

**Admission** Guidelines for applicants for the Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science,  
Kyoto University

The Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science (PWS) is an educational program of up to 5 years (L1-L5). Students join PWS at year L1 and progress through successive years, subject to passing annual reviews. The PWS Program is completed by students in parallel to their existing Kyoto University Master's and doctoral programs. Students need not change supervisor or section/laboratory when joining PWS.

We encourage exemplary students to apply now for entry to the Primatology and Wildlife Science program (PWS), to start on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. There are **TWO NECESSARY** conditions for eligibility:

- 1. Applicants MUST be Graduate students of Kyoto University in the school year 2015-2016**
- 2. Applicants MUST have received approval for registration to the PWS program**

Please refer to the following sections for further details regarding eligibility.

**1. Applicants must be graduate students at Kyoto University in the school year 2015-2016**

To be eligible you must be a student of either:

- Division of Biological Science, Graduate School of Science
- Division of Behavioral Studies, Graduate School of Letters \*
- Division of Educational Studies, Graduate Schools of Education \*
- Division of African Area Studies, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies \*

\* Further explanations will be provided later.

**2. Applicants must be approved for registration to the PWS program**

The PWS program is designed for students in years M1 or D1 in the school year 2015-2016. Intake is restricted to L1 and L3 years only. Students joining the PWS Program from their 1<sup>st</sup> year (M1) become L1 students, with the potential to benefit from the full 5 year educational program, subject to annual review. Students joining the PWS Program for the start of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year (D1) become L3 students, with the potential for three years with PWS, subject to annual review. M2, D2, and D3 students cannot join the program for L2, L4, and L5 as their initial stage.

**NOTE:** If you are an M2 student as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, you are currently NOT eligible for this program. The next transfer eligibility review is scheduled for February, 2016; you will qualify to apply for a transfer eligibility review for consideration for entry to PWS at L3 at this time. As outlined above, at the end of each academic year of study within the PWS Program, students are required to pass a review in order to remain in the PWS Program in the following academic year. Students required to repeat a year of their master's or doctoral course will not be allowed to continue in the PWS Program.

Decisions regarding admission to the Program will be made, on an individual basis, during the symposium. All applicants to the PWS Program must attend all days of the conference sessions AND give a poster presentation in English. Pre-registration is required. Please email “The Leading Graduate program Transfer Request Form” completed with the information below, to < exam2015@wildlife-science.org > with “Application for The Leading Graduate Program” as the subject line. The information required for your registration is:

- (1) Full name
- (2) Sex
- (3) Email address and telephone number
- (4) Affiliation/position as of March 2015 (If you are not a student currently, please state it and write your final academic background)
- (5) Division of Graduate School you will join from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- (6) Name(s) of prospective supervisor(s) in your section/laboratory
- (7) Name(s) of the Leading Graduate Program collaborator(s) you would like to be supervised by should you be accepted as a PWS student
- (8) Title of your poster presentation
- (9) Your motivation for applying to the PWS program (300 words)

FORM DOWNLOAD: [Application for The Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science, Kyoto University .xls](#)

**NOTE:** Please contact your prospective supervisors (required for [5] and [6] ) IN ADVANCE. You will need their spoken approval, and letter(s) of consent signed by your prospective supervisor(s) (you may submit the letter(s) of consent on the day of the symposium).

### **Transfer eligibility review**

Students seeking to enter the PWS Program at L3 must undergo a transfer eligibility review to be assessed for eligibility by the Kyoto University Leading Graduate Program Committee (the governing body directing the PWS Program). For the transfer eligibility review, you will be required to submit the following documents (1), (2) and (3), with document (4) being recommended:

- (1) The Leading Graduate Program Transfer Request Form (Word file)
- (2) Master’s thesis, or something comparable related to your previous work
- (3) Transcript of your Master’s program
- (4) RECOMMENDED: Certificate(s) as evidence of your linguistic skills (such as TOEIC/TOFEL score)

Please download document (1) from the PWS website (a completed ‘sample’ form is also provided).

- [The Leading Graduate Program Transfer Request Form2015.docx](#)
- [The Leading Graduate Program Transfer Request Form\\_sample2015.pdf](#)

The deadline for pre-registration is as stated below. Please be aware that the pre-registration deadlines for L1 and L3 are DIFFERENT. Once pre-registration is successful, you will receive an email reply with your registration number. If you do not receive a reply within a couple of days, please inform us by email as soon as possible < exam2015@wildlife-science.org >

**Pre-registration deadlines:**

Prospective applicants (BOTH L1 and L3): February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Saturday)

Prospective applicants for L3 (ONLY transfer students): February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 (Monday)

**Assessment for Admission to the PWS Program**

PWS Annual Symposium

- Date: Thursday March 5<sup>h</sup> - Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Venue: Seminar House at Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University  
<http://www.wildlife-science.org/en/symposium/2015-03.html>

During the PWS Annual Symposium, applicants are required to complete two tasks:

**(1) Poster presentation (in English)**

- Please prepare a poster outlining your: previous research work, research plan for the PWS Program and your overall goal if you were to be accepted as a PWS student.
- Size: A0 (height by width: 1189mm x 841mm) or smaller
- Please present your poster in English
- Submit your poster abstract (200 words + 4 keywords) to < exam2015@wildlife-science.org > by **Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.**

**(2) Interview (Japanese and/or English)**

- You are required to be interviewed during the Symposium.
- You will be provided with more detailed information on the date and time of the interview closer to the Symposium date.

You will be notified by email as to whether or not your application has been accepted, around March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Saturday). Successful applicants will be automatically enrolled into the Leading Graduate Program.

Please send any enquiries by email to < exam2015@wildlife-science.org >.

We will respond ONLY to enquiries received by email.