

2026 HIPS Application

APPLICATION

As for 2026 AY, the selection period will be set twice: in March and at the end of April (or early May). This is to begin the preparatory education immediately after enrolling in the Graduate School of Global Studies (Master) at TUFS and make it more effective for the participants. For the applicants for the second round, the academic advising will be provided separately.

The period between enrollment at TUFS in April and departure for CEU (Central European University) in September is designated as a preparatory period as mentioned above. During this time, participants are expected to take mandatory courses such as “Academic English” or “Academic Language” necessary for their own research, and “Core Seminar” along with other courses.

To ensure thorough preparation for the program’s commencement from September, prospective and current students enrolled in the Master’s program at TUFS are encouraged to apply during the first application period.

1. Target

This programme is open to master’s students from the Graduate School of Global Studies at TUFS or those who are going to be enrolled in from April 2026. Up to five students are selected each year.

2. Selection Process

Candidates are selected at the first round (in March) or at the second round (from late April to early May). They can choose either round to apply. A screening process is based on documents and interviews in both periods of application. Final admission decisions are made in collaboration with consortium universities.

3. Entry Requirements

* All documents should be prepared in English except passport copy and resident certificate.

(1) Electronic versions of all higher education academic records

(2) Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume

- Required Fields List (for reference)

(3) Motivation Letter (500 words) :

Outline your academic interests, relevant academic or work experience, and future career plans.

(4) Research proposal (500 words):

A detailed proposal for your MA thesis. Your topic should align with one of the four thematic foci of the History in the Public Sphere programme and be clearly structured. Include details of any previous work on the subject, relevant source materials, language skills, and any other qualifications.

※Four thematic foci:

- History and the institutionalization of memory
- Visual representations and medialization of history
- Histories of inclusion and exclusion
- Entanglement between national, regional and global frameworks of history

(5) Proof of English proficiency:

If your degree was taught entirely in English, you are exempt from this requirement.

Otherwise, you must submit a valid test score (taken within the last two years):

TOEFL iBT88, IELTS Academic 6.5, Pearson Test of English (Academic) 59, Cambridge English Language Assessment C1 Advanced – Grade B, C2 Proficiency – Grade C

(6) Two letters of recommendation

(7) Copy of the passport

(8) Certificate of residence

※If you have a problem to prepare the documents (1), (5), (7) or / and (8), please contact us.

4. Application steps

1. Complete the Application Form (Name, E-mail address, phone number etc.):

<https://forms.gle/TYLaACDesuAayYgc8>



2. Submit the required documents (except for the recommendation letters)

The way to submit will be explained in the email after February 2 (Mon).

* The recommendation letters are to be submitted directly by the recommenders.

- The first round: Please submit the documents by March 10 (Tue)
- The second round: Please submit the documents someday around April (TBD)

An interview will be held with following schedule:

- The first round: From March 16 (Mon) to March 19 (Thu)
- The second round: it will be scheduled in May (TBD).

Results will be announced by the end of May, with final programme acceptance confirmed in late June after a joint selection meeting between TUFS and CEU.