

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS
AT THE UNITED GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE,
GIFU UNIVERSITY
(THREE-YEAR DOCTORAL PROGRAM, FALL 2011 ADMISSION)

For privately financed international students

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University invites applications from international students who meet the following requirements to study agriculture in a doctoral course, starting in the fall semester of the 2011 academic year.

1. Major fields of study and number of students for admission

- (1) Major fields: The three fields in the program are Science of Biological Production, Science of Biological Environment, and Science of Biological Resources. Any of these three fields is acceptable as long as the student can receive research guidance in that field from his or her prospective primary academic supervisor in the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science.
- (2) Number of students: 6 students

2. Applicant qualifications and conditions

- (1) Applicants should be outstanding students with the ability to obtain a doctorate within three years of admission to the program. Students may either come from another country or currently reside in Japan, and will study in the program as international students.
- (2) Applicants must satisfy at least one of the following requirements with regard to academic background:
- a. The applicant has obtained, or is planning to obtain by September 30, 2011, a master's degree or a degree that is equivalent to a master's degree in another country.
 - b. The applicant is judged in an examination of his or her qualifications by Gifu University to have academic ability equivalent to or greater than a person who holds a master's degree from a Japanese institution, and will be 24 years of age or older as of April 1, 2011.
 - c. The applicant has engaged in research at a university or a research institute for more than two years after having completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country, and based on the results of that research and is judged by Gifu University to have academic ability equivalent to or greater than a person who has obtained a master's degree from a Japanese institution.
- (3) Applicants should be recommended by the presidents or heads of universities (especially those having exchange programs with the member institutions of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University), governments and municipal offices, private companies or other recognized institutions in their countries.
- (4) Applicants should be in good physical and mental health.
- (5) Applicants should be proficient in English.

3. Tuition and fees

1. Examination fee: 30,000 yen
2. Admission fee: 282,000 yen
3. Tuition: 267,900 yen (annual sum 535,800 yen)

4. Selection and Admission

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science will select applicants based on the application forms and interviews including via the Internet. Applicants will be notified of the results by the middle of July, after which Letters of Admission will be sent to the successful applicants.

5. Application procedure

Applicants are required to submit the following documents to the member institution of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University to which his or her desired primary academic supervisor belongs. These documents must arrive by May 31, 2011. The documents must be submitted by the following people on the applicant's behalf: if you are currently a university student, the application documents should be submitted by your university dean; if you are currently employed, they should be submitted by your immediate superior; and if you are currently unemployed, they should be submitted by your research advisor at the university from which you graduated. The documents should be sent by registered express mail. Applications submitted by the student him- or herself will NOT be accepted.

- (1) Application Form (form designated by Gifu University) [1 original]
- (2) Certification of Examination fee payment (See attached sheet for payment instructions) [1 original]
- (3) Certificate of completion or letter of expected completion from the university the applicant graduated from [1 photocopy]
- (4) Official transcripts from the university and graduate school the applicant graduated from (issued by graduated university) [1 original]

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| (5) Master's thesis or equivalent if applicant did not write a master's thesis. If the applicant has not yet obtained a master's degree, a report on his or her research progress should be sent | [1 photocopy] |
| (6) Copy of family register, and certificate of citizenship or proof of residence in the applicant's home country | [1 original] |
| (7) Official Letter of Recommendation (using form designated by Gifu University) [This Letter of Recommendation shall be addressed to the dean of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University, and so it should be written by the dean of the student's department at his or her graduated university, or by the departmental head at the applicant's current place of employment] | [1 original] |
| (8) Letter of personal recommendation (written by a faculty member who is well acquainted with the applicant) | [1 original] |
| (9) Statement of purpose of study at Gifu University (using form designated by Gifu University) | [1 original] |
| (10) Transcript of TOEFL, TOEIC, or similar test of English | [1 copy] |
| (11) Short essay in English (less than 1200 words) on what applicant wants to study and his or her ambitions of how to use that knowledge for the benefit of the society (written on form designated by Gifu University) | [1 original] |
| (12) Two photographs of applicant (6 × 4 cm, showing the applicant's upper body and head facing front and without a hat, taken within three months prior to submission). The applicant's name and nationality should be written on the back of the photographs, and they should be attached to the designated places on the application form. | |

Notes on preparation of documents, and precautions

- 1) All documents should be in either English or Japanese, and prepared if at all possible using an English typewriter or a word processor.
- 2) Applications will NOT be accepted in the following cases: the submitted documents that are not fully completed and accurate; one or more of the required documents that are not submitted; the documents that are submitted after the deadline.
- 3) The persons writing the above recommendations (official letter of recommendation, personal letter of recommendation) are asked to indicate in their letters of recommendation the level of the applicant's English ability, as "Excellent," "Average," or "Below average."
- 4) Use the forms designated by Gifu University for documents 1, 7, 9, and 11 above. All other documents should be prepared using A4 size paper.
- 5) None of the submitted documents will be returned to the applicant.
- 6) The applicant should write the name of the prospective primary academic supervisor on the application form. Supervisors should be selected from the attached list. Applications that do not include the name of a supervisor will not be accepted. Applicants should prepare a research plan in close communication with their supervisors.

6. General notes

Students are asked to learn about the culture, customs, and climate of Japan before they arrive. They are also strongly encouraged to acquire basic Japanese language skills, as this will make their daily lives in Japan much more comfortable and convenient.

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