

**Graduate School of Science and Technology, Degree Programs in Life and Earth Sciences,
University of Tsukuba**
APPLICATION GUIDELINES for
Master's Program in Agro-Bioresources Science and Technology
“International Agricultural Sciences Program”

Call for Applications: 2026 October Entrance

1. Objectives of Program and Admission Policy

Objectives of Education	The International Agricultural Sciences Program is a multidisciplinary master's program focusing on agricultural topics that deal with agro-bioresources science and technology. The aim of the International Agricultural Science Program is to develop linkage with international organizations and partner universities contributing to agricultural developments. This program will be organized with the international research institutes collaborating with the University of Tsukuba. Contemporary agricultural and environmental issues throughout the world will be given priority for conducting research in this program.
Admission Policy	(1) Qualifications The University of Tsukuba seeks students who are interested in topics related to food, life science, environment and bio-resources that aim to solve current problems with specialty and broad knowledge. Applicants are requested to demonstrate academic interests in various issues involving the life phenomena of humans and other living organisms and the global environment. Special focus on the sustainable use of agro-biological resources and possession of applicable skills to analyze events from a variety of perspectives are sought for this program. (2) Policy of Selecting Students The University will make a comprehensive evaluation of applicants based on whether each applicant has the ability to conduct research in an advanced field of agricultural sciences and proficiency in English. Additionally, academic ability to acquire advanced knowledge and understandings of contemporary problems existing in the world will be evaluated based on the submitted documents, research presentation, and individual interview.

2. Entrance Examination Schedule

The entrance examination schedule is as follows:

- (1) Announcement of guidelines for 2026 applications: October 2025
- (2) Application Period
 - i. Submission of Required Documents(PDF) by email: October 27, 2025 to November 7, 2025
 - ii. Submission of Required Documents(Originals) by Post: December 1, 2025 to December 19, 2025
- (3) Individual Interviews (Oral Examination): January 27, 2026
- (4) Announcement of Final Decision on Application: March 25, 2026
- (5) Enrollment Procedures: Late June, 2026 to end of August, 2026 (A separate notification will be sent)
- (6) Enrollment Date: October 1, 2026
- (7) Entrance Ceremony: End of September, 2026

3. Number of Students Accepted per Year Limited

4. Qualifications of Applicants

Individuals falling under either of the categories below may apply for this program:

- (1) Individuals who have graduated or who will graduate from a Japanese four-year university program by September 30, 2026.
- (2) Individuals who have graduated from a university outside Japan that implements 16 or more years of school curriculum up to university graduation, and expected to earn a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2026.
- (3) Individuals who have been recognized by the Graduate School of University of Tsukuba through the eligibility screening to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a bachelor's degree.

(If you have any questions about your eligibility, send us an e-mail to:

intagrsciadm@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

5. Documents Required for Application

The following documents are necessary for application. Please use the application forms that can be downloaded from the following web page

<https://www.bres.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/masters-program/>

Necessary Documents		Prepared by	Remarks
1	Application Form	All	Fill Form 1 and attach a passport size photo (frontal view of the face and upper half of your body (4 cm x 5 cm) taken within 6 months. See Section 9 .
2	Study Plan	All	Use Form 2 .
3	Recommendation Letter	All	A sealed confidential recommendation letter from the reference person. Use Form 3 . For details, see Section 6
4	Supervisor's Agreement	All	"Supervisor's Agreement" from prospective academic advisor at University of Tsukuba. Use Form 4 . For details, see Section 7 .
5	(Expected) Graduation Certificate*	All	Certificate of Graduation (or expected graduation) from the university where the applicant graduated (or expects to graduate). Please make sure that enrollment date, (expected) graduation date are included.
6	(Expected) Degree Certificate*	Applicants Graduate from abroad	If you graduate from university overseas, please submit a degree certificate for your (expected) bachelor's degree. Please make sure that the name of (expected) degree and the (expected) date of degree acquisition are clearly indicated.
7	Transcript*	All	See Section 8 . Original transcript (with official stamp) of records from the bachelor's program of the previous university. For the applicant who has completed or is currently enrolled in a master's program, please also submit original transcripts from the master's program.

8	Passport	For those who already have a passport	If you already possess a passport, please submit a copy of your passport with your name. The passport will be solely used to confirm the name of applicant.
9	Certificate of Sponsorship	Funded Applicant	Please submit a “Certificate of Sponsorship” from a public funding agency (If any).
10	Proof of Payment of Examination Fee	All	¥ 30,000 Use Form 5 . See Section 9(B) . [Exceptions] MEXT financed international students
11	English proficiency	Non Native English speakers	Submission of TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS test results. Please note that results from any English language tests other than those listed above will not be accepted. See Section 10.
12	Checklist	All	Attach checklist (Form 6) at the top of the application documents.
Notes: *In the case that your current name is different from that on the documents you submit (for example, because of marriage), submit with the proof (e.g., copy of marriage license). i) <u>All application documents must be written in English or Japanese.</u> If the documents or qualification certificates <u>issued by your school</u> are in a language other than English or Japanese, translate and type the entire text into English (no specific format is designated; please use A4 size paper). ii) Forms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 can be found at the end of this “Guidelines for Application”.			

6. Recommendation Letter

A sealed confidential recommendation letter needs to be prepared by the **dean/research supervisor/head of the applicant’s university or University of Tsukuba’s academic advisor (in case of current research student)**. Use **Form 3**.

7. Supervisor’s Agreement from Prospective Advisor at the University of Tsukuba

A document (**Form 4**) confirming that the applicant's prospective academic advisor at the University of Tsukuba will accept the applicant as a supervised student if the applicant is successful in this entrance examination. Please ask your prospective supervisor to prepare this form, receive it as a PDF file, and submit it. Also, ask your prospective advisor to submit the original to the Office of the Division of Bioresource Sciences (F306).

8. Transcript

Please submit an original academic transcript (not a copy) from the bachelor’s program of the previous university. If the applicant is still in undergraduate school, please submit a transcript which contains the results for the period from enrollment up to the time of current application.

In addition, the applicant who has completed a master's degree program should also submit original transcripts from the master's program. If applicant is currently enrolled in a master's program, please also submit transcripts from the enrollment up to the time of current application.

9. Submission of Application Forms

(A) Preliminary e-mail submission of the application forms.

- (1) Required documents
 - a) Form 1, 2, 4, and 6, (expected) Graduation Certificate, (expected) Degree Certificate, transcript, English score as well as other available documents.
 - b) Format: PDF
 - c) Submission Period: **October 27 to November 7, 2025** (Japan Standard Time).
 - d) E-mail address: intagrsciadm@un.tsukuba.ac.jp
- (2) The eligibility of the applicants will be checked by the administration office.
- (3) Eligible applicants will receive an e-mail message to pay the examination fee and submit the hard copy of the application forms.

(B) Credit card payment of the Examination Fee.

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Payment should be made only after eligibility of application has been checked as described at Section 9(A).

Payment period: **December 1, 2025 to December 19, 2025** (Japan Standard Time).

URL for payment: <https://e-shiharai.net/english/>

Amount: 30,000 Japanese yen

Receipt: Please print the receipt page and attach to **Form 5**.

Please be aware that the examination fee is non- refundable.

(C) Final Submission of the Original printouts of Application Form.

- (1) Required documents
All original documents
- (2) Submission period
December 1, 2025 to December 19, 2025 (Japan Standard Time).
- (3) Mailing address:
Graduate Program Office for Agricultural Sciences (F306),
University of Tsukuba
1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba,
Ibaraki 305-8572, Japan
Tel: +81-29-853-7228

(D) Remarks:

- (1) If any document is missing or is not filled in correctly, your application will not be accepted. Please check thoroughly and carefully before sending the documents. **Please note that the original application documents must be received during the document acceptance period in JST time.**
- (2) Application documents will not be returned.
- (3) For persons who require special considerations for study due to disabilities or other issues, please consult by sending e-mail to the address below before applying.
E-mail address: intagrsciadm@un.tsukuba.ac.jp
- (4) If any factual discrepancies are found in the application or application documents after admission to the University, the acceptance or admission may be revoked.

10. English proficiency

- (1) Please send TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS test results, as specified in the “Appendix” on the final page of the application guidelines.

The following test score reports will not be accepted: TOEIC Institutional Program (IP), TOEFL Institutional Test Score Record, IELTS General, and the online version of IELTS Academic."

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Original test scores from February 2024 or later are valid.

Please note that results from any English language tests other than those listed above will not be accepted.

- (2) In principle, an applicant whose native language is English is not required to submit the test result. The applicant's educational background will be used to determine “native language”.

11. Selection Method

Admission of the applicants will be decided based on the application documents and individual interviews either in person or by video calling (e.g. Zoom or TEAMS). In the individual interviews, a comprehensive evaluation will be made of the applicant's basic knowledge, research interests, English ability, and motivation for seeking admission to the course.

12. Announcement of Successful Applicants

Final acceptance will be announced from Administration Center in University of Tsukuba on March 25, 2026. An email is sent to the successful applicants from 10:00 a.m. sequentially. Please check the URL link in that email and follow the instructions to download Letter of Acceptance. A separate email containing information about the enrollment procedures will be sent at the same time.

13. Enrollment Procedures

(A) Time period

- (1) The time period for enrollment procedures is from late June 2026 to the late August 2026. Further information can be found in the email sent together with the admission results.
- (2) Following receipt of the “Documents Required for Enrollment Procedures,” submit all documents required for admission using an international courier service by the above deadline.

(B) Payment required by students (except MEXT Scholarship students)

- (1) The entrance fee is ¥282,000.
- (2) The tuition fee is ¥267,900 for the spring semester and ¥267,900 for the fall semester (¥535,800/year).
- (3) If the amount of payment is revised at the time of admission or during enrollment, the new amount will be required from the time of revision.
- (4) The University offers, upon selection, a waiver of all or part of the tuition fee for students who are deemed to find it difficult to pay tuition due to financial reasons and for students who have other unavoidable circumstances.

14. Confidentiality of Personal Information

Results from the entrance examination, as well as personal information obtained by the University of Tsukuba from the applicants' documents, will be used for affairs concerning admission and screening, or may be used to improve the way of admission and university education keeping each identity confidential.

15. Questions and Contact

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the address below:

E-mail address: intagrsciadm@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

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

- 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 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

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.

APPLICATION FORM for English Course

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1. 氏名(Full Name in CAPITAL letters) (1) 姓名 Your name in predetermined order in CAPITAL letters (your name will be registered accordingly). _____ , _____ , _____ 氏名：姓 FAMILY NAME 名 GIVEN NAME MIDDLE NAME (2) パスポートに記載されている順番（上記と異なっている場合） Your full name as it appears on your passport in CAPITAL letters (If different from above). _____ , _____ , _____								写真 Photo Frontal view of the face and upper half of your body (4 cm x 5 cm) taken within 6 months.	
2. 国籍等 Nationality		3. 生年月日 Date of Birth 性別 Gender _____ □ 男 Male □ 未婚 Single 年 Year 月 Month 日 Day 年齢 Age □ 女 Female □ 既婚 Married		未既婚の別 Marital Status		母語 Native Language			
Reference Number									
4. 現職 Present Status (在学大学または勤務先の名称および住所 Name and Address of University or Employer) Affiliation: Address: □ 学生 Student Tel: □ 有職者(非常勤を除く) Employed (Except part-time job) Fax: □ その他 Others () E-mail:									
5. 現住所 Present Address Tel: Fax: E-mail:									
6. 緊急時の連絡先(現住所以外の本国のものを記入) Contact address in case of emergency (the address other than your present one in your home country above) Tel: Fax: E-mail:									
7. 選考結果送付先氏名・住所・電話番号 (上記5と同じ場合は記入不要) Name and address to whom results should be sent if different from No. 5 above. Tel: Fax: E-mail:									
8. 学位プログラム Affiliation 生物資源科学学位プログラム Agro-Bioresources Science and Technology.				9. 志望指導教員名 Name of prospective academic advisor					
10. 研究課題 Research Topic									

11. 出願資格 Academic Qualifications

大学 University	
学部 Faculties	
学科 Course	
卒業（見込）年月日 Graduation Data (Including prospective graduation date)	Date ☐ Obtained ☐ Expected YYYY/MM/DD

12. 学歴 Educational Background

学校教育 School Education	学校名・所在地・専攻・取得学位(資格)名 Name and address of school, major and title of diploma or degree awarded	入学・卒業年月日 [自己の修学年数] Dates of entrance and graduation [Number of years attended]	正規の修学年数 Required number of years of schooling
初等教育 Primary Education [小学校] Elementary School	学校名 Name of the School : 住所 Address :	入学 From _____ Yr., _____ Mon. 卒業 To _____ Yr., _____ Mon. [_____ 年 Years]	____ 年 Years
中等教育 Secondary Education [中学校] Lower Secondary School (Junior High School)	学校名 Name of the School : 住所 Address :	入学 From _____ Yr., _____ Mon. 卒業 To _____ Yr., _____ Mon. [_____ 年 Years]	____ 年 Years
[高等学校] Upper Secondary School (High School)	学校名 Name of the School : 住所 Address :	入学 From _____ Yr., _____ Mon. 卒業 To _____ Yr., _____ Mon. [_____ 年 Years]	____ 年 Years
高等教育 Higher Education [大学] Undergraduate School	大学名 Name of the University : 住所 Address : 学位(資格)名 Name of the diploma or degree :	入学 From _____ Yr., _____ Mon. 卒業 To _____ Yr., _____ Mon. [_____ 年 Years]	____ 年 Years
[大学院] Graduate School	大学名 Name of the University : 住所 Address : 学位(資格)名 Name of the diploma or degree :	入学 From _____ Yr., _____ Mon. 卒業 To _____ Yr., _____ Mon. [_____ 年 Years]	____ 年 Years
以上を通算した全学校教育修学年数 Total number of years of schooling as given above		____ 年 Years	____ 年 Years

休学等、在籍中に修学を中断した期間(理由) Periods of interruption of studies, if any. Please indicate the reason.

From _____ 年 Yr., _____ 月 Mon. ~ _____ 年 Yr., _____ 月 Mon.

(_____)

From _____ 年 Yr., _____ 月 Mon. ~ _____ 年 Yr., _____ 月 Mon.

(_____)

13. 職歴 Employment record, beginning with the most recent position, if applicable.

勤務先および所在地 Name and address of employer	勤務期間 Period of employment	役職名 Position	職務内容 Type of work
	From _____ To _____ ~		
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14. 他大学への応募状況 Application to other universities

☐ 他大学に応募している I have applied to other university

願書を提出した大学名 Name(s) of university that you have submitted the application.

1. _____

2. _____

☐ 現在他大学に応募していない。 I am currently not applying to other university.

私は、貴学に入学を希望し、出願書類等を提出します。なお、私が貴学に提出した出願書類等の全てに関して、記載事項等に虚偽があった場合は、入学許可を取り消されても異議を申し立てません。

I hereby submit my application for admission to the University of Tsukuba. I fully understand that my application becomes invalid if it is found that I have declared any false information or misrepresented myself within this application.

Applicant Name

Signature

Date

(Year / Month / Day)

STUDY PLAN

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Name of Applicant (Name as it appears on your passport)	
Name of Prospective Academic Advisor Dr.	How did you meet with your Prospective academic advisor? ☒ ☐ Email-Internet, ☐ Conference, ☐ Education Fair, ☐ In-person ☐ Other ()
Describe your motivation for the application and study plan in English within 1,000 words. You may describe on a separate A4 size sheet and attach it to this form.	

RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Form 3

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To the President of the University of Tsukuba

Name of Institution

Position

Name

Signature

Date

(Year / Month / Day)

SUPERVISOR'S AGREEMENT FORM

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Supervisor's Information

Name	
Name of Institution	
Position	

Applicant's Information

Applicant Name	
Applicant University Name	
Major in Undergrad/Graduate Program	
Length of time you have known the applicant	
Capacity in which you have known the applicant	

I would be happy to supervise the applicant...Mr / Ms..... to carry out his/her Master's Degree research, if he/she passes the entrance examination for admission to the Master's Program in Agro-Bioresources Science and Technology, University of Tsukuba, Japan.

Date (Year / Month/ Day)	Signature	Seal

PROOF of PAYMENT of EXAMINATION FEE

International Agricultural Sciences Program 2026
Master’s Program in Agro-Bioresources Science and Technology
Degree Programs of Life and Earth Sciences
Graduate School of Science and Technology, University of Tsukuba
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Name of Applicant	
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Please paste or attach the payment receipt here.

CHECK LIST

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Necessary Documents		Description	Check ☒
1	Application Forms for Admission	Form 1	☐
2	Study plan	Form 2	☐
3	Recommendation Letter	Form 3	☐
4	Supervisor's Agreement	Did you request your prospective supervisor to submit Form 4?	☐
5	(Expected) Graduation Certificate	Certificate of Graduation or the expected graduation certificate. Please make sure that the enrollment date and the (expected) graduation date are clearly indicated.	☐
6	(Expected) Degree Certificate	(Expected) Degree Certificate if applicants graduate from university overseas. Please make sure that the name of (expected) degree and the (expected) date of degree acquisition are clearly indicated.	☐
7	Transcript	Original transcript (with official stamp) of records from the bachelor's program of the previous university. For the applicant who has completed or is currently enrolled in a master's program, please also submit original transcripts from the master's program.	☐
8	Passport	1) If you already have a passport: → Did you attach a copy of your passport with your name ? 2) You do not have a passport yet.	☐ ☐
9	Certificate of Sponsorship	Certificate from Funding Agency (If any)	☐
10	Examination Fee	Form 5	☐
11	English Proficiency	Results of Official English Test Records of TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS	☐
12	Checklist	Checklist (Form 6) with check marks.	☐

I hereby submit my application along with all necessary documents listed above for admission to Master's Program at the University of Tsukuba. I fully understand that my application becomes invalid if it is found incomplete and misrepresented myself within this application.

Applicant Name

Signature

Date

(Year / Month / Day)