



Invitation to Doctoral Course in International law at GSICS, Kobe University (with MEXT Scholarship, for enrollment in 2025)

In order to pursue a Ph.D study at Kobe University starting 2025, we strongly encourage that you apply for the Japanese government scholarship through your respective embassies **by the end of May 2024. At Kobe University GSICS, the next enrollment opportunities are in April and October 2025.**

Exciting doctoral level research at GSICS, Kobe University

By enrolling in the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University, as Doctoral students, you will have multidisciplinary and practical research opportunities in public international law. The Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC) provides the opportunities to participate in its international symposia and workshops on Antarctic and Arctic legal, policy and science issues, with prominent guest speakers from abroad. We welcome particularly those students who would like to pursue a three-year doctoral degree in international law under the supervision of Professor Akiho Shibata, Director of the PCRC. GSICS has an English course, which provides classes taught entirely in English, including several classes in international law, international relations, and Japanese politics and economy. Your thesis can be submitted in English.

Please refer to the YouTube video < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5l2zgQUt6A>>

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Japanese embassy recommendation)

The MEXT scholarship provides monthly allowance (¥145,000 JPY for Doctoral Course students), round trip traveling costs, and the tuition exemption. The applications will start soon at respective Japanese embassies of your nationality/residence and their **deadlines are usually set around late May to early June 2024**. So please check the Japanese embassy website of the country of your nationality or contact the embassy directly for its announcement. After the first stage screening by the embassy in June to October 2024, the successful applicants must then contact Professor Shibata to obtain a letter of acceptance no later than 31 October 2024. The second and final screening by the Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) will be held in February 2025. For the details, please see following MEXT's websites:

- Study in Japan : <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/>
- Application guidelines: https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/_mt/2023/05/2024_Guidelines_Research_E.pdf
(documents from previous year for your reference)

While you are going through the above procedures, you are also required to apply for GSICS to be officially admitted to enter its Doctoral course. The GSICS procedures starts from November 2024, with the MEXT prospective scholars being encouraged to enroll at GSICS first as a research student from April for 6 months before starting the degree courses in October.

For inquiries, please contact < kobe_arctic_research@diamond.kobe-u.ac.jp >