



September 25, 2015

Dear Dean/President,

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support of educational research at The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (UGAS-EU).

Please find enclosed the call for applications for the 2016 Special Doctoral Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences at UGAS-EU.

Please note that this program bears the same name as the existing program, but has been revised so that it is limited to applicants who are working professionals involved in education, research or technology.

I would like to ask you to make this application available to interested working students currently undertaking a graduate school master's program (those expected to complete their studies this academic year or later) and personnel who wish to gain a doctoral degree appropriate for a profession in education, research or technology at your institution.

In the application, please note that there are separate instructions for international students applying for a Japanese government scholarship and privately-funded international students (including those receiving a scholarship in your country).

In principle, each institution may recommend one student for a Japanese government scholarship.

Please advise if you need additional application booklets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for encouraging promising students to apply for this scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sanro TACHIBANA

Dean

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences  
Ehime University

Handwritten notes in Japanese: "CSO (ASICT) website (http://www.asict.or.jp)", "Director (Tachibana)", "SSO(T)", and a circular stamp with "8.10.15" and other illegible text.

## The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University

# Admission Policy

Agricultural science brings together a broad range of academic disciplines covering biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, economics and biotechnology to improve the efficiency and productivity of biological processes. To achieve these agricultural objectives, it is necessary to adopt an interdisciplinary perspective and build a balanced, sustainable relationship between nature and society. It is equally important to develop and train people to deepen their understanding of biological functions by applying broad knowledge and a flexible mindset unconstrained by conventional academic thinking. They will explore agriculture of the future that goes beyond a simple regional focus and seeks to preserve the global environment. Based on these principles, The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (a consortium of the faculties of agriculture of Ehime, Kagawa and Kochi universities) established a three-year doctoral program offering three majors: Bioresource Production Science, Applied Bioresource Science and Life Environment Conservation Science. These majors accept students with master's degrees from universities in Japan. There are also two courses for outstanding international students to pursue research in specific countries and regions.

Agriculture is an academic field rich in future potential and vital for environmental and ecological conservation and improvement for sustaining a healthy life. We welcome applicants who are motivated to lead and explore the many possibilities of agricultural science from diverse perspectives. The Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences is aimed at research and education in the various sciences related to the production and use of biological resources and the environment that supports such activities in the tropics and subtropics. Centered on such regions, this program accepts outstanding mid-level scientists engaged in research or teaching in all parts of the world and aspires to train scientists and engineers who can positively contribute to their home countries.

The Special Doctoral Course Program in Agricultural Sciences for Students from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim (AAP) is a unified master's course and doctoral program. The doctoral program accepts students from countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim who have completed the master's component of this program at the graduate school in Ehime university, Kagawa university or Kochi University and has the goal of training advanced researchers and engineers.

**THE THREE-YEAR SPECIAL PROGRAM  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
IN TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE  
AND RELATED SCIENCES**

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (UGAS-EU) is a consortium of the agricultural faculties of three national universities: Ehime University, Kagawa University and Kochi University, on the island of Shikoku, Japan. We consider it necessary that students of agricultural sciences widen their scope and deepen their discipline. Accordingly, to fill the growing need for environmental studies as well as resource studies in the tropics, UGAS-EU established in 1990 a special program for international students in the field of tropical and subtropical agriculture and related sciences. A limited number of students in this program are supported by scholarships provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (Monbukagakusho: MEXT). Applications are now being accepted for the October 2016/September 2019 program in accordance with the UGAS-EU admission policy.

**1. Application Guidelines for a Japanese Government Scholarship**

**1. Field of Study, Number Awarded and Supervisor**

**(1) Field of Study**

Applications for any field in tropical and subtropical agriculture and related sciences are accepted.

**(2) Number Awarded**

Six Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarships will be awarded this year. UGAS-EU will recommend six candidates for the scholarship. Those who are awarded the scholarship will be notified in mid-July 2016.

**(3) Supervisor**

An application will not be considered if your choice of supervisor is not included. Before applying you must consult with your preferred supervisor about your research topic. Please refer to the list provided in this booklet ("**Field of Instruction and Supervising Professors**"). After admission, two co-supervisors (from "**Co-Supervising Professors**") are assigned to each candidate. The degree of Doctor of Agriculture or Doctor of Philosophy will be conferred on those who satisfactorily complete all the requirements in three years.

**2. Qualifications**

**(1) Eligibility**

Those living abroad who wish to pursue graduate study and are engaged in education, research or technology in a university, institute or enterprise.

**(2) Nationality**

Any nationality approved by the Japanese Government.

**(3) Age**

Applicants should be under 35 years old as at April 1, 2016 (those born on or after April 2, 1981).

**(4) Academic Career**

Applicants should possess a master's or equivalent degree as at September 30, 2016. If the applicant does not have a master's degree but feels he or she has done the work, it is possible to submit the work to UGAS-EU for review. Those who have not possessed a master's degree must be reviewed preliminary, so he or she should contact the Dean's office of UGAS-EU by October 30, 2015. If the applicant's research work is deemed acceptable, the application will be considered.

**(5) Academic Record**

An applicant's academic record in the past two years must meet a minimum standard of 2.30 as set by MEXT. (For detailed information, please refer to the prospective supervisor.)

**(6) Health**

The applicant should be in sufficiently good mental and physical health for university study and research.

**(7) Language**

- a. The applicant is required to read and write English and to have attained a level of English proficiency of 600 or higher in TOEIC (paper-based test) or similar level in TOEFL, IELTS and other internationally recognized English proficiency tests.

- b. The applicant is encouraged to learn some Japanese because it will be necessary for everyday life. If it is not possible to study Japanese before coming, classes are offered at all three universities.
- (8) **Arrival in Japan** Successful applicants should be able to arrive in Japan between September 20 and October 3, 2016. Successful applicants affiliated with Ehime University or Kagawa University should attend an orientation session (includes Japanese language instruction) which will be held in late September for the students affiliated with Ehime University and in early October for the students affiliated with Kagawa University.

#### Notes

- Military personnel and civilian employees of armed forces are not eligible.
- Applications will not be accepted from those who cannot arrive in Japan between the dates specified in (7) above.
- Recipients of scholarships or fellowships from other sources are not eligible.
- Applications will not be accepted from those who have simultaneously submitted applications to other universities, Japanese Embassies, or the International Association of Education, which issues a short-term scholarship.
- Those who have received a Japanese government scholarship within the past three years are not eligible.
- Those who have already registered for a university in Japan as a private student are not eligible.
- Those who plan to do extended field work outside of Japan should consult with the dean's office at UGAS-EU through your prospective supervisor.
- Admission will be canceled if successful applicants do not gain a master's or equivalent degree by the end of September 2016.

### 3. Application

All documents listed below should be sent to the Dean of UGAS-EU through the head of the institution with which the applicant is affiliated. All documents should be sent by registered mail and must arrive at the Dean's office by January 15, 2016. (Any application received after this date will not be accepted.) Applications sent directly by an applicant will not be accepted. Incomplete documents or documents arriving at UGAS-EU after the deadline will not be accepted.

- a. Application form for Japanese Government** (use enclosed form\*: *APPLICATION FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP*) You must also submit form 8. *List of Publications*.

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

- b. Application form for UGAS-EU** (use enclosed form\*: *Application for Admission to the United Graduate School, Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences (three-year doctoral course)(for a Japanese Government Scholarship) 2016/2019*).

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

- c. Field of study and study program** (use enclosed form: *Field of Study and Study Program*)

- d. Official proof of the applicant's master's degree** or a certificate issued by the applicant's graduate school indicating that the applicant is expected to receive a master's degree.

- e. Official proof of the applicant's undergraduate degree**

- f. Official transcripts of the applicant's academic records** for both the graduate and undergraduate grades.

- g. A document issued by the last educational institution attended** indicating the applicant's academic record, including GPA or class standing, e.g. within the top 5% of the class.

- h. Certificate of citizenship** issued by a government authority

- i. Five passport-sized photographs** (4.5 × 3.5 cm) (showing head and top of shoulders with face and shoulders square on; no hat) taken within six months of the application date with the applicant's name and nationality written on the reverse side. Two photographs should be attached to the application form, and the other three should be enclosed therein.

- j. List of publications (master's thesis, books and academic papers)**

Note: Attach enclosed form 8. *List of Publications*

This list should be word-processed. Please contact [rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp](mailto:rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp) to get the file.

- k. One copy of the master's thesis** or an equivalent paper (An English abstract is required if the original is not in English.) If the master's thesis is very long, a summary (2-3 A4pages) is acceptable. Those who have

not yet received a master's degree should send a report (in English) of their current research project.

**l. Reprints of books and academic papers**

All reprints (copies are acceptable) of books and academic papers listed in 8. *List of Publications* for part a (and j), except the master's thesis, must be submitted.

Note: An English abstract is required if the original is not in English.

**m. One copy of the official results of a TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS or other internationally recognized English language proficiency test that you have achieved in the past two years**

**n. Pledge (use enclosed form\*)**

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

**o. A detailed proposal** in English or Japanese of the research the applicant hopes to pursue for the doctoral dissertation study in this program. (More detailed than that required for part e above.) The study plan must be related to the applicant's recent research at his or her affiliated institution or enterprise. The proposal should be word-processed.

**p. A letter of recommendation written by the head of the applicant's affiliated institution or enterprise**, including a statement that the applicant is not applying for another university, addressed to the President of Ehime University (use enclosed form\*: *Letter of Recommendation (1)*)

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

**q. A letter of recommendation written to the Dean of UGAS-EU** by a person senior to the applicant at the applicant's affiliated institution or enterprise who knows the applicant's research and study capabilities and be able to be assigned as a cooperative advisor with UGAS-EU during the applicant's period of study (use enclosed form\*: *Letter of Recommendation (2)*).

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

**r. Record of contact with the prospective supervisor** (use enclosed form\*: *Record of Contact with the Prospective Supervisor*) in which the applicant has written his/her choice of supervisor and what contact has been made.

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

**s. Check list for Japanese government scholarship applicants** (use enclosed form\*: *CHECK LIST FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS*) The applicant should check all the many requirements for application documents using the enclosed check list. We recommend checking off the check box for each completed requirement. Once all the required documents have been prepared, submit them along with the completed check list.

\*Detach and use the form from this application booklet.

**Notes**

- Documents **a, b, n, p, q, r, s** should be prepared in typed or neatly handwritten in English or Japanese using the forms provided. (Please detach and use the forms from this application booklet.) Please contact [rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp](mailto:rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp) for an application booklet.
- If any document for submission is written in a language other than Japanese or English, English translation should be submitted.
- Incomplete documents or documents arriving at UGAS-EU after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Documents for which a prescribed form is not provided should be prepared on A4 paper (29.5× 21 cm).
- None of the submitted documents will be returned to the applicant.

**4. Interview Examination**

Applicants must take an interview-style examination given by the prospective supervisor and at least two other faculty members (selected by the prospective supervisor). The interview may be conducted in person or via the Internet (e-mail or Skype). Applicants must prepare **(a)** a summary of their master's thesis, **(b)** a summary of their recent researches and a list of published papers and **(c)** a research proposal, and submit them to the prospective supervisor then to other interviewers by the day of the interview. The prospective supervisor organizes this process and will write a recommendation for a successful applicant based on the results of the interview and the applicant's academic record. The applicant will be judged on the following:

- (1) The content of the master's thesis or equivalent work
- (2) Proposal for research if admitted to UGAS-EU including any relationship to present research at applicant's institution
- (3) Knowledge of the applicant's major field of study

(4) Motivation and suitability for this program

(5) Proficiency in English

## **5. Scholarship Benefits**

### **(1) Scholarship payments**

The monthly allowance is 145,000 yen (subject to change). The Japanese government scholarship is awarded for the period October 2016 to September 2019.

### **(2) Transportation to/from Japan**

MEXT shall provide an economy class air ticket between the nearest international airport in the applicant's home country and Tokyo or Osaka airport, provided the recipient travels in accordance with the Ministry's instructions. At the end of the term, MEXT shall provide an economy class air ticket between Tokyo or Osaka airport and the nearest international airport in the applicant's home country, provided the recipient travels in accordance with the Ministry's instructions.

**Notes:** Any expenses incurred for travel from the international airport to the UGAS-EU participating university will not be reimbursed. The student is responsible for all travel-related taxes and fees and for travel expenses from the student's residence to the nearest international airport. Any expenses incurred in the purchase of insurance will not be reimbursed.

### **(3) School fees**

All school fees, i.e. for the entrance examination, registration and tuition, shall be waived. However, candidates are required to pay 3,620 yen for Student Education/Research Accident and Injury Insurance (coverage for three years, subject to change).

### **(4) Medical insurance**

Candidates are required to take out "National Health Insurance" (Japan), which covers most medical costs up to 70%.

## **6. Notes**

A scholarship will be revoked in the following cases:

- False statements on the documents
- Violation of the pledge
- Violation of school regulations, and/or no evidence of academic achievement
- Leaving Ehime University or transfer to other university
- Change of visa status from student to other status
- Receive a scholarship or scholarships from other sources

## **7. Personal Information**

The information provided in the application, such as name, address and other personal matters, will be used only by the UGAS-EU office for the purpose of processing the applications and notifying the accepted applicants.

All correspondence relating to the application should be sent by air mail to the address below (fax and e-mail can be used for inquiry):

Dean's Office  
The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences,  
Ehime University  
3-5-7 Tarumi, Matsuyama, Ehime 790-8566  
Japan Fax: 81-89-943-5242 (81 is the international code for Japan)  
E-mail: [rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp](mailto:rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp)