

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 2027.

[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 2027. 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, 2027(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 Office of Doctoral Program in Biology;

E-mail: seibutsu-senkou-jimu#@#un.tsukuba.ac.jp

■ Doctoral Program in Agricultural Sciences

➤ Biosphere Resource Production field

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: shiba.hiroshi.gm#@#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

- 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

■ Doctoral Program in Life and Agricultural Sciences

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: kekimura#@#tara.tsukuba.ac.jp

■ Doctoral Program in Bioindustrial Sciences

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: sangyo-info#@#un.tsukuba.ac.jp

■ Doctoral Program in Geosciences

- Atmospheric and Hydrospheric Sciences, Human Geosciences :

: Contact to the Vice Chair ; E-mail: kusaka.hiroyuki.ff#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp

- Solid Earth Sciences, Biogeosciences :

: Contact to the Vice Chair; E-mail: tsunogae#@#geol.tsukuba.ac.jp

■ Doctoral Program in Environmental Studies

: Contact to the Chair; E-mail: uchida.taro.fw#@#u.tsukuba.ac.jp

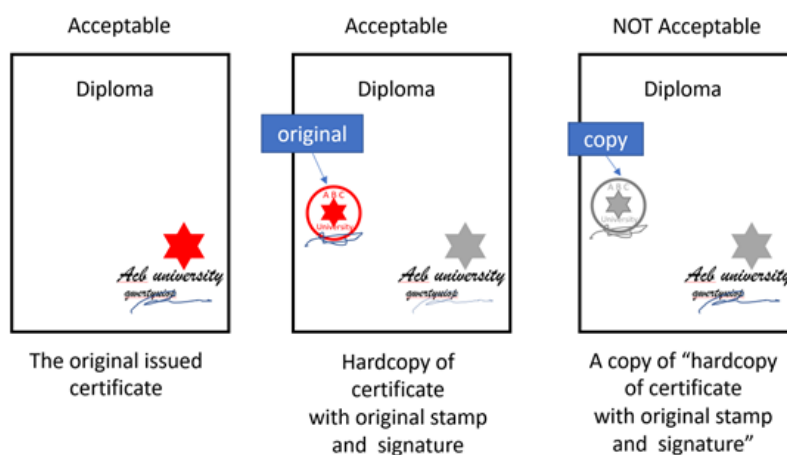
3. Application forms and other documents

Please read the lists and the notes below carefully and prepare the necessary documents for application. Applicants should prepare all required application documents and send them by post so that they arrive by the application deadline. Please refer to Section 4, “Application procedures for admission,” for details.

Applicants are also required to submit electronic copies of the application documents by email. Documents that require the original to be mailed are marked 'Required' in the 'Original document' column in the table below.

[Note]

- Your [Expected] Graduation Certificate, [Expected] Degree Certificate and Academic Transcript must be original documents with the official university seal unless otherwise specified.
- In case of submitting photocopies of certificates because they cannot be reissued, etc., only those certificates that are certified by the issuer of the certificate that the photocopies do not differ from the original will be accepted. (To verify authenticity, the official seal of the issuer must be stamped directly on the photocopy (paper media) to be submitted.)



- If your university does not issue paper certificates, digital certificates will be accepted on the condition that the following 1 and 2.
 - 1) URL of an online verification service that can verify the authenticity of the digital certificates
 - *Those that cannot be accessed from outside (e.g., those that require the use of the VPN of your university or cannot be accessed without an account at your university) are not acceptable.
 - 2) URL of the official web page indicating that your university is using such online verification service.
- For those who have graduated from a university in China, please follow the instructions below.
 - Applicants submitting a Graduation (or Expected Graduation) Certificate and a Degree (or Expected Degree) Certificate issued by a Chinese university must also submit the English version of the Academic Verification Report issued by CHSI (China Higher-education Information and Student Information). Submission of the CHSI certificate alone is also acceptable.
- If your current name is different from that on the documents you submit (for example, because of marriage), you will be required to submit proof of your name change (e.g., copy of marriage license).
- All documents must be written in Japanese or English. Otherwise, attach a Japanese or English translation. The translation must be verified officially. You may translate it by yourself with issuer's verification on it.

No.	Document	Electronic file (Format)	Original document	Instructions
1	Application Form	Required (DOCX)		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	Required (XLSX)		Fill out the required items on a form designated by University of Tsukuba.
3	Certificate of (expected) Graduation / Certificate of (expected) Degree	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit the certificate of [expected] graduation and degree certificate to certify that you have or expected to achieve a master's degree, professional degree or overseas degree equivalent to a master's/professional degree. The document(s) must clearly indicate the date of enrollment and completion, the type and name of the degree.

4	Academic Transcripts	Required (PDF)	Required	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	Examination Admission Card / Photo Card	Required (PDF)		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.
6	Letter of Recommendation by a professor from your university or the university from where you graduated (in any format)	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit the (Original including a handwritten signature of recommender) reference letter in English or Japanese.
7	List of Publications and/or presentations (in any format) in English or Japanese	Required (PDF)		
8	Research Plan (in any format)	Required (PDF)		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.

9	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.	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit the original, valid official score report for any of the language proficiency tests listed below. *Only tests taken in or after February 2025 will be accepted. *Please note that you cannot withdraw the submitted score and replace it with the new one even if you get a new score after submitting the application documents. < Valid score reports > • 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.) • Japanese language proficiency test (N1 or N2) by JEES *Please refer to the separate document, “Submission of English Proficiency Test Score Reports” for details.
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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 4, 2026
- (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: Friday, February 12, 2027
- (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 12, 2027 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.
- (4) The University of Tsukuba has established the University of Tsukuba Rules on Security Export Control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA), and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students etc. International applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired program.
- (5) International students will be notified of a "reference number" for Security Export Control by the faculty member who agreed to become their prospective supervisor. The reference number must be entered on the application form at the time of application. Since it will take some time to obtain a reference number, please contact your desired faculty member as soon as possible.

11. Handling of Personal Information

Applicants' personal information obtained from the application documents and the results of the entrance examination will be used for the affairs concerning admission and screening. The university may also process the information so that it is not personally identifiable and use it for research and study aimed at improvement of the admission procedure and the university education.

Submission of English Proficiency Test Score Reports

Regarding the English proficiency test score reports accepted as part of the application documents for this entrance examination, please follow the procedures below for each respective test.

● TOEIC Listening & Reading Test ※TOEIC IP is not acceptable.

① Submission of the Digital Official Score Certificate (for tests taken in Japan)

Print the "Digital Official Score Certificate (PDF)" and send it by post together with your other application documents.

② Submission of the original Official Score Certificate (for tests taken outside Japan)

Mail the original "Official Score Certificate" together with your other application documents.

● TOEFL iBT Test / TOEFL iBT Home Edition ※TOEFL ITP is not acceptable.

TOEFL iBT scores may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

① Submission of the original Test Taker Score Report

Mail the original "Test Taker Score Report" issued at the test center together with your other application documents.

② Submission of the Official Score Report via ETS

Both of the following steps are required:

(1) Request ETS to send the Official Score Report directly to the university.

[Institution (DI) Code: 9995 / Department Code: 99]

(2) Print the "Test Taker Score Report (PDF)" and send it together with your other application documents.

● IELTS Academic ※IELTS General and IELTS Academic (Online) is not acceptable.

Both of the following steps are required:

(1) Request for Additional TRF (Test Report Form) to be sent

Ask the test center to send an Additional Test Report Form (TRF) to the university.

[Delivery method: Electronically]

(2) Submission of the Test Report Form (PDF)

Print the "Test Report Form (PDF)" and send it together with your other application documents.

(Note 1) Submission of a copy of the original score report is not accepted. Please make sure to submit it using one of the methods mentioned above."

(Note 2) Only score reports that are within the validity period specified in the application guidelines will be accepted.

(Note 3) If the Official Score Report for TOEFL iBT or the Additional TRF for IELTS Academic does not arrive at the university within the application period due to delays from the test institution, your application will not be accepted.