.

University registration	August – Late September 2024
Enrollment day	Tuesday, October 1, 2024

VIII. Important Points

1. Examination fees and tuition

Entrance examination fees and enrollment fees will not be collected. Tuition will not be collected for the first year. Furthermore, tuition for the second through fourth years will have 50% or 100% of the totals waived depending on student performance. In addition to tuition, other required expenses may arise.

2. Initial expenses related to enrollment (outline)

Event		Expenses
1	Various expenses related to student life - Disaster and Accident Insurance for Student Education and Research premiums - Student liability insurance, etc. (for four years) - Student Welfare Society fees (for four years), etc.	Approximately ¥20,000 - ¥40,000 (These differ according to the faculty and department. Other insurance premiums related to housing may arise.)

2	Group purchase of notebook computers	- Faculty of Science, Department of Biological Science Approximately ¥180,000 - ¥210,000 including tax (Students accepted into the university will be contacted individually, but this is a preview of the program.)
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*After completing registration, there may arise a need to pay fees and submit additional documents other than those listed above.

3. Living expenses after enrollment

Living expenses after enrollment are the responsibility of each student. Approximately ¥70,000 - ¥80,000 is required monthly for food, dormitory and miscellaneous expenses.

For more on dormitories, see the following website:

<https://www.suoic.shizuoka.ac.jp/international/dwelling/>

4. Contact Information

(Admissions Office) International Affairs Section, Shizuoka University
 (Email address) abpquery@adb.shizuoka.ac.jp

5. Requests for disclosure of examination results

Applicants who were not selected during the second selection can make a request for the disclosure of their entrance examination results. Please email the following office within the request period. The office will explain the request procedure and the documents required. Any request made outside of the specified period will not be accepted.

(Office) International Affairs Section, Shizuoka University
 (Request period) Thursday, November 14 – Friday, December 13, 2024 (until noon, Japan time)
 (Email address) abpquery@adb.shizuoka.ac.jp

6. Handling personal information

Personal information is handled as follows in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc." and the "Shizuoka University Code on Personal Information Management".

- (1) Personal information recorded on all application documents will be used for a. Selecting new students (processing applications and making selections), b. Announcing the results, c. Processing registration, and d. Investigating admission selection methods and university education improvements.
- (2) Personal information for new students will be used for work related to a. Educational affairs (the university registrar, graduate advising, etc.), b. Student support (health care, tuition exemption & scholarship applications, employment support, etc.), c. Tuition collection, and d. Investigation of admission selection methods and university education improvements.
- (3) When used for the various duties in (1) and (2) above, some of the duties may be undertaken by contractors entrusted by the university. The contractors will be provided some or all personal information only to the extent needed to fulfill their contracted duties.

7. Security export control

Shizuoka University has established the "Shizuoka University Security Export Control Regulations" based on the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" and conducts strict examinations when accepting foreign students. Please note that the students may not be able to receive the desired education or conduct a research if they fall under the regulations.

[Table 1] The approximate levels of Japanese language proficiency expected by each faculty

Faculties and Departments	Either of the two	
	EJU Japanese as a foreign language	JLPT
Faculty of Education	240 points or greater	Pass N1
Faculty of Science	220 points or greater	Pass N1 or N2, or 135 points or greater in N3

[Table 2] Treatment of GCE A Levels

Applicants who have the United Kingdom's General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, which is recognized as a qualification for admission to university, are recognized as qualified to apply. The number of subjects and evaluations required for application are as follows.

GCE A Level Benchmarks by Faculty

Faculty of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Level examinations in three subjects - Two subjects in AS Level examinations will be considered equivalent to one subject in A Level examinations. - Only results of passing (an evaluation of E or greater) will be considered.
Faculty of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Level examinations in one or more subjects - Two subjects in AS Level examinations will be considered equivalent to one subject in A Level examinations. - Only results of passing (an evaluation of E or greater) will be considered.

[Table 3] Subject Examinations Required for Application

If students have not taken examinations for the subjects shown below, they may not apply. However, submitting a Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) score for an examination taken within the past two years instead of an EJU examination score will meet the application requirements only for the Japanese as a Foreign Language of the EJU.

Faculties	Departments & Courses	Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) or Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)				English qualification examination
		Japanese as a Foreign Language	Science	Japan and the World	Mathematics	
		EJU (Listening, Listening-Reading, Reading: (on a 400-point scale) / JLPT	(On a 200-point scale for each) (Examinations may be taken in English)			
Faculty of Education	Training Course for School Teachers	○		○	Course 1 or 2	Any one of the followings: TOEIC® L&R TOEFL iBT® TOEFL iBT® Home Edition IELTS (Academic Module)
Faculty of Science	Department of Mathematics	○	Choose two from physics, chemistry, or biology		Course 2	
	Department of Physics	○	Physics is required Choose one other elective		Course 2	
	Department of Chemistry	○	Chemistry is required Choose one other elective		Course 2	
	Department of Biological Science	○	Choose two from physics, chemistry, or biology		Course 2	
	Department of Geosciences	○	Choose two from physics, chemistry, or biology		Course 2	