

Co-Tutelle PhD Programme in Global Screen Studies Admission Requirements (October 2025 Admission)

Graduate School of Humanities, Nagoya University, Japan and Department of Film and Television Studies, University of Warwick, UK

In collaboration with the University of Warwick, UK, Nagoya University invites students to apply for admission to the Co-Tutelle PhD Programme in Global Screen Studies with English as medium of instruction, according to the terms and conditions below.

Introduction

The Graduate School of Humanities at Nagoya University and the Department of Film and Television Studies at the University of Warwick offer an innovative and collaborative PhD programme that consolidates an existing research partnership and introduces a range of exciting research opportunities for graduate students wishing to work on projects related to the study of world screen cultures.

Students can enrol on a 3-4 year doctoral studies programme at either Nagoya or Warwick and enjoy joint supervision across the duration of their studies with a dedicated year of study and research at the respective partner institution. Students are expected to graduate with one degree from the main university with a certificate from the partner university attached. Students can thus benefit from the dynamic interaction of the existing research and pedagogical strengths in the two institutions with the added advantage of enjoying a programme of study in both East Asia and Europe.

The co-tutelle programme is designed cohesively and collaboratively with a range of benefits in terms of active participation in the wider graduate research cultures of the two universities. They include the opportunity to take part in related MA classes/modules provided by both departments and involvement in the various research talks, conferences and symposia organised throughout the year at Nagoya and Warwick.

It is thus designed to deliver the following objectives:

- A high-quality graduate experience with an international focus
- The possibility of studying in at least two different regional contexts and film cultures
- The chance to carry out a tailored research project that strengthens an intensive understanding of the global nature of screen culture
- The opportunity to collaborate with a range of international film and television scholars with different methodological perspectives
- The chance to develop language skills related to more than one regional context
- The enhancement of future employability skills related to academia and related professions worldwide

Below are the guidelines for students who wish to apply for admission at Nagoya University. For students who wish to apply for admission at the University of Warwick, the guidelines are available on [the website of its Film and Television Studies Programme](#).

I. Eligibility for Application

Those who meet one or more of the following qualifications and admissions requirements for a research degree both (PhD) in the Graduate School of Humanities, Nagoya University, and (MPhil/ PhD) in the Department of Film and Television Studies, the University of Warwick, are eligible to apply:

- (1) Hold a Master's degree or Professional degree from a Japanese university or will receive a Master's degree or Professional degree from a Japanese university by the end of September 2025.
- (2) Have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or Professional degree in a country other than Japan or will receive one by the end of September 2025.
- (3) Have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or Professional degree in Japan through correspondence education managed by a foreign university or other recognized educational institution or will receive one by the end of September 2025.
- (4) Have received a Master's degree or Professional degree from a university in Japan that is recognized as a university belonging to the system of higher education of a foreign country and is approved by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or will receive one by the end of September 2025.
- (5) Have completed a course of the United Nations University and have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree, or will have completed a course of the United Nations University and will have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree by the end of September 2025. The United Nations University refers to the university established by the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of December 11, 1972. The university is provided for under Paragraph 2 of Article 1 of the Act on Special Measures (Law No.72, 1976) concerning the Implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan relating to the Headquarters of the United Nations University.
- (6) Have completed the curriculum of a foreign university or educational institution designated under category (4), or the United Nations University, and have passed the equivalent of a Qualifying Examination, or will have completed the curriculum of a foreign university, educational institution designated under category (4), or the United Nations University, and will have passed the equivalent of a Qualifying Examination by the end of September 2025, and therefore recognized as having scholastic ability equivalent to or higher than that of persons who have a Master's degree.
- (7) Have been approved by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ministry notice No.118 of 1989).
- (8) Have been recognized by the Graduate School of Humanities, based on individual eligibility screening for the examination, as having academic abilities equal to those who have a Master's degree or Professional degree, and be of an age not less than 24 years old by the end of September 2025.

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Persons wishing to apply under category (7) or (8) in the Admission Requirements must contact the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Humanities at least one month prior to the application deadline and complete the prescribed procedures for eligibility review.

II. English Language Requirement

- A minimum of IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 and above in all components will be required for applicants with the expectation that they will move to a higher score after the end of their first year of study.

III. Number of Available Places

Number of Places: Up to 2

IV. Pre-application Procedure

All prospective applicants must contact a potential supervisor to discuss their proposed field of research via email after reading details of the staff's interests and publications to see whose research may be of most interest to them. (A prospective student will be assigned two supervisors, one from Nagoya and the other from Warwick. For potential supervisors at Warwick, see [the Teaching Staff at Warwick.](#))

Faculty List (Click faculty name to view their interests, publications and email address)

<p>Professor Hideaki Fujiki</p> <p>Fujiki's research explores how cinema and other screen media facilitate human imagination and understanding of ecological and social issues at local, national, and global levels. He has also worked on the social history of cinema, media, and their audiences in relation to the construction of subjectivity, the Japanese empire, and questions of nationalism, citizenship, the masses, and transmediality; and the industrial and socio-cultural history of Japanese film stardom and the local reception of American and European films in relation to Japanese modernity.</p>
<p>Associate Professor Ran Ma</p> <p>Ma's research interests centre around an intersection of inter-Asia studies, transnational film and screen cultures, and film festival studies, and she has published widely on the interrelations between film movements, the politics of auteurism, and the institutional contexts of exhibition, circulation, and criticism. She is currently interested in the issues of mobility, infrastructure, and affect in relation to transnational Sinophone film & media. Ma is the author of <i>Independent Filmmaking across the Borders in Contemporary Asia</i> (Amsterdam University Press, 2019).</p>
<p>Associate Professor Chikako Nagayama</p> <p>Nagayama's research and teaching interests include feminism, queer studies, critical race studies, material cultural studies, film and media, and the politics of decolonization. Her articles have appeared in journals such as <i>Signs</i>, <i>Transnational Cinemas</i>, <i>Verge: Studies in Global Asias</i>, and <i>The Asia Pacific Journal: Japan Focus</i> in addition to edited volumes in English and Japanese. She is a co-editor of <i>Gender and Food in Transnational East Asias</i> (Lexington Books, 2021).</p>
<p>Associate Professor Shota Ogawa</p> <p>Ogawa's research and teaching interests include diasporic film cultures, tourism-as-method in film and media studies, and archiveology with an emphasis on East Asia. His writings have appeared in journals such as <i>Screen</i>, <i>Journal of Japanese and Korean Cinema</i>, and in his co-edited volume, <i>Routledge Handbook of Japanese Cinema</i>.</p>

V. Application Period (Via Registered Mail)

All materials needed for submitting an application are available at <https://www.hum.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/gss/admission/>


Starting	Deadline
12 June, 2025 9:00 (Japan Time)	18, June 2025 16:00 (Japan Time)

Applications will be accepted during the designated application period only. Application documents should be sent to the University by post at the address below. Applications that do not meet the deadline will not be accepted. It is recommended that you send documents by registered/express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g. Federal Express, DHL, UPS, etc.).

Student Affairs Section for the Graduate Schools of Humanities,
Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Bunkei Sogo-kan Building,
Nagoya University
Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya
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JAPAN

VI. Application Fee (Examination Fee) Payment

Follow the directions given on the website below and pay by credit card.

Application Fee (Examination Fee)	Payment Method
JPY 30,000	Payment of Fees by Credit Card 

Payment of this application fee is unnecessary if you fall under either of the following:

- The applicant wishes to advance to the PhD Programme directly after the completion of an Initial Two-Year Programme (Master's Programme) at a Graduate School of Nagoya University.
- The applicant is a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholar who is enrolled at Nagoya University or another Japanese university; however, you must submit a 'MEXT Scholar Certificate' (Photocopies will not be accepted.) as one of your application documents.

(Your application documents will be accepted only after the submission of a "MEXT Scholar Certificate" to Nagoya University.

VII. Required Documents (All documents should be in English or have officially attested translations)

	Documents and Other Materials	Notes
i	Application Form	
ii	C.V.	It can be in any format.
iii	*Master's Degree or Professional Degree Certificate (or Prospective Degree Certificate) from your previous/present graduate school	It should be an original document or attested copy.
iv	*Official Academic Record from your previous/present graduate school	It should be an original document or attested copy.
v	IELTS (Academic) Test Report Form	The test must have been taken within two years of the intended start date of your programme at Nagoya.
vi	Writing Sample (more than 2,000 words)	Written in English on A4 paper
vii	Research Proposal	Written in English on A4 paper
viii	Two References	Your referee should submit the reference via post on official letter headed paper, with a signature, to the mailing address of the Graduate School of Humanities below.
ix	Contact Address Label: Fill out the forms marked "Your Contact address", with your contact address	
x	(ONLY for International Applicants who reside in Japan) An original document of "A Copy of Resident Record"	
xi	(ONLY for Applicants who do not reside in Japan) A photocopy of the page of their valid passport showing the passport number and the applicant's photograph	

What is an attested copy/attestation?

Please refer to "[FAQs](#)" of the University of Warwick website.

[Notes]

- 1) Application documents submitted will not normally be returned. Upon request, however, certain materials that are unable to be reissued may be returned. Please attach a note to this effect if applicable.
- 2) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or that any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be revoked, even in the event that the candidate has already been admitted to the University.
- 3) Once we receive your application, we will notify you via email. For any enquiries, please contact us at hum@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp
- 4) The potential supervisor may contact you directly during the course of the screening regarding your submitted documents.

VIII. Selection Process

Selection will be carried out on the basis of Research Proposal, Writing Sample and Interview. Only the applicants who have passed the first (document) screening are expected to take interviews for the final screening. Results of the first (document) screening will be announced via email. Each interview may be jointly conducted by faculty members both from Nagoya and Warwick. Examination may take place online and its schedule will be arranged afterwards.

Date and Time	Details of Examination	Language
TBA	Interview	English

IX. Announcement of Admission Decisions

Admission decisions will be announced via email no later than 30 July, 2025.

X. Applicants with special needs

Applicants with special needs, who require special support in making their application and/or studying at the University, should consult Nagoya University before the submission of their admission application, as follows:

- (1) End of consultation period

20 May, 2025

- (2) Contact

Student Affairs Section for the Graduate Schools of Humanities, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences

Email: hum@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

- (3) Consultation Process

Please submit the following documents. If necessary, the applicant or a representative of the school from which the applicant graduated or will graduate who can speak for the applicant will be interviewed by Nagoya University.

1)	A document stating the programme to be applied for, the desired major, the nature of the applicant's special needs, the arrangements desired for examinations and taking courses, and the applicant's contact details. (in any format on A4 paper.)
2)	A doctor's diagnosis of the applicant's special needs, the written opinion of a social worker, etc. (a copy is acceptable), or a copy of a disability certificate or equivalent document.

(4) If you would like to consult with us regarding the admissions process or your studies after your enrolment, please contact us by the application deadline.

XI. Admission Procedure

Documents and forms required for university enrolment will be sent to every successful applicant after the announcement of admission decisions.

1. Payment of the registration fee (JPY 282,000)

For details, please refer to the guidelines for enrolment procedures which will be sent via email.

Payment of this registration fee is unnecessary if you fall under either of the following:

- The applicant wishes to advance to the PhD Programme directly after the completion of an Initial Two-Year Programme (Master's Programme) at a Graduate School of Nagoya University.
- The applicant is a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholar who is enrolled at Nagoya University or another Japanese university; however, you must submit a 'MEXT Scholar Certificate' (Photocopies will not be accepted.) as one of your application documents.

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(1) If the registration fee is revised by the time of enrolment, the new fee after revision will apply.

(2) Registration fees will not be refunded once received by the University.

2. Payment of tuition fees

For details, please refer to the guidelines for enrolment procedures to be sent via email.

Tuition fees payment must be made after the semester begins.

Tuition Fees	
Per semester	JPY 267,900
Per year	JPY 535,800

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(1) If tuition fees are revised at the time of enrolment or during enrolment in the University, the new fee after revision will apply from the time of revision.

(2) Please refer to the guidelines for enrolment procedures for any other details.

3. Reminder to applicants who are expected to complete their graduate school but have not yet completed at the time of application

Applicants who have not yet been awarded a master's degree at the time of application must submit their master's degree certificates and academic transcripts by **30 September, 2025**.

Please note: if you are unable to submit the certificate by the above deadline, you must contact us in advance at hum@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp.

4. For details of opportunities for financial aid and funding for which students may be eligible to apply, see <https://www.hum.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/gss/gss-top/>

XII. Other

1. All personal information submitted to Nagoya University is appropriately managed in compliance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" and the "Management of Nagoya University Students' Personal Information" regulations.

2. Personal information related to the applicant, such as name, address, date of birth, etc., will be used

for the purpose of admissions, announcement of results, and enrolment procedures. Personal information related to the applicant and entrance examination results will be used to improve future selection procedures.

3. Furthermore, the personal details of applicants admitted to Nagoya University will also be used for i) academic affairs (student registration, academic advising, etc.), ii) student welfare services (health care, career services, tuition exemption, scholarship applications, etc.), and iii) collecting tuition fees.
4. All times and dates indicated in the Admission Requirements refer to Japan Standard Time (UTC+09).
5. If a complete submission of the application fee and application documents is not made during the application period, the application will not be accepted.
6. Application documents that arrive after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
7. Note that the application fee is for the purpose of checking the submitted documents and screening, etc. and will not be refunded or returned once paid to the University. The sender is responsible for the costs of the processing fee for the Bank Transfer of your application fee payment.

XIII. Contact

For any general enquiries about the Co-Tutelle PhD Programme in Global Screen Studies, please contact us at:

[Graduate School of Humanities]

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