

## Special Selection for “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program”

Application procedure for admission to the 3-year second term doctoral program at the University of Tsukuba: Special selection for international students to be enrolled in the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Degree Programs in Life and Earth Sciences, School Year 2026

[Special selection of the international graduate students to be dispatched will be conducted on the basis of the “Implementation Method for Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” (CGGSOS Program) established by the Government of China]

### 1. Requirements

This program is designed for graduate students holding a master’s degree or expecting to hold the same by September 2026. As mentioned earlier, their selection will be conducted on the basis of the CGGSOS Program established by the Government of China.

Note to the applicants:

- (1) Even if chosen for this special selection, you will not be admitted unless you go through the CGGSOS Program (the Chinese government only dispatches doctoral research fellows who have master’s degrees).
- (2) Successful applicants will be admitted to the program on October 1, 2026(the fall semester).
- (3) There will be no test fee, admission fee, or tuition fee for this special selection.

But you need to pay tuition fee when your period of validity for the scholarship is expired.

### 2. Doctoral Programs for which the students will be selected

A few applicants will be selected for each doctoral program of the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Degree Programs in Life and Earth Sciences. Please be sure to verify the research areas of your interest, available on the website of the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Degree Programs in Life and Earth Sciences, and contact your preferred teaching advisor or the appropriate Program Directors (list given below):

Website address of the Graduate School: <http://www.life.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

Names and email addresses of the Doctoral Program Directors:

(Replace “#” with “@”)

#### ■ Doctoral Program in Biology

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [miura.kenji.ga#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:miura.kenji.ga#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp)

#### ■ Doctoral Program in Agricultural Sciences

##### ➤ Biosphere Resource Production field

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [sugaya.sumiko.fw#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:sugaya.sumiko.fw#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp)

##### ➤ Eco-region Development Engineering field, Food and Biomass Sciences field, Rural Development Economics field

: Contact to the Vice Chair; E-mail: [ishii.atsushi.fu#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:ishii.atsushi.fu#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp)

- Subprogram in Advanced Agricultural Technology and Science cooperated with NARO\*  
( \*NARO=National Agriculture and Food Research Organization)

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [sasaki.keisuke521#@#naro.go.jp](mailto:sasaki.keisuke521#@#naro.go.jp)

■ Doctoral Program in Life and Agricultural Sciences

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [usui.takeo.kb#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:usui.takeo.kb#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp)

■ Doctoral Program in Bioindustrial Sciences

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [sangyo-info#@#un.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:sangyo-info#@#un.tsukuba.ac.jp)

■ Doctoral Program in Geosciences

- Geoenvironmental Science Field :

: Contact to the Chair ; E-mail: [tyam#@#geoenv.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:tyam#@#geoenv.tsukuba.ac.jp)

- Earth Evolution Science Field :

: Contact to the Vice Chair; E-mail: [tsunogae#@#geol.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:tsunogae#@#geol.tsukuba.ac.jp)

■ Doctoral Program in Environmental Studies

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: [uchida.taro.fw#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:uchida.taro.fw#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp)

### 3. Application forms and other documents

(1) Application form

Fill out the required items on a form designated by University of Tsukuba. Be sure to include your email address.

(2) CV for international applicants

Fill out the required items on a form designated by University of Tsukuba.

(3) Certificate of (expected) Graduation in English or Japanese (original)

(4) Academic transcripts in English or Japanese (original)

You must submit a transcript certifying that your academic results meet the requirements of the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School at the University of Tsukuba (normally from the graduate school from where you obtained your master's degree).

(5) Proof of degree (original) in English or Japanese

If you graduated from a graduate school outside Japan, submit a degree certificate for your master's degree.

(6) Examination admission card/photo card

Fill out the required items on a form designated by University of Tsukuba. You must attach your photograph (4cm x 3cm), taken in the last three months; an upper-body shot without any headwear is considered suitable.

(7) Letter of recommendation by a professor from your university or the university from where you graduated (in any format)

Submit the (Original including a handwritten signature of recommender) reference letter in English or Japanese.

(8) List of publications and/or presentations (in any format) in English or Japanese

(9) Research plan (in any format)

Submit a document describing your research plan in English or Japanese. It should be presented on A4 x 2 pages and expressively described; also include the topic of your research study and the name of your university (or the one from where you graduated), your name, the program that you wish to be enrolled in, the research area of interest, research issue, research method, expected goal, and conclusion.

- (10) Certificate of English or Japanese proficiency: A valid official score report of TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition), TOEIC L&R, GRE/GMAT, IELTS Academic, or equivalent (e.g. CET, etc.) and/or Japanese language proficiency test (N1 or N2) by JEES must be submitted at the time of application.

(Only original and from a test taken in or after February 2024 will be accepted.)

Note 1: For TOEFL iBT, submission of an Official Score Report sent directly from ETS (U.S.) to the university is also acceptable (University Institution (DI) Code: 9995, Department Code: 99).

Please request ETS to send the Official Score Report directly to the university and print out the Test Taker Score Report (PDF version) and mail it along with your other application documents.

Note 2: For TOEIC L&R, submission of the digital official score certificate is also acceptable.

Please print the PDF version of the digital official score certificate and mail it together with your other application documents.

Note 3: For IELTS Academic, submission of an Additional Test Report Form (Additional TRF) sent electronically from the test center directly to the university is also acceptable.

Please request the test center to send the Additional TRF electronically to the university and print out the Test Report Form (PDF version) and mail it along with your other application documents.

Note 4: If you choose to submit your English proficiency test scores through the official score delivery service described in Notes 1 and 3, your application will not be accepted if the scores do not arrive from the respective testing organizations by the application deadline.

#### **4. Application procedures for admission**

- (1) An applicant should prepare the required documents for application and post them to the following address before the application deadline. Also email the copies (in pdf, jpg, etc.).

Graduate School Affairs, Academic Service Office for the Life and Environmental Sciences Area, University of Tsukuba, Tennodai 1-1-1, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-8572,  
E-mail: seimeiin-nyushi@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

- (2) Deadline: Your application should have been received by Friday, December 5, 2025
- (3) Once your application has been received, you will be notified of the details including the location of the examination by email.

#### **5. Selection method**

Candidates for admission shall be comprehensively determined on the basis of the submitted documents and examination results.

#### **6. Entrance examination and schedule**

- (1) Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026
- (2) Examination type and allocated points: Oral test (100 points)
- (3) Content of Oral Examination: An approximately 15-minute presentation of your previous research studies, reason for application, and research plan after admission, in English or Japanese followed by another 15-minute question and answer session.

#### **7. Entrance examination location**

Upon receiving the documents, an examination room will be emailed.

#### **8. Announcement of successful applicants**

On Friday, March 13, 2026 a letter of acceptance (including the handling of tuition and other exemptions), together with information on the student's instructor will be sent to each successful applicant by both mail and email.

#### **9. Admission procedure**

When successful applicants get a certificate of the State Scholarship Fund from China Scholarship Council (CSC), please send a PDF of the certificate (in English and with CSC's official seal) by email to "seimeiin-nyushi@un.tsukuba.ac.jp".

Upon receiving the certificate, documents and information needed for entrance procedures will be sent to successful applicants.

Please be sure to bring the original certificate because we will confirm it after your arrival.

#### **10. Points to note about an examination**

- (1) Incomplete application documents will not be accepted nor considered. Please check the documents to see if everything is fine before submission.
- (2) It is not permitted for you to change the graduate school or program after submitting the application documents.
- (3) Application documents will not be returned.