2027 Application Guidelines

Special Selection for the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program

Application procedure for admission to the Doctoral Program at the University of Tsukuba（UT）: Special selection for international students to be enrolled in Degree Programs in Pure and Applied Sciences at the Graduate School of Science and Technology for Academic Year 2027

This special selection is for the Chinese students to be dispatched overseas through the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program (CGGSOS Program).

If you wish to enroll in our graduate school from Academic Year 2027, apply according to the following procedure.

1 . Choice of suitable program

For each doctoral program, a few students are accepted under this special selection.
Contact your desired faculty advisor and obtain his/her consent to your application prior to submitting your application for the examination.
You can also visit the graduate school website: http://www.pas.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/

Program	Faculty list
Mathematics	https://eng.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/pdf/pas/latter/research.pdf
Physics	
Chemistry	
Applied Physics	
Materials Science	
Materials Innovation	

2 . Entrance

April entry: April 1, 2027
October entry: October 1, 2027
*The application requirements vary depending on the time of entrance. Refer to “ 3 . Application requirements” for details.

3 . Application requirements

1) Individuals who have a master's degree or who are expected to receive one by March 2027(for the April entry) or September 2027(for the October entry).
2) Individuals who have a specialized degree or expected to receive one by March 2027(for the April entry) or September 2027(for the October entry).
3) Individuals who have a master's degree or a specialized degree awarded by a university outside Japan as of March 2027(for the April entry) or September 2027(for the October entry).
4) Individuals who are 24 years of age or older as of March 2027(for the April entry) or September 2027(for the October entry), and whose qualification is recognized as equivalent to a master's degree or a specialized degree as the result of the eligibility screening conducted by the University of Tsukuba.

This special selection is intended for Chinese students being dispatched overseas through the CGGSOS Program established by the Government of China. Even if you pass this special selection, you will not be allowed to enroll in our doctoral program unless you are accepted for the CGGSOS Program (the Chinese government only dispatches doctoral research fellows who have master's degrees). Note that you will also not be allowed to enroll in our doctoral program if selection for the CGGSOS Program is not conducted. Those who wish to enroll in April must have already been approved for the CGGSOS Program and must submit an official certificate issued by the CSC at the time of application.

Note: If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact us individually at nyushi-pas@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.

4 . Fees & Tuition

The entrance examination fee for this special selection will not be collected. Applicants who have passed the examination and confirmed to receive a China Scholarship Council（CSC） scholarship will be admitted to UT. Entrance fee and tuition will be waived. However, students must pay the tuition for the study period that exceeds the scholarship payment period (i.e. 36 months, which is the standard period required to complete the doctoral programs listed in " 1 . Choice of suitable program").

5 . Security Export Control

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 and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students. International applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired course or program.

6 . Application procedures

Before Applying

Before applying, applicants must contact the desired faculty advisor and obtain his/her consent to your application prior to submitting your application for the examination.

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Apply for Eligibility Screening

Those who fall under the category 4) of the requirement of eligibility (See " 3 . Application requirements") are required to undergo eligibility screening.

Apply for eligibility screening via e-mail at nyushi-pas@un.tsukuba.ac.jp by the following deadline.

Deadline:November 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (JST)

Note: The deadlines are strictly observed. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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Application Deadline

December 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (JST)

Please send all application documents to be submitted electronically to the email address below.

<email address> nyushi-pas@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

Note: The deadline is strictly observed. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
We request the successful applicants to send the original documents after the examination. Please prepare for them.

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Examination

January 28, 2027

Recipients will be selected based on screening of the application documents and oral examination.

1) The oral examination will be conducted via Zoom etc.
2) The oral examination (total 200 points)
3) Content of oral examination: You will be expected to give an approximately 15-minute presentation of your previous research studies in English or Japanese, the reason for your application, and your research plan for after admission. Your presentation will be followed by a 15-minute question and answer session.

You will receive further information on the details of the examination by email once your application has been accepted.

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Acceptance Announcement

February 15, 2027

Successful applicants' examination numbers will be posted under 'Important News' on the top page of the website of the Degree Programs in Pure and Applied Sciences.

🔗 https://grad.pas.tsukuba.ac.jp/?lang=en

A Letter of Acceptance will be issued online. An email will be sent to the registered email address from 10:00 a.m. on the announcement day with instructions on how to download the Letter of Acceptance. Information on admission procedures will also be sent to successful applicants by email. Please follow the instructions provided in that email to complete the admission procedures.

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Enrollment procedure

Enrollment-related emails will be sent in two phases depending on your enrollment period:

- **April Enrollment:** Sent immediately after the results announcement
- **October Enrollment:** Late June, 2027

Successful applicants except for those who had already submitted a certificate issued by CSC must notify us the result of the CSC scholarship selection via e-mail at nyushi-pas@un.tsukuba.ac.jp. Please send a certificate issued by CSC as PDF if you won the scholarship.

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Entrance

April Enrollment：April 1, 2027

October Enrollment：October 1, 2027

7 . Application form and other documents

Please read the lists and notes below carefully and prepare the necessary documents for application.

No.	Documents	Remarks
1	Application form	Fill out the required information on the form designated by the University of Tsukuba. Be sure to include your email address.
2	CV for international applicants	Fill out the required information on the form designated by the University of Tsukuba.
3	Academic transcript	You must submit a transcript certifying that your academic results meet the requirements for the doctoral program of the graduate school at the University of Tsukuba (a transcript is normally issued by the graduate school from which you obtained your master's degree).

4	Graduation certificate and degree certificate from the last university attended	Submit the certificate of [expected] graduation and degree certificate to certify that you have or are expected to achieve a master's degree or specialized degree.
5	Letter of recommendation from a professor at your university or the university from which you graduated	Submit a reference letter in English or Japanese by using the form designated by the University of Tsukuba. The letter must be signed by your supervisor at your current or past university.
6	Abstract for your research results	Submit an abstract describing your research results in English or Japanese on two pages of A4 by using the form designated by the University of Tsukuba.
7	Research plan document	Submit a document describing your research plan in English or Japanese by using the form designated by the University of Tsukuba. Make sure that you describe your research plan clearly on two pages of A4. In addition, please include the following: the topic of your current research study; the name of your university (or the one from which you graduated); your name; the name of the program that you wish to be enrolled in; your research area of interest; the research issues; your research method; your expected goal; and the conclusion.
8	ID photo	JPEG format. The photo must be clear, taken within the last three months, showing the front of the applicant's head, neck and shoulder with no hats or other head adornments. Note: Please do not change the image of the person by editing or processing the image to make the eyes look larger, whitening the skin, or modifying facial features, moles, wrinkles, etc. Such modifications may prevent us from verifying the applicant's identity using the photo on the reference card on the examination day. If any image editing or manipulation is detected, it may be treated as misconduct.
9	Certificate issued by CSC	Only those who wish to enroll in April 2027 need to submit. The certificate must prove that you have already won the CSC scholarship.

Note:

1. 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).
2. All documents must be written in Japanese or English. Otherwise, attach a Japanese or English

translation.

3. Your application will not be evaluated if the above documents are incomplete or not accurately completed. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.
4. Before you apply, you have to contact a prospective supervisor (a faculty member from whom you wish to receive academic instruction) and obtain their consent to your application in advance.

8. Handling of Personal Information

The University of Tsukuba uses the entrance examination results and other personal information that it obtains from application documents only for matters related to admissions and screening or to improve its admission processes and education systems. The identity of each applicant is kept strictly confidential.

9. Contact

If you have any questions about these application guidelines, please contact us:

Graduate School Affairs, Academic Service Office for Pure and Applied Sciences Area,
University of Tsukuba
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Hours: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday except for on national holidays and during our summer break and winter break.