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Application Guidelines

for

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-Pre-arrival Admission-

Application Period	Monday, April 3, 2017 ~ Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Examination Period	Monday, May 15, 2017 ~ Friday, June 2, 2017
Announcement of Results	11 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2017

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**Entrance Examination for October Admission -Pre-arrival Admission-
Application Requirements**

Graduate School of Sustainability Science is conducting an Entrance Examination for October Admission -Pre-arrival Admission- to recruit creative, independent and enthusiastic students from both internal and external institutions and train them to produce excellent scientists. This entrance exam is open for international students.

1. Department, Courses, Positions Available, Field of Education and Research

Department	Course	Positions Available	Field of Education and Research
Department of Dryland Science	Special Program in English	A few	See "List of Fields of Education and Research" on page 7.

The Special Program in English will offer the whole course work in English to develop scientists with advanced skills to carry out projects that can contribute to the international society.

2. Qualification Requirements

Applicants must fulfill one of the criteria given from (1) to (10) below.

- (1) Graduated or expected to graduate from a four year university program on or before the end of September 2017.
- (2) Awarded or expected to be awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education following the School Education Law Article 104 Clause 4 on or before the end of September 2017.
- (3) Have finished or expected to finish 16 years of formal education in a foreign country on or before the end of September 2017.
- (4) Have finished or expected to finish 16 years of formal education of a foreign country on or before the end of September 2017 by completing Correspondence Education courses provided by the country in questions while residing in Japan.
- (5) Have finished or expected to complete a program provided by an educational institution which owns degree programs offered in foreign countries (only the program that grants the diploma for 16 years of formal education in the said foreign country) which is also recognized as a formal educational institution in the said county while authorized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or before the end of September 2017.
- (6) Have been awarded or expected to be awarded a degree equivalent to bachelor's by completing program duration of which is more than 3 years (includes the case of finishing 16 years of formal education of a foreign country by completing Correspondence Education courses provided by the country in question while residing in Japan, and the case of obtaining degree specified by (5) when graduating from an educational

institution recognized by the foreign country in question) at a university or other form of school in a foreign country (limited to the institutions with their educational quality such as education and research activities recognized by the evaluators approved by the government of the foreign country in question or other relevant authorities, or institutions specifically recognized by its equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) on or before the end of September 2017.

- (7) Have finished upper-level course of a specialized training college (limited to the course duration of which is more than 4 years and meets other requirements provided by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), which is specially approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, after the date provided by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or be expected to finish above mentioned course before the end of September 2017.
- (8) Specially recommended by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public notice Item 5 by Ministry of Education in 1953)
- (9) Reach or have reached 22 years old on or before September 30th 2017 whose qualification is recognized to be equivalent or higher than those who graduated from a four year university program by individual qualification evaluation at the Graduate School of Sustainability Science.
- (10) Admitted to a graduate school by the School Education Law Article 102 Clause 2, and one's academic performance is recognized to be suitable for the Graduate School of Sustainability Science.

Applicants who are applying under (9) or (10) category must contact the Academic Affairs Division of Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University through the prospective main supervisor and get an application form for qualification evaluation which should be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 14 2017. The result of evaluation will be announced by Monday, March 27, 2017.

3. Application

(1) Period

Applications must be submitted from Monday, April 3, 2017 to Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

(2) Application Procedures

Applicants must fill and submit the documents listed in the table below to the prospective main supervisor.

① Application Form	Use provided form
② Manuscript of Oral Examination Presentation	Using the attached format as a reference, describe the research to be conducted after admission utilizing what you've learned previously in 1 page on A4 paper. Manuscript must be prepared in English.
③ Research Proposal	Applicants must submit detailed research plans to be conducted at Department of Dryland Science. It must be written in English. (Format not specified) (A4 size paper, 4--6 pages)
④ Academic Transcript and Letter of Recommendation	Applicants must submit an academic transcript issued by the head of last educational institution attended. Must be sealed in an envelope. In addition to that, foreign applicants must submit a letter of recommendation which can be prepared by an academic supervisor, immediate supervisor of currently affiliated research institution or current employer.
⑤ TOEIC or TOEFL Score etc.	Applicants must submit the original copy of TOEIC or TOEFL certificate obtained within 2 years prior to the application submission. Foreign applicants who graduated from universities of countries that use English as official language who are planning to stay in Japan with visa status of "student") are not required to submit this. Instead, a document that verifies completion of university education in English issued by the president or its equivalent authority of the university should be submitted. The certificate will be returned.
⑥ Certificate of (expected) Graduation	The certificate must be issued by an authorized person of applicant's degree granting institute.
⑦ Examination Fee	30,000 Japanese Yen
⑧ Certificate of Degree Award or Certificate of Expected Degree Award	Only applicants who are applying under (2) category are required to submit this. Applicants expected to complete junior colleges or advanced courses of technical colleges must submit the certificate of expected degree award and documents to verify application for bachelor's degree conferment.
⑨ Certificate of Citizenship	Applicants must submit a certificate of citizenship issued by the applicant's local governmental authority.
⑩ Certificate of Health	Applicants must submit a certificate of health completed by a medical doctor within six months of application date.

4. Entrance Examination

Applicants will be evaluated based on document screening and oral or internet-based interview.

(1) Document Screening

Based on the TOEIC/TOEFL scores etc. and academic transcripts, language proficiency and basic knowledge will be evaluated.

(2) Internet-based Interview

Applicants must participate in the Internet-based interview. The interview will be conducted during the period of Monday, May 15, 2017 to Friday, June 2, 2017.

5. Applicants with Physical Disability

Applicants with physical disability should submit a document (formats not specified) stating following along with a doctor's note or copy of physical disability certificate to the Academic Affairs Division of Faculty of Agriculture through the prospective main supervisor by Tuesday, March 14, 2017 to discuss possibly required assistance/accommodations at examination.

(1) Applicant's name and address (Phone number should be provided as well)

(2) Desired field of education/research

(3) Graduated university, faculty and department etc.

(4) Type and level of disability

(5) Accommodations necessary for examination

(6) Accommodations necessary for course completion

(7) Accommodations made at the graduated university

(8) Description of daily life

6. Announcement of Examination Result

11 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2017

The result will be posted at the entrance of Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University. The original copy of the letter of acceptance will be sent out to accepted applicants via mail.

7. Admission Process

Instructions for admission process will be individually notified to accepted applicants.

(1) Processing Documents etc.

- Dossier, photograph mount for student ID etc.

(2) Entrance Fee 282,000 Japanese Yen (Tentative)

(3) Tuition Fees 535,800 Japanese Yen / year [First Semester: 267,900 Yen, Second Semester: 267,900 Yen] (Tentative)

- Tuition Fees must be paid in November (First Semester) and May (Second Semester)

- Payment instructions will be provided to accepted applicants

(NOTES) a. Once submitted, the entrance fee will not be refunded under any conditions.

b. Students who wish to get an entrance/tuition fees waiver (or collection postponement) should not submit the entrance/ tuition fees upon admission process.

c. Above stated entrance/tuition fees amounts are tentative and may change at any time. Students will be asked to pay the revised amount while taking courses at Tottori University.

(4) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research

Students of Tottori University are required to be covered by the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research to ensure safe and secure college life. The premium costs 1,750 yen per two years coverage. This premium, which covers the insured when any injuries occur, is considerably cheaper than the premium of private insurance plans.

(NOTE) This is an accident insurance which covers any injuries occurred while insured students are participating regular or extracurricular curricular activities, commuting to school, or being on campus. For more details, please contact the Health Science Center (TEL +81-(0)857-31-5065).

(5) Place of Admission Process 4-101 Koyama-cho Minami, Tottori

Academic Affairs Division of Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University

8. Extended Course System

This system provides students with fulltime occupation a chance to plan and complete the course within certain period of time (maximum of 4 years) beyond average period required for course completion (2 years).

Same amount paid for 2 year course tuition will split into 3 (or 4) according to the plan.

Applicants who wish to use this system should contact the Academic Affairs Division of Faculty of Agriculture upon admission process.

9. Entrance Fee Waiver (collection postponement) and Tuition Fees Waiver

Entrance or tuition fees (full or half amount) can be waived if applicant meets one of the following conditions and university sees the extreme difficulty of entrance or tuition fees payment as a result of the waiver evaluation requested by the applicant.

(1) Extreme difficulty paying for entrance or tuition fees although academic performance is excellent.

(2) Within one year prior to the admission, defrayer of academic expenses has deceased, or either the student himself/herself or defrayer of academic expenses got affected by natural disasters.

(3) Meets condition (2) and President of Tottori University recognizes the needs of waive in provided condition.

(NOTE) The student himself/herself who has suffered directly from the Great East Japan Earthquake or Kumamoto Earthquake may be granted entrance fee waiver or collection postponement, and tuition fees waiver.

Please contact Scholarship section of Student Support Division under Student Affairs Department (TEL +81-(0)857 31-5059 / 6776) for more details.

10. Others

Please contact the prospective main supervisor for any inquiries related to application, examination and admission.

Oral Examination Manuscript Format

A4 (210 mm × 297 mm)

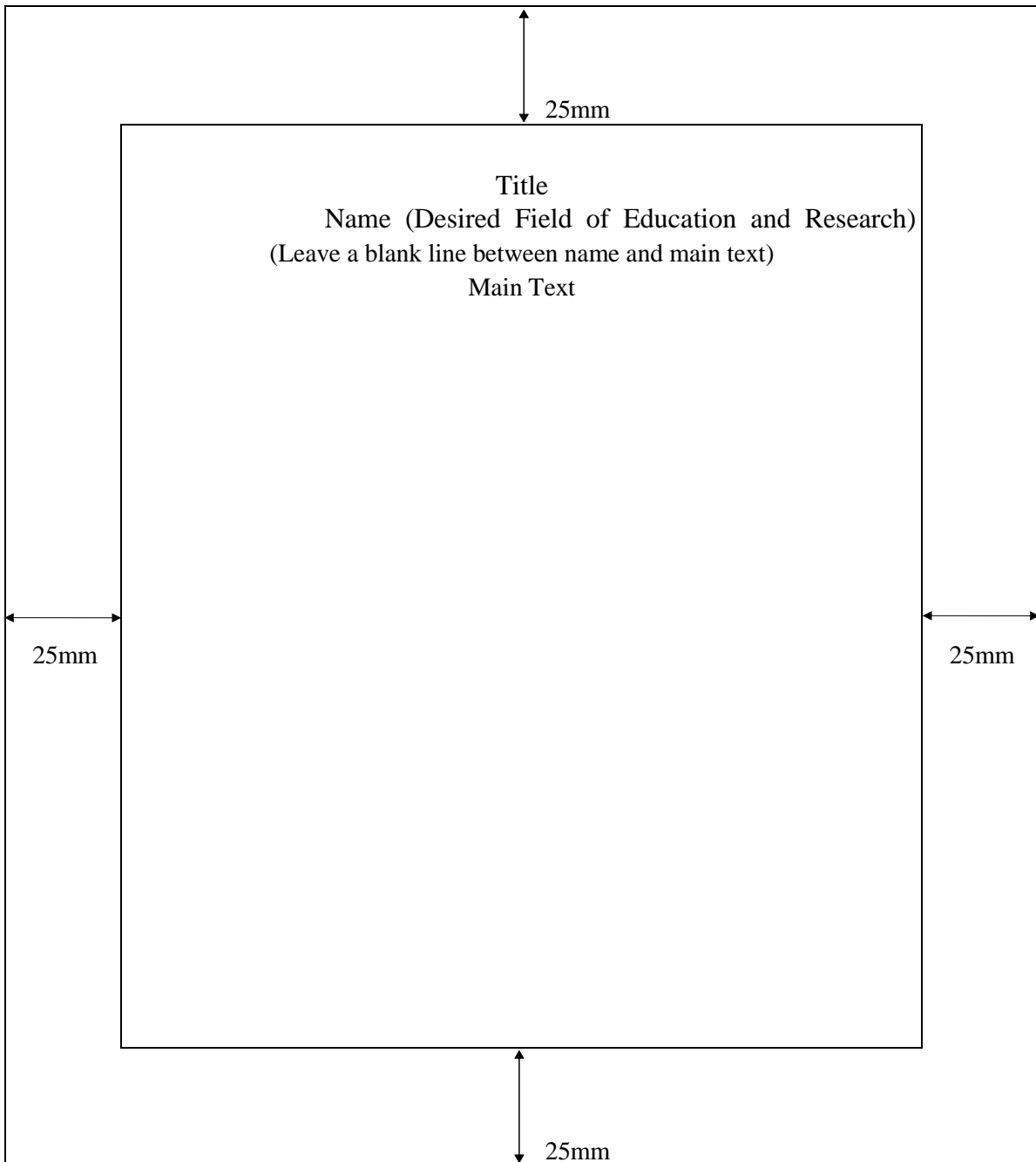
Font size etc.:

Title, name and desired field of education and research: 12 point

Main text: 11 or 12 point

Title should be centered and name (desired field of education and research) should be aligned to the right.

Based on your knowledge, describe the research you'd like to conduct at the graduate school including research plan, background, and methods etc. You may include tables and figures (black and white). Manuscript must be typed with word processor.



List of Fields of Education and Research

Department	Program	Field of Education and Research	Supervisor	Keyword 1	Keyword 2	Keyword 3	Keyword 4	Keyword 5
Department of Dryland Science	General Program/Special Program in English	Plant Eco-Physiology	Ping AN	Environmental stresses	Mechanisms	Dry lands agriculture	Saline soils	Halophytes
		Sustainable Land Management	Nigussie Haregeweyn AYEHU	Land degradation	Sustainable land management	Integrated watershed management	Spatial analysis	Hydrologic modeling
		Agricultural Extension Studies	Asres Elias BAYSA	Agricultural extension studies	Gender and development	Agricultural economics	Rural development	Africa
		Plant Genetic Engineering	Amin Elsadig Eitayeb Habora	Agricultural biotechnology	Gene cloning	Gene function	Abiotic stress tolerance	Genetic engineering
		Dryland Environmental Resources	Tsuneyoshi ENDO	Soil resources	Irrigated agriculture	Behavior of salts	Soil salinization	Environmental remediation
		Irrigation and Drainage in Drylands	Haruyuki FUJIMAKI	Water-saving irrigation	Water harvesting	Leaching	Salinization	Erosion
		Environmental Inorganic Chemical Toxicology	Sawako HORAI	Trace elements	Wildlife	Human	Ecosystem	Risk assessment
		Facilities and Environmental Materials	Masahiro HYODO	Buried pipe	Evaluation of the residual strength	Industrial by-product	Restoration of aquatic environment	Agricultural facilities
		Theoretical Physics	Natsumi IKENO	Relativistic quantum mechanics	Strong interaction	Meson	Nucleus	Numerical calculation
		Soil and Water Management	Koji INOSAKO	Restoration of farm land	Soil-Plant-Atmospheric continuum system	Irrigation and drainage	Desalinization	Environmental biophysics
		Animal Ecology	Takehiko ITO	Mammal	Grassland ecosystem	Conservation biology	Animal-plant interaction	GIS
		Applied Meteorology in Drylands	Reiji KIMURA	Boundary layer meteorology	Hydrometeorology	Remote-sensing	Aridity monitoring	Dust
		Dryland Restoration and Conservation Ecology	Toshihiko KINUGASA	Arid and semi-arid grassland	Global environmental change	Human disturbance	Secondary succession	Plant matter production
		Dryland Climatology	Yasunori KUROSAKI	Climatology & meteorology	Aeolian dust	Wind erosion	Climatic variation	Desertification
		Crop Production in Drylands	Eiji NISHIHARA	Medicinal plants	Allelopathy	Mitigation of replant problem	LED light in plant factory	Biochar
		Construction and Management Engineering of Facility in Rural Regions	Hidehiko OGATA	Irrigation and drainage facilities	Farm road	Functional diagnosis	Rehabilitation method	Management and maintenance
		Plant Molecular Physiology	Masanori OKAMOTO	Generation of drought tolerant plants	Genetically modified plants	Chemical biology	Genetics	Plant hormones
		Dryland Health and Medicine	Shinji OTANI	Global health	Environmental medicine	Travel medicine	Infectious disease	Noncommunicable diseases
		Water Management in Drylands	Theib OWEIS	Water harvesting	Supplemental irrigation	Water productivity	Water use efficiency	Water scarcity
		Land Environment and Conservation	Tadaomi SAITO	Soil water and solute movement	Interaction among soil, water and vegetation	Soil erosion	Environmental measurement techniques	UAV(Drone)
		Agricultural Water Use and Management	Katsuyuki SHIMIZU	Agricultural water use	Field hydrology	Assessment of water delivery performance	Soil salinization	Micro hydropower
		Renewable Energy Engineering	Kotaro TAGAWA	Solar and wind energy	Energy generation and conversion	Evaluation of energy system	Desalination	Heat and mass transfer
		Microbiology in Drylands	Takeshi TANIGUCHI	Microbial ecology	Ecosystem restoration	Use of rhizosphere microorganisms	Metagenome	Mycorrhizal fungi
		Molecular Breeding	Hisashi TSUJIMOTO	Wheat	Stress tolerance improvement	Germplasm enhancement	Chromosome engineering	Food shortage
		Conservation Informatics	Atsushi TSUNEKAWA	Environmental evaluation and modeling	Remote sensing	GIS	Regional environmental planning	Sustainable Land Management
		Plant Nutrition	Satoshi YAMADA	Salinity	Mineral absorption	Crop quality	Growth analysis	Water saving
		Environmental Soil Science	Sadahiro YAMAMOTO	Conservation oriented agriculture	Salt affected soils	Soil quality assesment	Soil organic matter	Soil formation and classification
		Revegetation Science in Drylands	Norikazu YAMANAKA	Revegetation in arid areas	Ecosystem restoration	Forest ecology	Drought and salt tolerance of woody plants	Water relations of plants
		Dryland Hydrology	Hiroshi YASUDA	Hydrology	Water budget	Precipitation	Groundwater	Aqua environment
		Agricultural Development Studies	Kumi YASUNOBU	Area studies	Farm management studies	Technology diffusion	Rural development	Common resource management
Hydrospheric Environment Science	Yumi YOSHIOKA	Groundwater	Water cycle	Irrigation water use	Evaluation of socioeconomic factor	Irrigation and drainage		

Name of Examinee			Examinee's Number	※
Emergency Contact Information	Name	ENG	Relationship to Applicant	
		JPN <small>(Required for Japanese people)</small>		
	Address	Zip code	TEL	
Resume <p>Applicants who are applying under (3), (4) or (6) of Qualification Requirements must fill all column including the ones of Primary Education (Elementary School) and Secondary Education (Middle School).</p>				
	Name and Address of School		Period of Attendance	Year and Month of Entrance and Completion
Example	(Name) <i>Tottori Elementary School</i>		6 years	(From) <i>2000.4</i>
	(Location) <i>Tottori City, Tottori, Japan</i>			(To) <i>2006.3</i>
Primary Education (Elementary School)※	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)
Secondary Education (Middle School)※	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)
(High School)	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)
Tertiary Education (Undergraduate)	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)
(Graduate Level)	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)
	(Name)		years	(From)
	(Location)			(To)