

2026

Graduate School of Tourism

Wakayama University

Master's Program

Application Guidelines for International Students



## **Purpose for the Master's Program**

Tourism has been developing dramatically in both volume and quality in the 21st century and is recognized as central to Japan's national strategic plan. In this context, the Master Program at the Graduate School of Tourism aims to train expert professionals with the academic and practical skills required for engaging in different tourism areas of research and expertise, thereby becoming human resource assets that can act with a global worldview. Our graduates will work to build a character that adheres to humanistic nature as well as to possess the high skills of professional application and creation.

## **Admission Policy**

The Graduate School of Tourism seeks students who have acquired the following knowledge and abilities:

1. The fundamental and systematic knowledge of tourism
2. The knowledge of the associated academic fields related to tourism phenomena
3. The ability to comprehend, analyze and scientifically examine a wide range of tourism phenomena from an academic perspective
4. The willingness to apply the advanced knowledge developed through innovative tourism studies to society

## **Expectations after Admissions**

Based on the qualities and abilities possessed at the time of admission, students are expected to be further motivated to explore tourism studies, acquire a high level of expertise, and enhance their research skills supported by research ethics.

## **Basic Policy for Admissions**

1. General admissions and admissions for international students
- Applicants' fundamental academic knowledge, willingness to learn, commitment to continuing study, and interest in tourism are comprehensively assessed via interviews, essays, research plans, and application documents.

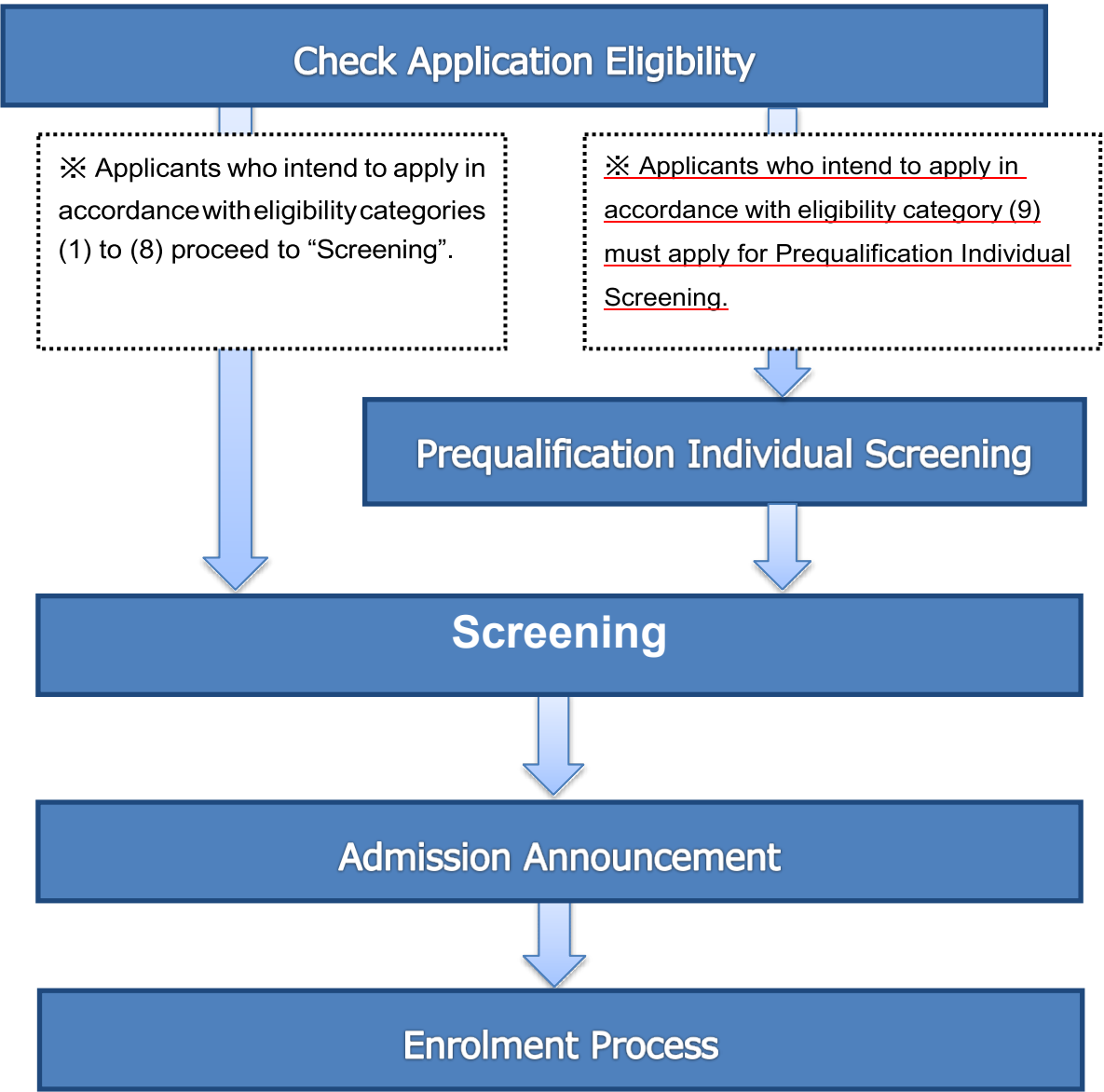
## **Important Notice: Before You Apply**

Please contact the professor under whom you wish to study for a consultation regarding the compatibility between your research area and that of the professor's before applying for the entrance exam. There is a limited number of classes that are held in English and professors who supervise in English although it is possible to complete the Master's program with English as your medium of instruction.

[https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Researcher\\_Profiles/undergraduate\\_master.html](https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Researcher_Profiles/undergraduate_master.html)

Please note that the prior consultation with professors should not be regarding the results of the entrance exam.

# Admission Flow



	Application		Examination		Result		Enrolment
1 R	August 19-21, 2025	➡	September 20, 2025	➡	October 17, 2025	➡	by March 15, 2026
2 R	January 5-7, 2026	➡	February 7, 2026	➡	March 6, 2026	➡	

## I. Eligibility

### Requirements

1. International applicants are those who do not have Japanese nationality or permanent/settled residency status in Japan. Their status of residence is “Student,” as described in the Japanese Immigration Control and Refugees Recognition Act, or they are expected to obtain this status upon receiving the offer letter from the university.

International applicants who live outside Japan at the time of application and are expected to obtain the status of residence as “Student,” as described in the Japanese Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, upon receiving the offer letter from the Graduate School of Tourism, can only apply **for the first round** of the admission examination. These applicants cannot apply for the second round of the admission examination.

2. Educational Qualification: International applicants must meet one of the following requirements:
  - (1) Applicant graduated from a Japanese university or is scheduled to graduate by March 31, 2026.
  - (2) Applicant holds a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education to Article 104, paragraph (4) of the Japanese School Education Act or is scheduled to be granted the same by March 31, 2026.
  - (3) Applicant has completed a 16-year school education curriculum outside of Japan or is scheduled to complete the same by March 31, 2026.
  - (4) Applicant has completed a 16-year school education curriculum by pursuing class subjects that are conducted by foreign schools through correspondence education in Japan or is scheduled to complete the same by March 31, 2026.
  - (5) Applicant has completed curricula designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan by pursuing class subjects that are conducted by a foreign educational facility positioned as a facility that has the curriculum of a university under said foreign country's school

education system or is scheduled to complete the same by March 31, 2026.

(This shall apply only to applicants who have completed a 16-year school education curriculum in said foreign country.)

- (6) Applicant has obtained a degree equivalent to bachelor's degree by completing a three-year program at the minimum or is expected to obtain one by the end of March 2026.
- (7) Applicant has completed a specialized course at an advanced vocational school, which is designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan on or after the day specified by the said Minister. (This shall apply only to advanced vocational schools that have curriculum extending to 4 years or more and fulfill the standards defined by the said Minister.)
- (8) Applicant designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ministry of Education Public Notification No.50 of 1953) or has been scheduled to be designated by March 31, 2026.
- (9) Applicant who is 22 years of age or older by March 31, 2026 and is recognized as a person having scholastic abilities equivalent or superior to university graduates in the prequalification individual screening of the Graduate School of Tourism, Wakayama University.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact us at  
[tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp)

## II. Prequalification Individual Screening

Applicants who intend to apply in accordance with eligibility category (9) must apply for Prequalification Individual Screening. Application documents will be examined.

### 1. Application period / Result notification

Application documents must reach us no later than the stated closing date.

	Application Period	Result Notification
First round	July 1-July 3, 2025	by July 31, 2025
Second round	November 26-November 28, 2025	by December 18, 2025

\*NOTE: Reception time: 9 AM–4 PM. (Excluding 12–1 PM on weekdays and Saturdays and Sundays)

### 2. Address to submit application documents

TO Wakayama University, Kankogakubu-kakari Address: 930 Sakaedani, Wakayama City, Wakayama, Japan 640-8510
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Application documents must arrive at the Registration Office (Kankogakubu-kakari) of Graduate School of Tourism, Wakayama University by the last day of each application period.

Applicants must state “Application Documents for Master’s Program enclosed” on the front side of the envelope.

Applicants must send an email to [tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp) with details of the date and posting location after the documents are posted.

### 3. Application documents for Prequalification Individual Screening

(1) Application form for Prequalification Individual Screening	Form (No. 1M) Please download the files from our website.
(2) Report of your current learning situation	Form (No. 2M) Please download the files from our Website. For verification, please submit the required documents, such as certificate(s) of qualification and research career.
(3) Official academic transcript	Original documents are required. If not issued in Japanese or English, please attach a certified translation in Japanese or English. Those who graduated from Chinese educational institutions should apply for the verification report in English of academic transcript issued by China Higher-education Information and Student Information: "CHSI" and have it sent directly from CHSI to "tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp; the Registration Office of Graduate School of Tourism (Student Center) of Wakayama University by 4:00 p.m. on the last day of the application period.
(4) University graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation and a copy of the degree certificate	Original documents are required. If not issued in Japanese or English, please attach a certified translation in Japanese or English. Those who graduated from Chinese educational institutions should apply for the verification report in English of Academic Credentials (Diploma, Degree Certificate) issued by China Higher-education Information and Student Information: "CHSI" and have it sent directly from CHSI to tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp; the Registration Office of Graduate School of Tourism (Student Center) of Wakayama University by 4:00 p.m. on the last day of the application period.

Please visit our website at the following URL:

[https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance\\_Examination/index.html](https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance_Examination/index.html)

## Examination for International Students

### 外国人留学生選抜

#### III. Number of Students Accepted

The total number of students who are admitted may consist of candidates from the general, working, and international categories.

Major	Number of Admitted Students	
	First Round	Second Round
Master of Tourism	a few	TBD

NOTICE: Depending on the number of applicants in the first round, the second round may not be held. The second round of recruitment and the number of applicants will be announced on the website of the Graduate School after the announcement of the successful applicants for the first round of recruitment.

#### IV. Screening Schedule

##### 1. Application period

Application documents must reach us no later than the stated application dates.

**Important:** International applicants who live outside Japan at the time of application can only apply **for the first round** of the admission examination.

	Application Period	Date of Examination	Result Notification
First Round	August 19-21, 2025	September 20, 2025 *Backup Date: Sep 27, 2025 -Essay 9:30 – 11:00 -Interview 12:00 -	October 17, 2025
Second Round	January 5-7, 2026	February 7, 2026 *Backup Date: Feb 14, 2026 -Essay: 9:30 – 11:00 -Interview: 12:00 -	March 6, 2026



Note:

- Interviews will be held in either English or Japanese (It depends on the language used for writing Research proposal.).
- In case of schedule change because of natural disasters, it will be informed on the website below:

[https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance\\_Examination/index.html](https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance_Examination/index.html)

## 2. Address to submit application documents

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Address: 930 Sakaedani, Wakayama City, Wakayama, Japan 640-8510

Application documents must arrive at the registration office (Kankogakubu-kakari) of Graduate School of Tourism, Wakayama University by the last day of each application period.

On the front of the envelope, the applicants must state "Application Documents for Master's Program enclosed."

Applicants must send an email to [tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp) with details of the date and posting location after the documents are posted.

## 3. Prior consultation for applicants who need scholastic consideration

Applicants needing any scholastic consideration are advised to contact the Registration Office (Kankogakubu-kakari) one month before the first day of the application period.

Please notify us immediately in case of needing any consideration in taking examination or studying due to an unexpected accident after applying.

Please note that we may not be able to meet your request regarding examination considerations.

#### 4. Application documents

(1) Application form for the Master's Program	Form (No. 3M) Please download the files from our website. Please attach a photograph directly to the application form in the provided space.
(2) Research proposal / Study plan	Form (No. 4M) Please download the files from our website. Interview questions are provided based on your proposal/study plan.
(3) Official academic transcript	Original documents are required. If not issued in Japanese or English, please attach a certified translation in Japanese or English. Those who graduated from Chinese educational institutions should apply for the verification report in English of academic transcript issued by China Higher-education Information and Student Information: "CHSI" and have it sent directly from CHSI to "tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp; the Registration Office of Graduate School of Tourism (Student Center) of Wakayama University by 4:00 p.m. on the last day of the application period. In addition, those who are expected to obtain a bachelor's degree should take the necessary procedure to ensure that the above report is sent promptly after completion of the program and obtaining the degree. Applicants who intend to apply in accordance with eligibility category (9) do not require to submit this document.
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	<p>In addition, those who are expected to obtain a bachelor's degree should take the necessary procedure to ensure that the above report is sent promptly after completion of the program and obtaining the degree.</p> <p>Applicants who intend to apply in accordance with eligibility category (9) do not require to submit this document.</p>
(5) Copy of identification (Residence Card or Passport)	<p>If you have a Residence Card, please attach copies of the two sides of the card.</p> <p>If you do not have a Residence Card, please attach copies of the pages of your passport that show your nationality, name, and duration of stay.</p>
(6) Examination Admission Ticket	<p>Please download the files from our website (No. 5M).</p> <p>Attach a photograph taken within the last three months.</p>
(7) Proof of payment for entrance examination fee	<p>Entrance examination fee: 30,000 JPY</p> <p>Flywire payment option available. This payment can only be used when applying from outside Japan.</p> <p>Please contact <a href="mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp">tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp</a></p> <p>*Please let us know if you are a MEXT scholarship student.</p>

Please visit our website at the following URL:

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## 5. Important notes on application

- (1) Please refer to Admission Policy and prepare your application documents based on your own thoughts and own words.
- (2) As a general rule, if all the requisite documents have not been submitted, the application will not be accepted.
- (3) Applicants will not be allowed to change any information after submission.
- (4) The entrance examination fee and application documents will not be returned once accepted.
- (5) If there are false statements on the application documents, admission can be revoked even after enrolment has been confirmed.
- (6) Applicants need to inform us in advance by email if applying from outside of Japan.

## 6. Sending of the Examination Admission Ticket

After receiving confirmation of the complete submission of all application documents, we will send a copy of the Examination Admission Ticket and the details of the examination schedule by email.

A copy of the Examination Admission Ticket will be sent by email at least one week before the examination date. Please print it out and bring it with you at the time of the examination. If you do not receive it, please contact

[tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp)

## V. Screening

### 1. Screening context

For both the Essay examination and the Interview, you can choose either Japanese or English as the language for questions and answers. Please select either one at the time of Application.

Subject	Allotted Points	Context
Essay	100	The theme is provided in English and Japanese. Applicants can answer in either of the two languages.
Interview	200	Interviews will be held in either English or Japanese. (It depends on the language used for writing Research proposal.) Questions are provided in accordance with the applicants' proposal.

### 2. Examination dates

	Dates	Subject	Time
First Round	September 20, 2025	Essay	9:30–11:00
		Interview	12:00–
Second Round	February 7, 2026	Essay	9:30–11:00
		Interview	12:00–

### 3. Test center

Building East 1, Wakayama University

### 4. Understanding when to take the examination

- (1) Please arrive at the test center early.
- (2) The time of the interview will be communicated on the day of the interview. Please note that interviews might finish late depending on the order of applicants.
- (3) You will be allowed to take the examination only if you arrive within 30 minutes past the commencement of the examination.
- (4) In addition, there may be other instructions regarding the examination.

### 5. Important notes on taking the examination

- (1) Please make sure that you bring the Examination Admission Ticket with you on the day of the examination. It will be sent by the registration office (Kankogakubu-kakari).
- (2) Please ensure that you arrive at least 30 minutes before the examination starts.

- (3) Once seated, you are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the examination.
- (4) If you feel ill, please raise your hand and follow the examiner's instruction.
- (5) Before the commencement of the examination, please turn off your mobile phone and any alarms set therein.
- (6) Applicants are permitted to carry only their Examination Admission Ticket, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, and watch (timekeeping function only) during the examination.

## VI. Admission Announcement

1. The application ID numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the notice board at the Building West 4.

First Round	October 17, 2025, 9:00 AM
Second Round	March 6, 2026, 9:00 AM

2. The results will also be mailed to the applicants.
3. The results will be uploaded on our website during the following periods.  
[https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance\\_Examination/index.html](https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Entrance_Examination/index.html)

First Round	From October 17, 2025, 12:00 PM Until October 22, 2025, 5:00 PM
Second Round	From March 6, 2026, 12:00 PM Until March 11, 2026, 5:00 PM

4. Any other queries on items that are not described above will not be addressed.

## VII. Enrolment Process

Information regarding enrolment will be sent to successful applicants. Successful applicants should complete the enrolment process by the prescribed date.

### 1. Entrance / Commencement date: April 2026

The first semester starts at the beginning of April and is completed by the end of September. The second semester starts at the beginning of October and is completed by the end of March.

## 2. Enrolment period: by March 15, 2026

International students may proceed with the admission procedure in the middle of February upon request because obtaining a student visa may take longer. Further information regarding the procedure will be included in the offer letter. If a successful applicant does not complete the procedure of enrolment, then he/she is regarded to have withdrawn his/her enrolment.

## 3. Enrolment and tuition fees

- (1) Enrolment fee: 282,000 JPY
- (2) Tuition fee per semester: 267,900 JPY (annual total: 535,800 JPY)

Please be mindful that payment of the enrolment fee should be made before starting the enrolment process, using the supplied transfer request form. Enrolment and tuition fees are subject to change without prior notice. Additional fees may apply.

## 4. Result disclosure of entrance examination

Information relating to the entrance examination will be disclosed along with the following details:

- (1) The total number of applicants, examinees who passed, and newly registered students will be listed on the University website.
- (2) Examination results: Applicants can claim their examination results.
  - ① Disclosure content: Scores of each subject and total points
  - ② Disclosure period: May–June (two months)  
Students can receive their examination information from the registration office Monday to Wednesday within a limited period from 9 AM to 5 PM (except 12–1 PM and public holidays).
  - ③ Application for result disclosure: Please show your examinee number at the registration office, and fill out the application form.

◆ Contact

**Registration Office (Kankogakubu-kakari), Faculty of Tourism,  
Wakayama University**

**Address:** 930 Sakaedani Wakayama City, Wakayama, Japan, 640-8510

**TEL:** +81-73-457-8542 **FAX:** +81-73-457-8540

**E-mail:** [tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:tgakumu@ml.wakayama-u.ac.jp)

**HP:** <https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/>

## VIII. Curriculum

## IX. Researcher Profiles

Please refer to the following website for the curriculum and researcher profiles;

[https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Graduate\\_School\\_of\\_Tourism/index.html](https://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/tourism/en/Graduate_School_of_Tourism/index.html)





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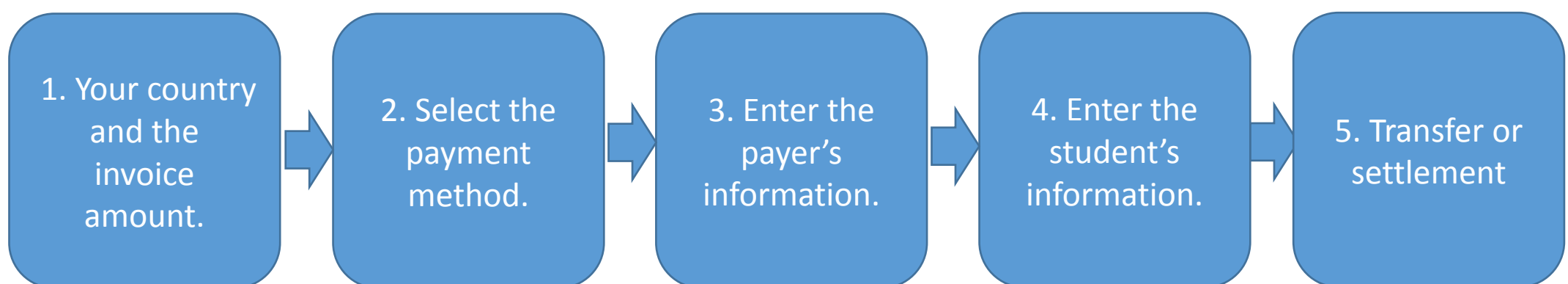
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Students and parents: Please start the payment procedure at the following website.

First, go to [wakayama-pgtourapp.flywire.com](https://wakayama-pgtourapp.flywire.com) or scan



QR code



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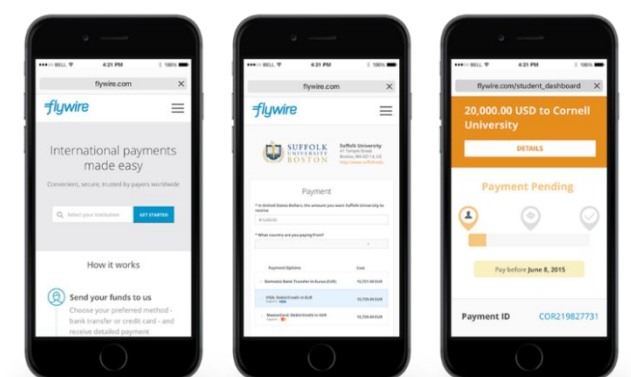
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