

Collaborative Graduate Program in Design
Basic Doctoral Ability Qualification (Qualifying Examination: QE)
2016–2017 Academic Year

The Basic Doctoral Ability Qualification (Qualifying Examination: QE) for students in the Collaborative Graduate Program in Design (hereafter, the Program) will be implemented according to the guidelines below.

1. Eligibility for the QE

To be considered as a candidate for the QE, you must be in at least your third year of the Program, be enrolled in a doctoral course of your graduate school, and have earned over 8 credits in General Design Courses and Practice in Design Courses, and over 10 credits in major-related Domain Design Courses.

2. Required Documents

Submit the following documents to the Unit of Design Administration Office in person or by campus or regular mail. The deadline is **5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016** (mail applications must arrive by this deadline). Application forms and guidelines are available for download (Word files) from the “for Students BBS” (student information bulletin board) on the Collaborative Graduate Program in Design website (only available for Design Program students).

- Student information bulletin board URL:
<http://www.design.kyoto-u.ac.jp/announce/student/kyomu/>

- (1) Basic Doctoral Ability Qualification (QE) Application Form (specified form)
- (2) Summary of Master’s thesis or equivalent research paper: Prepare in Japanese or English on approx. 2 pages of A4 paper

The summary needs to include one of the following contents:

- Abstract of Master’s thesis
- Research progress report (describe past research and study related to topics you wish to research after enrollment)
- Performance statement (concisely describe objective findings, etc. that you have gained from your area of research)
- Research statement (describe accomplishments that you have made in your area of research while in service to a business or other organization)

- (3) Doctoral course research plan: Prepare in Japanese or English on approx. 2 pages of A4 paper
This statement should focus on the relevance of your research to the Program.

3. Examination

Examination will be based on evaluation of the application form, Master’s thesis summary and research plan. If deemed necessary, applicants may also be asked to undergo an oral exam. In this case, a notice will be sent to the contact address listed on the candidate’s application form.

4. Submission and Information

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