

**2023 Academic Year**

**Guidelines and Procedures for  
Fulfilling the Admissions Criteria for  
Privately Financed International Students  
(presently residing outside of Japan)  
and  
Application Packet**

**School of Global and Community Studies  
University of Fukui**

**Application Guidelines  
July 2022**



The School of Global and Community Studies (GCS) at the University of Fukui was established in 2016 as a center for learning and research focused on community development and proactive involvement in the globalizing world. Presently GCS offers a four-year undergraduate course (BA) comprised of courses in the humanities and social sciences, with opportunities for cross-disciplinary learning through courses offered by other departments at the university.

Additionally, a strong emphasis is placed on active participation at the community level through project-based learning (PBL). Please refer to the GCS website (QR code on the right) for further information. Moreover, as an expansion of GCS, the Professional Graduate School of Global and Community Management was launched in April 2020, offering qualified graduates an opportunity to extend their studies for a master's degree.



GCS is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 academic year application guidelines for students from abroad. Several undergraduate places will be offered to qualified applicants in this category who meet all application and entrance requirements and pass an online interview. These places are intended for those who are presently residing outside of Japan and are prepared to apply on a self-funded basis. However, accepted applicants may obtain funding, such as a scholarship, on an individual basis, from a range of public and private sources.

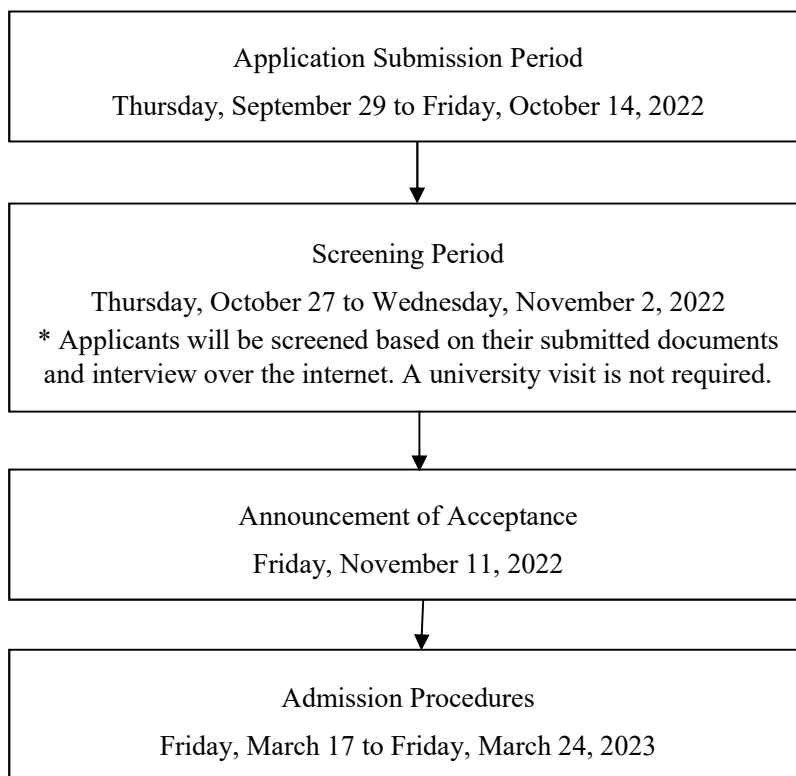
We warmly welcome aspiring learners who are keen to expand their horizons by joining us in an exciting challenge in Fukui. The region is steeped in long historical traditions and culture, including local handicrafts, as well as a rich and varied cuisine. Fukui's local industries combine modern technologies with traditional craftsmanship. Also, nature has endowed Fukui with four distinct seasons and a varied landscape of forests, mountains, farmland, and a scenic coast. All these elements combine to make Fukui an ideal region to experience "real" Japan.

Finally, the name of the prefecture, Fukui, is written with two 'kanji' characters, 福 (*fuku*) and 井 (*i*). The meaning of the characters translates literally to "well (井) of blessing (福)". Consistent with that name, Fukui has repeatedly topped the ranking among all 47 prefectures of Japan for the happiness of its residents. We are happily awaiting your application as well!

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## Schedule Overview



# I Admissions Policy

## (1) Ideal Attributes Cultivated in the School of Global and Community Studies

The School of Global and Community Studies (GCS) shall cultivate people with the capacity to contribute to the globalizing world through community revitalization. This shall be done by developing practical and comprehensive skills which are required to address and find solutions for the complex issues facing local communities and the global society—that is, issues that are interconnected at community, national, and global levels such as rapidly advancing globalization, low birthrate and ageing, declining community capacity, and environmental degradation.

## (2) The Ideal Student

### (2-1) The ideal student

Based on its Ideal Attributes, GCS seeks the following qualities in its students.

- (1) Students should possess an interest in the various complex issues brought about by globalization within local communities and the global society and a desire to actively engage in deepening their understanding and pursuing solutions.
- (2) Students should possess a desire to acquire the specialized knowledge required for their field of study as well as a proactive mindset for exploring approaches to problem-solving and working collaboratively with others, with an eye on pursuing and solving issues.
- (3) Students should be interested in acquiring skills in English as well as the communication skills for excelling in our multicultural global society so that they may communicate with others to engage in a broad and deep range of activities.

### (2-2) Expectations for students prior to admission

In GCS, students acquire specialized knowledge and skills centered on the humanities and social sciences, including English language proficiency, as well as the foundational knowledge and skills in the natural sciences essential in order to understand and seek solutions to complex contemporary problems. The pre-requisite for this acquisition is that students have fully acquired the basic academic abilities covered at senior high school or an educational curriculum equivalent thereto. Candidates for admission are thus expected to pursue full acquisition of basic academic abilities in each curricular subject up to the senior high school level, as well as to turn their attention to diversity in national, regional, cultural, linguistic, and other terms, and to cultivate their interest in a broad range of contemporary societal issues and academic disciplines, beyond conventional distinctions between the natural sciences and the humanities and social sciences.

## (3) Basic Admission Selection Policy

Privately-financed international student entrance examination (Special Examination for Foreign Students)

This entrance examination is designed for non-Japanese nationals residing outside Japan. Applicants are comprehensively evaluated based on their scores in tests of English language proficiency, Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) scores, and application materials (Application Form, Statement of Purpose, Letter of Recommendation, and academic transcripts), as well as an interview conducted online.

In accordance with the above admissions selection policy, and using the method specified for each entrance exam category below, applicants for admission are selected through a multi-faceted, comprehensive evaluation, and judgment including the three core elements of academic ability.

Points emphasized in this evaluation are marked below with a circle (○). Details of the content and point allocations of academic ability tests are provided in the Application Guidelines.

Privately-financed international student entrance examination (Special Examination for Foreign Students)	Admission selection method	Foundational knowledge/skills	Capabilities of thinking, judgment, expression, etc. required in order to apply knowledge and skills, identify problems autonomously, seek solutions, and express results	Attitude toward studying independently and in collaboration with diverse others
Privately-financed international student entrance examination (Special Examination for Foreign Students)	Interview	○	○	
	Statement of Purpose		○	○
	Letter of Recommendation			○
	Japanese Language Proficiency Test	○		
	Academic Transcripts	○		

## II Number of Applicants Accepted

A few students

## III Application Qualifications

Applicants shall not be of Japanese nationality. They shall have resided outside of Japan up until the time of application, and must meet the following basic qualification and requirements.

### 1. Basic qualifications

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Applicant has completed (or is expected to complete) 12 years of school education in a country other than Japan by March 31, 2023, or possesses an equivalent education recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). The above-mentioned 12 years of education (excluding the final year of education) may include a period of study in Japan's education system, but the total period of such study cannot be more than three years.
- (2) Applicant possesses an International Baccalaureate degree awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization as prescribed in the Swiss Civil Code.

- (3) Applicant possesses an *Abitur* certificate recognized as qualification for university admission in the states of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (4) Applicant possesses a Baccalauréat diploma recognized as qualification for university admission in the French Republic.
- (5) Applicant passes three subjects or more of the GCE (General Certificate of Education) Advanced level that satisfies university entry requirements in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (grade of at least E).
- (6) Completion or expected completion of a 12-year course by March 2023 at an overseas educational facility accredited by international evaluation organizations (Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Council of International Schools or Association of Christian Schools International).

## 2. Requirements

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Applicants must have taken the TOEFL (iBT) or, where TOEFL iBT is unavailable, its ETS-certified equivalent (that is the TOEFL iBT Home Edition or the TOEFL ITP Plus for China) or IELTS (Academic test) within the two years prior to submission of their application (January 2021 or later).
- (2) Applicants must have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N3 or higher; if not, they must submit a form which verifies an ability at or beyond level N3.
- (3) Applicants must possess or are expected to be able to acquire the status of residence of College Student according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan (Act No. 319 of 1951).

## IV Application Procedures

### 1. Application Submission Period and Method

Applications will be accepted from Thursday, September 29 until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022. Download the necessary documents from the University of Fukui web site (<http://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/index.html>), complete them, and send them by EMS (Express Mail Service) or other international postal services that track delivery.

Applications arriving after the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022 will not be accepted.

### 2. Submit applications and direct inquiries to:

Admissions Division  
 University of Fukui  
 3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture, 910-8507 JAPAN  
 E-mail: [g-nyusi@ad.u-fukui.ac.jp](mailto:g-nyusi@ad.u-fukui.ac.jp)

### 3. Application Materials

Submitted application materials must be in Japanese or English. Certificates and other documents not written in Japanese or English must include an attached translation (into Japanese or English) certified with an official stamp by an embassy or government-approved public notary.

Document	Instructions
Application Form	Complete all required items in Japanese or English
Statement of Purpose	The statement shall be written in Japanese (around 1,000 characters) or in English (around 500 words) in length.

Application Fee	<p>Make a bank transfer to the university's designated account to pay the application fee of 17,000 yen, as well as any bank transfer fees or intermediate bank processing fees, no later than Friday, October 14, 2022.</p> <p><u>Payment destination bank</u>  Fukui Bank (Main Branch Sales Department)  University of Fukui, 1-1-1 Junka, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture 910-8660 JAPAN  Regular Account, No. 6008273  BIC Code: 0147 FKUIJPJT</p>
Application Qualification Certificates and Grade Certificates	<p>Applicants with the Basic Qualifications listed in (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants shall submit a certificate of graduation (or completion), or certificate of expected graduation (or completion) prepared by the head of the school where the applicant studied in their home country</li> <li>• Applicants shall also submit an academic transcript and an explanation about the grading system which shows the percentage of students which achieve each grade, for example, Grade A(90-100) 10%, Grade B (80-89) 30%, Grade C (70-79) 35%, and Grade D (60-69) 25%</li> </ul> <p>Applicants with the Basic Qualifications listed in (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who studied in an International Baccalaureate program shall submit a copy of their International Baccalaureate diploma and a transcript of their academic records.</li> <li>• Those who obtained an Abitur diploma from one of the states of the Federal Republic of Germany shall submit a copy of their General University Admission Certificate and a transcript of their academic records.</li> <li>• Those who obtained a Baccalauréat diploma in the Republic of France shall submit a copy of the diploma and a transcript of their academic records.</li> <li>• Those who passed three or more subjects of the GCE Advanced Level (A Level) shall submit the certificate of the results.</li> <li>• Applicants under Basic Qualification (6) shall submit the certificate of course completion (expected course completion) (original), the transcript of grades (original), and documents certifying that the educational institution in question has been certified by an international evaluation organization.</li> </ul>
TOEFL or IELTS (Academic Module) Score Certificates	<p>Submit either one of (a) or (b) below. Please note that these documents should arrive at the University of Fukui by the final day of the application period.</p> <p>(a) TOEFL(iBT) score certificate:  You must arrange for TOEFL(iBT) scores for a test held in January 2021 or later to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the Education Testing Service (ETS). The Designated Institution Code of the University of Fukui is 0184.</p> <p>(b) IELTS (Academic Module) score certificate:  You must arrange for IELTS scores (Test Report Form) for a test held in January 2021 or later to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the testing organization. Complete the Application for the Issue of Additional TRFs using the following information:  Postal code: 910-8507  Name of Person / Department: Admissions Division  Name of College / University / Organization: University of Fukui  Address: 3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture JAPAN</p>

Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificates	You must arrange for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Score Report and Certificate of Proficiency to be sent directly to the University of Fukui from the testing organization. When applying for the Score Report and Certificate of Proficiency to be sent, use the following information to fill in the address and department. Postal code: 910-8507 Address: University of Fukui, Admissions Division 3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui Prefecture JAPAN Please note that these documents should arrive at the University of Fukui by the final day of the application period.
Letter of Recommendation	Please have the principal or a teacher at your last school prepare the Letter of Recommendation in Japanese or English.

#### Precautions for Submitting the Application

- (1) After an application has been received and processed, paid application fees cannot be refunded for any reason.
- (2) Application documents that have been received and processed may not be returned, nor may their contents be altered, for any reason.
- (3) Incomplete applications may not be accepted, so please prepare the application carefully.
- (4) If any content of the submitted application materials are found to have been falsified, permission for admission may be revoked, even after entrance.

## V Screening Methods

Applicants are selected by way of a comprehensive evaluation based on their submitted TOEFL(iBT) or IELTS score, Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) scores, and application materials (Application Form, Statement of Purpose, Letter of Recommendation, and academic transcripts), as well as the results of an interview conducted online. As applicants are screened based on their submitted documents, so a university visit is not required.

TOEFL(iBT), IELTS	Japanese Language Proficiency Test	University of Fukui Achievement Test
Applicants must have taken either the TOEFL or IELTS	Applicants must have passed level N3 or higher.	Interview over the internet

\*Applicants will be notified of the details of the online interview (e.g., date and time, etc.) by e-mail.

Please make sure your internet settings are properly configured to enable an online interview.

The recommender(or teacher) must also be present for the interview.

## VI Announcement of Accepted students

The application numbers of accepted students will be announced on Friday, November 11, 2022, on the University of Fukui website [http://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/user\\_admission/](http://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/user_admission/). Inquiries by phone or other methods will not be acknowledged.

## VII Admission Procedures

Accepted applicants will be sent enrollment guidelines along with their notification of acceptance. Please carefully read this information before undertaking the enrollment procedures.



## VIII Personal Information Policy

Personal information written on application forms and related materials (including information pertaining to academic assessments) shall be managed by the University of Fukui and used for the purposes of (1) entrance examination procedures, (2) enrollment procedures, (3) preparations for intake of enrollees, and (4) gathering information to improve the entrance examination process and ascertain application trends. In principle, except in the following cases, personal information will not be used for any other purposes than those described above, nor will it be provided to anyone who is not a faculty or staff member of the University of Fukui without the consent of the applicants:

- 1) In cases where personal information is provided to relevant government bodies for specific, appropriate reasons as deemed necessary for those bodies to fulfill their legally obligated duties, such as when an investigative authority requires information for an investigation;
- 2) In cases where personal information needs to be provided to an outside company contracted to perform electronic computer processing work when such work is required for submitted application materials. (Note that in such cases, the company is required to sign an agreement to manage and protect personal information in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.);
- 3) In ranges where personal information contained in submitted application materials is used for the purpose of academic research and doing so poses no risk of infringement upon the applicant's rights and interests.

Direct inquiries to:  
Admissions Division  
University of Fukui

# Application Form

For administrative use	
Application Number	

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<p>Check the following statements that apply to you.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not possess Japanese nationality.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not possess Japanese Permanent Residency or Special Permanent Residency.</p>
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1-1 Name (As written in your passport)

Last																				
First																				
Middle																				

1-2 Name in Chinese characters (if applicable)

Last	First

2 Date of Birth

/                      /
Date   /    Month    /    Year

3 Nationality

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4 Sex

<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Female

5 Native Language

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6 Education

List the schools you attended from elementary school until the last school you attended (or are currently attending)

	Institution Name	City and Country	Period Attended	Month/Year of Entry ~ Month/Year of Graduation
Elementary School				
Junior High School				
High School				

7 Current Address

\* Be sure to write your e-mail address carefully and clearly.

Address	
Postal Code	Country
Fax Number	Phone Number
E-mail Address	
* Since we may contact you using this e-mail address, please set your e-mail account to accept e-mail from gnyysi-k@ml.u-fukui.ac.jp.	

8 Emergency Contact

\* We may contact this individual as needed.

Address	
Postal Code	Country / Region
Fax Number	Phone Number
E-mail Address	
Name	

9 Enclosed Certificates and Academic Transcripts

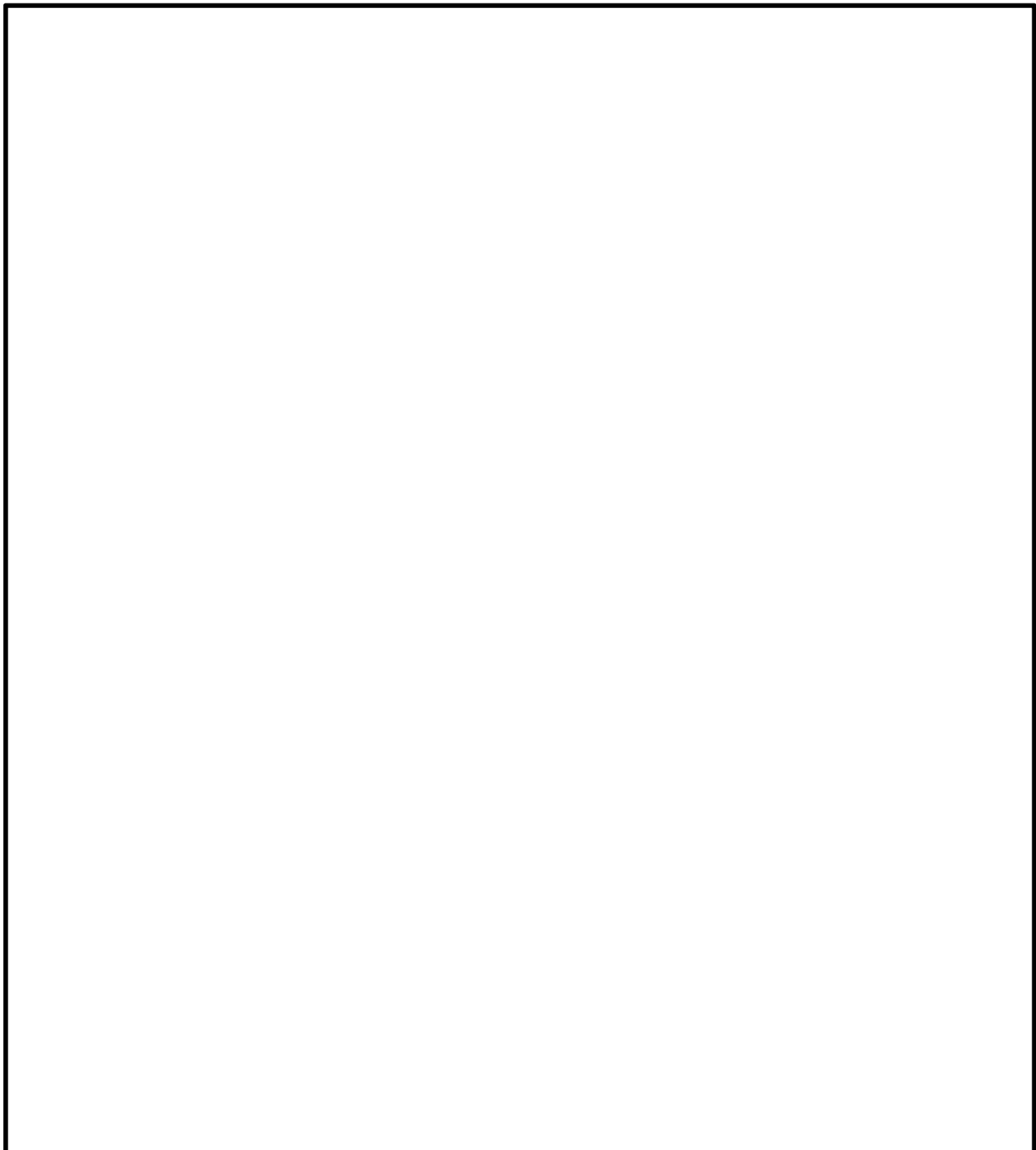
List the certificates and academic transcripts enclosed with the application forms.
Documents that are not written in English or Japanese must be accompanied by a translation into English or Japanese and include the name and contact information of the organization or person that provided said translation.

# Statement of Purpose

Name

The Statement of Purpose should detail your reasons for wanting to study at the University of Fukui, your academic interests, and your future plans. It will be used in the consideration of your application.

In English (approximately 500 words), please explain your reasons for applying to study at the University of Fukui. You may include details regarding your past studies and life experiences to further support your statement of purpose. In principle, the statement must be typed, but if you are unable to provide a typed document, a legible hand-written statement will also be accepted.



# Letter of Recommendation

The Letter of Recommendation should be prepared by the principal of your last school or a teacher there who knows you well.

Applicant Name	
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The following shall be completed by the recommending principal or teacher.

Instructions for the recommending principal or teacher:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please be candid and as detailed as possible.</li><li>2. Please write in English or Japanese.</li><li>3. After preparing this Letter of Recommendation, please seal it in an envelope and return it to the student.</li><li>4. We may also ask the recommender to be available when the examinee is interviewed online.</li></ol>
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1. We may contact you for further details, so please include your contact information.

(1) Name of Recommender
(2) Title
(3) Institution
(4) Address
(5) Phone/Fax Number
(6) E-mail Address
(7) Signature

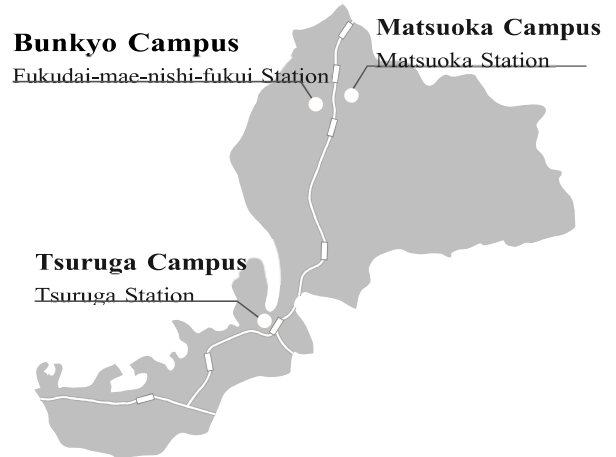
2. In as much detail as possible and candidly, please describe the applicant, including any aspects that may not be reflected in his/her academic transcripts (e.g., special skills and qualities; strengths and weaknesses).

1) What kind of relationship do you have with the applicant, and how long have you known him/her?

2) Please candidly describe the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Also, how do you think the applicant will respond when faced with difficulties?

3) Please provide any other information you may wish to share regarding the candidate.

## Access to the University



## Transportation ◆ To Fukui

**Tokyo - Komatsu** (1 hour by air)

**Tokyo - Fukui** (3 hours 30 minutes by train)

**Nagoya - Fukui** (1 hour 40 minutes by train And  
2 hours 50 minutes by bus)

**Osaka - Fukui** (1 hour 50 minutes by train  
3 hours and a half by bus)

**Komatsu - Fukui** (1 hour by shuttle bus)

## ◆ Locations

### Bunkyo Campus

School of Global and Community Studies  
3-9-1 Bunkyo, Fukui-shi, Fukui 910-8507,  
Japan

