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Graduate School of Sustainability Science, Tottori University

Special program in bioresource utilization science

of fungus and mushroom for 2019

Application Guidelines

for

**Special Admissions for Privately Financed
International Students - October Admission -**

Application Period	Monday, April 1, 2019 ~ Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Examination Period	Wednesday, May 15, 2019 ~ Friday, May 31, 2019
Announcement of Results	11 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2019

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Application Requirements

The Department of Agricultural Science of the Graduate School of Sustainability Science, Tottori University (Special program in bioresource utilization science of fungus and mushroom) is conducting an Entrance Examination for foreign students -October Admission - to recruit independent and enthusiastic students from both internal and external institutions and train them to produce excellent scientists.

1. Purpose of the special program

The special program in bioresource utilization science of fungus and mushroom is a pre-doctoral program focusing on the utilization of fungi and mushrooms as biological resources for Japanese and international students to study cooperatively. This program aims to contribute to the development of superior human resources, promoting research on bioresource utilization science of fungus and mushroom.

2. Outline of the curriculum

The students of this program belong to the Department of Agricultural Science (a two-year Master's/pre-doctoral program). They must earn at least 30 credit units, complete the Master's thesis and pass the thesis evaluation and the final examination to obtain his/her degree of Master of Agriculture.

All of the lectures as well as research guidance from faculty members are conducted in English.

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

Positions Available	Field of Education and Research
A few	See "List of Fields of Education and Research" on page 7.

4. 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 2019.
- (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 2019.
- (3) Have finished or expected to finish 16 years of formal education in a foreign country on or before the end of September 2019.

- (4) Have finished or expected to finish 16 years of formal education of a foreign country on or before the end of September 2019 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 2019.
- (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 2019.
- (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 2019.
- (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 2019 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 Section of Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University through the prospective primary supervisor and get an application form for qualification evaluation which should be submitted no later than Friday, March 22 2019. The result of evaluation will be announced by Friday, March 29, 2019.

5. Application

(1) Period

Applications must be submitted from Monday, April 1, 2019 to Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

(2) Application Procedures

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

In addition, applicants must contact Academic Affairs Division, Faculty of Agriculture (email address: ag-kyoumu@ml.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp) by April 5, 2019 in order to know how to transfer the Examination Fee.

① Application Form	Use the provided form
② Manuscript of Oral Examination Presentation	Using the provided form, describe the research to be conducted after admission utilizing what you've learned previously in 1 page. Manuscript must be prepared in English.
③ Academic Transcript and Letter of Recommendation	Applicants must submit an academic transcript issued by the head of last educational institution attended and a letter of recommendation which can be prepared by an academic supervisor, immediate supervisor of currently affiliated research institution or current employer.
④ Certificate of (expected) Graduation	The certificate must be issued by an authorized person of applicant's degree granting institute.
⑤ Examination Fee	30,000 Japanese Yen Please transfer the Examination Fee between April 1 and April 17, 2019. Please note that we never refund the Examination Fee you paid under any circumstance except the following cases. (1) In the case of paying the Examination Fee, but not submitting documents for the application (2) In the case of paying the Examination Fee, but not accepting documents for the application (3) In the case of paying the Examination Fee twice If applicable (1)~(3), please be sure to contact Academic Affairs Division, Faculty of Agriculture (email address: ag-kyoumu@ml.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp). Applicants are informed the way to get refund on the Examination Fee by e-mail.
⑥ 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.
⑦ Passport etc. (Foreign Applicants Only)	Foreign applicants must submit a copy of passport.

⑧ Certificate of Health	Applicants must submit a certificate of health completed by a medical doctor within six months of application date.
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6. Entrance Examination

Applicants will be evaluated based on document screening and oral examination.

(1) Document Screening

Based on the academic transcript, basic knowledge will be evaluated.

(2) Oral examination

Applicants must participate in the interview in person or internet-based interview. The interview will be conducted during the period of Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to Friday, May 31, 2019.

7. 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 Section of Faculty of Agriculture through the prospective primary supervisor by Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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

8. Announcement of Examination Result

11 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2019

The result will be sent out to accepted applicants via mail.

9. 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

i) Gakkensai : This is an accident insurance which covers injuries occurred as a result of a sudden accident while insured students are participating in regular or extracurricular activities, being on campus, or commuting to school.

Insurance premiums (2 years): 1,750 yen

Department in charge: Health Science Center (E-mail: hokekan-jimu@ml.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp)

ii) Insurance for International Students (Type B) : This insurance covers (1) in case of causing injury to another person or damaging the property of others, (2) compensate for the payment of transportation and accommodation expenses in case family members come to Japan to support the insured if he/she is hospitalized due to injury or illness for more than 3 days. (Unlike "Gakkensai", there is no restriction on time and place)

Insurance premiums (2 years): 3,260 yen

Department in charge: International Affairs Division (E-mail: kokuko-gaku@adm.tottori-u.ac.jp)

For more details, please contact each department.

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

Academic Affairs Section of Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University

10. 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 Section of Faculty of Agriculture upon admission process.

11. Entrance Fee Exemption (deferment) and Tuition Exemption

Entrance or tuition fees (full or half amount) can be exempted if students meet one of the following conditions and university sees the extreme difficulty of entrance or tuition fees payment. Selection will be based on the application.

- (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 self 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.

For more details, please contact Scholarship Section of Livelihood Support Office, Student Affairs Department. (E-mail st-syougaku@ml.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp)

12. Student Loan of Entrance Fee and Tuition Fees (Japan Finance Corporation)

This is an official financing facility of the expenses cost upon and during the enrollment at Tottori University.

In principal, applicants are students' parents or relatives who mainly make their living and meet the criteria. Students can receive less than 3,500,000 yen with a fixed interest rate and pay back only interest during the period of his/her enrollment at Tottori University. For more details, please contact call center for student loan. (TEL (0570) 008656)

13. Scholarship

Students who cannot afford to pay and are recognized as academically and personally outstanding, and healthy may be eligible to receive a scholarship. Selection will be based on the application.

For more details, please contact Student Exchange Section of International Affairs Division (E-mail kokukogaku@ml.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp)

14. Others

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

List of Faculty Members for Special program in bioresource
utilization science of fungus and mushroom, 2019

Supervisor	Research Field
Makoto NOHMI	Food and Agricultural Economics
Yoshiyuki HIOKI	Ecological Engineering
Toshinobu MATSUDA	Economics of Consumer Behavior
Ichizen MATSUMURA	Farm Management
Li WAN	Marketing Information Analytics
Tadanori AIMI	Microbial Resource Science
Norihiro SHIMOMURA	Mushroom Breeding and Cultivation
Akira NAKAGIRI	Fungal diversity
Takeshi YAMAGUCHI	Crop Husbandry
Kozue SOTOME	Fungal phylogeny
Hiroyuki TANAKA	Plant Genetics
Kazuyoshi NONAMI	Agricultural Production Engineering
Eiji MORIMOTO	Bioproduction System Engineering
Kumiko OSAKI	Plant Disease Control Science
Kensuke KONDO	Protected Horticultural Science
Naoki ENDO	Taxonomy and Ecology of Fungi
Wataru TSUJI	Crop Production Science
Kinya AKASHI	Molecular and Cellular Biology
Masaaki AZUMA	Molecular Entomology
Jiro ARIMA	Bio-functional Chemistry
Atsushi ISHIHARA	Natural Products Chemistry
Tsuyoshi ICHIYANAGI	Organic Chemistry
Tsuyoshi KAWANO	Bio-Organic Chemistry
Motoichiro KODAMA	Plant Pathology
Yoshiaki YAMANO	Animal Biochemistry
Fumio WATANABE	Food Science
Mariko OKA	Environmental Plant Physiology
Hironori KAMINAKA	Plant Molecular Biology
Hideshi NAKA	Applied Entomology
Yukinori YABUTA	Nutritional Science

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Application Form		Examinee's Number ※
Field of Education/Research		
Name	ENG	<p><u>Photo</u></p> <p>Attach a photo of upper body part taken from the right front, without hat/caps. Must be the picture taken within 3 months. L: 4 cm W: 3 cm</p>
	JPN <small>(Required for Japanese applicants)</small>	
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male · <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth	Year Month Day	
Qualification	<p style="text-align: right;">University</p> <p>Faculty (School) of Department of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YYYY MM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Graduation / <input type="checkbox"/> Expected Graduation / <input type="checkbox"/> Completion / <input type="checkbox"/> Expected Completion</p>	
	Current Address	Zip Code TEL
Result Notification Address (List only if it differs from the current address)	Zip Code TEL	

- Notes
1. Circle on the items that apply
 2. Fill all column except for the ones marked with “※”
 3. **All applicants must communicate with their prospective primary supervisor of desired Field of Education and Research before submitting the application form.**

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) 2000.4
	(Location) <i>Tottori City, Tottori, Japan</i>			(To) 2006.3
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)

Manuscript of Oral Examination Presentation

Entrance Examination	※	Name	
Field of Education and Research			

Do not fill the column with ※

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 (Font size: 11 or 12 point).