

The 30th Essay Contest on International Exchange

Guidelines

ESSAY THEME

“ My intercultural experience ” (Please set the title yourself)

「私にとっての異文化体験」

FORMAT

	Japanese	English
Junior High School Students	1,500～4,000 characters	600～800 words
High School Students	2,000～4,000 characters	800～1,000 words
University Students/ Graduate Students	6,000 characters	2,000 words

APPLICATION QUALIFICATION

Students, including international students, currently enrolled in Doshisha Junior High School, Senior High School, University, and Graduate School are eligible.

*Students enrolled at Doshisha International School, Kyoto must enter under an academic year that they would fall under as of September 30, 2025.

*Former applicants/winners are also eligible.

DEADLINE

5 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2025

SUBMISSION

Doshisha School Office of Corporate Affairs

Email : ji-hojin@mail.doshisha.ac.jp

* In the subject line of the submission email, write “Essay Contest Submission & [Submitter’ s Name]”. Attach both the designated “Cover Page” and the “Essay Body” as Microsoft Word Documents (PDF or similar file types will not be accepted).

NOTES

1. Students may apply for both Japanese and English divisions if the title and content are different for each division.
Please note that multiple essays cannot be submitted to the same division.
2. Refer to the template on the website before starting the writing your essay.
3. Be sure to include personal thoughts/opinion; do not just state facts.
4. Do not share any information that could be used to identify the writer of the essay.
Please note that forms other than those specified will not be accepted.
5. Essays must be self-written and unpublished.
6. If you have references and/or citations should be included on a “Works Cited” page.
7. Fill out the “Cover Page” and submit it with the essay.
International students need to write their names in both English and Katakana.
8. Submitted essays will not be returned.
9. Prize-winning essays will be published in a booklet issued by this committee. The Doshisha website has a list of winners (name, school, grade, and essay title). In addition, past First Prize essays are also posted for review.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Early December 2025

AWARDS CEREMONY

Scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2026

AWARDS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Awards for Junior High School, Senior High School, University, and Graduate students will be given in both the English and Japanese categories as follows:

First Prize (one contestant):

Certificate and gift certificate of ¥30,000

Second Prize (two contestants):

Certificate and gift certificate of ¥10,000

Honorable Mention (three contestants):

Certificate and gift certificate of ¥5,000

JUDGES

International Exchange Essay Contest Steering Committee

URL

<https://www.doshisha-ikkan.info/2025/06/03/the30th-essay-contest-eng/>

