

Academic Year 2025 “Graduate School Journal” Application Guidelines

	Edition number for September 5, 2025 Publication	Edition number for February 27, 2026 Publication
Studies in Law Studies in Commerce Studies in Business Administration Studies in Arts and Letters	No.63	No.64
Journal of Political Science and Economics	No.16	No.17
Studies in Science and Technology	No.8	No.9
Studies in Agriculture	No.13	No.14
Journal of Information and Communication	No.25	No.26
Studies in Humanities	No.26	No.27
Journal of Global Japanese Studies	No.22	No.23
Research in Global Governance	No.7	No.8

Publication is biannual, hence your opportunities are twice a year at most. **Consult your supervisor in advance about the title and the content of the paper.** The submitted paper shall be single authored and you may contribute 1 paper per issue of “Graduate School Journal” of your school.

1. Pre-registration

- (1) With permission of your supervisor, register the required information such as your full name and the title of your paper from the “Pre-Registration Form” on the designated web page during the Pre-Registration Period. If pre-registration is successfully completed, you will receive an automatic reply email notifying you that pre-registration has been completed. If you do not receive this email, your registration will not be considered complete. If you do not receive an automatic reply email, please contact the graduate school office during the Pre-Registration Period.
- (2) In case of cancellation after pre-registration, please follow the prescribed procedures.
- (3) **“Studies in Business Administration”** does NOT require pre-registration. As for the detailed schedule, refer to P.7 of this guideline.
- (4) **“Journal of Global Japanese Studies”** follows a unique registration schedule. For detailed information, please refer to page 8 of this guideline.
- (5) **“Journal of Political Science and Economics”** requires students with abstract of the paper for pre-registration. As for the details, refer to the website of the Graduate School of Political Science and Economics. It must be written about 150 words.

2. Content

- (1) The paper must be an academic paper, an academic survey, or a joint research, which is both highly specialized in its field and worthy of being released to the public.
- (2) The paper must contribute to existing research in the field of study and have no obvious mistakes.
- (3) The paper, in principle, must not be identical to those published or are scheduled for any other publications (including publications on campus). (= No Double Posting)
- (4) Each graduate school has its own specific requisites.
You must pay attention to the followings for general validity and rationality of the paper:
 - ① You understand research subjects correctly and appropriately.
 - ② You have not deliberately ignored or withheld any information relevant to the accepted truth.
 - ③ You have utilized concepts consistently.
 - ④ You have not followed any irrational process of logic.
- (5) For “Studies in Law,” the followings can be also accepted in addition to (1).
 - ① note
 - ② case note
 - ③ material

If you submit one of the above, specify the type prior to your title of the paper in (1) section on your application form: **【case note】** your title

3. Application Eligibility

- (1) Students enrolled in a course of a graduate school of this university and those who have supervisor's permission. (Non-degree students, auditors, research students and special auditors are not eligible.).
- (2) Those who completed master's program at Meiji's Graduate School in the past 2 years, wish to apply for doctoral course and are approved by the former supervisor.
- (3) Former students who graduated or withdrew from a doctoral course of this university and also are approved by the former supervisor. (within 8 years after enrollment.)
- (4) Those who have attended or completed the research ethics education (e-APRIN) designated by Meiji University before submitting paper and have acquired knowledge on research ethics.

Even without completing e-APRIN, persons who fall under ①~② below are also eligible to apply if they have completed the Research Ethics e-Learning Course (<https://elcore.jsps.go.jp/top.aspx>) provided by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. They must submit the certificate of completion by the time of submission of their papers.

- ① Students who are unable to take e-APRIN course before submitting their papers because they are new students (September publication only)
- ② If applicants did not have to take e-APRIN prior to graduation or withdrawal.
*Please note that this is not a research ethics education required by Meiji University at the time of submission of the dissertation, etc., but only for "Graduate School Journal".

*Even if (2) or (3) is applicable to you, you are not qualified to apply when enrolled in another academic or research institution and being able to publish a research paper there.

*Persons falling under (2) and (3) must submit "Reasons for Submission of Graduate School Journal".

*If your former supervisor has retired, you need to get approval by an associate dean of your graduate school.

*Exchange students in master's course may apply within 2 years after the end of their exchange programs.

Exchange students in doctoral course may apply within 8 years after enrollment.

4. Format

- (1) Horizontal writing in A4 paper
- (2) Within 10,000 words (Including tables of contents and annotations. References are not included.) [within 20 pages]

5. Instructions for writing the paper

Body of the paper

Be sure to refer to the published Graduate School Journal and the format examples on the website for writing your paper.

- (1) You must observe the maximum number of pages as any excess is not permitted. [Pages for the title, the abstract, keywords, diagrams, and references are included in the number of pages. Even in case the number of words does not exceed the limit, it is not acceptable if the number of pages exceeds the limit.]
- (2) Table of contents, body of the paper and annotation should be included in the maximum word limit.
- (3) References are not included in the maximum number of words, but included in the maximum number of pages.
- (4) Regarding writing styles for annotations, please consult your supervisor and refer to published journals. Titles in European languages should be written in italics.
- (5) Put a page number on all the pages.
- (6) After a publication decision is made, in principle, ONLY typographical errors can be corrected since the paper has undergone peer review. The author is allowed to proofread up to twice.

Abstract for publication

After the title and author's name, "Abstract for publication" which is no more than 200 to 300 words and "5 Keywords" must be included in the paper. This abstract is not included in the maximum words limit (10,000 words), but included in the maximum number of pages (20 pages).

*Studies in Business Administration and Journal of Political Science and Economics have their own requirements.

<Studies in Business Administration>

When the body of the paper is written in Japanese, the abstract must be written in European language with 100~200 words. When the body of the paper is written in a European language, the abstract must be written in Japanese with 300~500 letters.

<Journal of Political Science and Economics>

When the abstract is written in a European language, it must be written with no more than 500 words.

Abstract for evaluation

Apart from "Abstract for publication", The copy of "Abstract for evaluation" with the title and author's name should be submitted. It will be used only for evaluation and will not be published.

*When written in a European language, write within 250 words.

When written in Japanese, write within 1,000 words.

<Studies in Business Administration>

Abstract for evaluation can be written either in European or in Japanese language.

6. Requisites for submission

(1) First submission

All the documents listed below should be submitted via Oh-o! Meiji system.

The details of the submission will be given via Oh-o! Meiji to the students who completed pre-registration.

Make sure to download the latest forms from the web page and prepare the documents.

*The names of applicant and supervisor should be typed.

*Those who have graduated or have withdrawn must send their files to the Graduate School Office's email address (dai_in@mics.meiji.ac.jp).

① Register the Student information, thesis information, etc. through "Registration system".

② Submit the following documents through Oh-o! Meiji.

1. Abstract for evaluation	PDF file
2. Coversheet of the paper & Body of the paper, combined into one pdf	
3. Reasons for Submission of Graduate School Journal (Only who graduated or withdrew)	

* The above 2; Coversheet of the paper can be downloaded. Refer "4. Format" on Page 2 and "5. Instructions for writing the paper" on Page 3 in this guideline.

(2) Submission of the final paper and data

1. Body of the paper <u>without Coversheet of the paper</u>	Word and PDF file
2. The Meiji University Academic Repository Registration.	PDF file (It can be submitted at office.)

* The submission method will be announced via Oh-o! Meiji or by email.

* Please revise the sections that have been guided by the reviewers and submit the corrected manuscript. As a general rule, after the submission of the manuscript, only minor corrections such as typographical errors are allowed, and substantial revisions to the paper are not permitted.

*Regarding the Meiji University Academic Repository Registration and Publication Consent Form, please download the file, fill in the required information, and submit it with your signature.

7. Publication of electronic data (On the website)

The papers published in this research journal are, in principle, made available as electronic data on the website and the Meiji University Academic Repository. Please read the operational guidelines posted on the "[Meiji University Academic Repository](#)" regarding publication in the repository. For details on publication in the repository, please refer to [the operational guidelines](#) available on the '[Meiji University Academic Repository](#)'. If there are any reasons why you cannot permit publication in the repository, please make sure to consult the Graduate School Office at the time of preliminary registration.

8. Gifts of offprints

50 off-prints of your paper will be your gift upon request.

If you would like to have additional offprints, turn in your request form by the time you submit first proofread paper. You will need to pay for additional offprints

9. Others

- (1) Strictly keep the deadline. Submission after the deadline will NEVER be accepted under any circumstances.
- (2) Note that dates or requirements may change at any time due to inevitable reasons. Check the latest information through Oh-o! Meiji carefully.
- (3) In principle, the title of your paper can be changed if only your supervisor approves.

If you change the title, please follow the prescribed procedures.

Severe punishment may be imposed in case of illegal conducts regarding research activities. The followings are illegal and any cooperation in those conducts are to be punished.

- ① **Fabrication** : To makeup data and research results that do not exist.
- ② **Falsification** : To process research data or results into false ones by manipulating and changing research materials, research equipment and the research process.
- ③ **Plagiarism** : To take other researchers' ideas, samples, analyses, analytical methods, research results, research papers or original terms and pass them off as your own or use them without permission or appropriate indication.

10. Schedule

(1) All Graduate Schools (Except Graduate School of Business Administration and Global Japanese Studies)

*Observe the deadline strictly. Any delay in submission will not be accepted.

*Title may be changed only when your supervisor approves it. Report to Graduate School Office soon after the approval.

	Date of publication: September 5(Fri), 2025	Date of publication: February 27(Fri), 2026
Pre-registration Period	From March 10 (Mon) to 3:00 pm, March 14 (Fri)	From June 23 (Mon) to 3:00 pm, June 27 (Fri)
Deadline for first submission	By 3:00 pm, April 10 (Thu) * <u>Some graduate schools have an interim Correction Period</u>	By 3:00 pm, September 19 (Fri)
Announcement of the result	In late May or Beginning of June	In late October or Beginning of November
	The final decision is made by the Graduate School Committee. The result will be announced via Oh-o! Meiji.	
The Final Correction Period	Within 2 weeks after announcement of the result	
	Follow the referees' advice and revise your paper accordingly. <u>Basically, corrections after this period will NOT be allowed.</u>	
Submission of the final paper and data	Middle of June	Middle of November
First proofreading (Author's proofreading)	Beginning of July	Beginning of December
	You may correct typos but cannot change the content of the paper.	
Submission of the first proofread / Deadline for the request for additional reprints	Middle of July	Middle of January
Second proofreading (Author's proofreading)	In early August	In early February
	You may check corrections of the first proofreading and correct typos only.	
Publication	September 5 (Fri), 2025	February 27(Fri), 2026

The schedule after the Announcement of the result may change.

(2) Graduate School of Business Administration (*No need to pre-register)

*Observe the deadline strictly. Any delay in submission will not be accepted.

*Title may be changed only when your supervisor approves it. Report to Graduate School Office soon after the approval.

	Date of publication: September 5(Fri), 2025	Date of publication: February 27(Fri), 2026
First Submission Period	From April 1 (Tue) to 3:00 pm, April 4 (Fri)	From August 25 (Mon) to 3:00 pm, August 29 (Fri)
Interim Correction Period	From late April to beginning of March.	From early September to late September.
Announcement of the result	In late May or beginning of June	In late October or beginning of November
	The final decision is made by the Graduate School Committee. The result will be announced via Oh-o! Meiji.	
The Final Correction Period	Within 2 weeks after announcement of the result	
	Follow the referees' advice and revise your paper accordingly. <u>Basically, corrections after this period will NOT be allowed.</u>	
Submission of the final paper and data	Middle of June	Middle of November
First proofreading (Author's proofreading)	Beginning of July	Beginning of December
	You may correct typos but cannot change the content of the paper.	
Submission of the first proofread / Deadline for the request for additional prints	Middle of July	Middle of January
Second proofreading (Author's proofreading)	In early August	In early February
	You may check corrections of the first proofreading and correct typos only.	
Publication	September 5 (Fri), 2025	February 27 (Fri), 2026

The schedule after the Announcement of the result may change.

(3) Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies (*No need to pre-register)

*Observe the deadline strictly. Any delay in submission will not be accepted.

*Title may be changed only when your supervisor approves it. Report to Graduate School Office soon after the approval.

	Date of publication: September 5(Fri), 2025	Date of publication: February 27(Fri), 2026
Pre-registration Period	From February 25 (Tue) to 3:00 pm, March 3 (Mon)	From June 23 (Mon) to 3:00 pm, June 27 (Fri)
Deadline for first submission	By 3:00 pm, March 28 (Fri)	By 3:00 pm, September 2 (Tue)
	<u>*Some graduate schools have an interim Correction Period</u>	
Announcement of the result	In late May or Beginning of June	In late October or Beginning of November
	The final decision is made by the Graduate School Committee. The result will be announced via Oh-o! Meiji.	
The Final Correction Period	Within 2 weeks after announcement of the result	
	Follow the referees' advice and revise your paper accordingly. <u>Basically, corrections after this period will NOT be allowed.</u>	
Submission of the final paper and data	Middle of June	Middle of November
First proofreading (Author's proofreading)	Beginning of July	Beginning of December
	You may correct typos but cannot change the content of the paper.	
Submission of the first proofread / Deadline for the request for additional reprints	Middle of July	Middle of January
Second proofreading (Author's proofreading)	In early August	In early February
	You may check corrections of the first proofreading and correct typos only.	
Publication	September 5 (Fri), 2025	February 27(Fri), 2026

The schedule after the Announcement of the result may change.