

Academic Year of 2027

Master's Program

Department of Agricultural Science

Graduate School of Sustainability Science, Tottori University

Application Guidelines

for

Special Admissions for Privately Financed International Students - April Admission -

Application Period	Monday, September 28, 2026~ Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Examination Period	Friday, November 6, 2026 ~ Friday, November 20, 2026
Announcement of Results	Thursday, December 24, 2026

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Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Sustainability Science

The Graduate School of Sustainability Science (master's program) at Tottori University widely accepts graduate students stated in the following by conducting various entrance examinations in this graduate course:

1. Those who have achieved expertise and skills in the undergraduate courses on regional sciences, engineering, agricultural science, or dryland science.
2. Those who aspire to obtain a broad perspective and deep knowledge of global and local issues in the creation of a sustainable society.
3. Those who, with high ethical standards, aim to contribute to the creation and development of a sustainable society in cooperation with others.
4. Those who aspire to acquire communication skills to collaborate with other fields in order to create a sustainable society, taking advantage of their respective expertise.

The Department of Agricultural Science

The Department of Agricultural Science, Graduate School of Sustainability Science for the Creation of a Sustainable Society, Tottori University accepts a wide range of students who intend to study agriculture, which is indispensable for the survival of mankind, on their own initiative and contribute to local and international society with a broad perspective and rich creativity as highly skilled professionals and researchers.

1. Those who are interested in food, the environment, and life, and who have acquired specialized knowledge and skills equivalent to those in a bachelor's degree program.
2. Those who wish to acquire deep academic knowledge from a broad perspective, exploring such issues as the strengthening of regional agriculture and forestry, biotechnology, the utilization of fungus and mushroom resources and forests, the globalization of agriculture and forestry, and the protection of the natural environment.
3. Those who have the ability to think and judge scientifically, are highly motivated to absorb knowledge, and aspire to contribute to the development of humanity, society, and academia.
4. Those who have scientific ethics and a sense of mission, and who seek to acquire advanced problem-finding and problem-solving skills and communication skills with abundant creativity.

According to this admission policy, the Department of Agricultural Science conducts general entrance examinations, entrance examinations with recommendations, entrance examinations for working adults, and special entrance examinations for international students, and selects applicants based on a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation.

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Graduate School of Sustainability Science, Tottori University
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Application Requirements

The Department of Agricultural Science of the Graduate School of Sustainability Science, Tottori University is conducting a Special Admissions for Privately Financed International Students – April Admission -to recruit independent and enthusiastic students from both internal and external institutions and train them to produce excellent scientists.

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

Course/Program	Positions Available	Field of Education and Research
General	A Few	「List of Faculty Members for Field of Education and Research」 (see page 6)
Special program in bioresource utilization science of fungus and mushroom		「List of Faculty Members for Field of Education and Research」 (see page 8)

2. Qualification Requirements

Applicants must satisfy **one** of the following requirements (1) through (10).

- (1) Have graduated, or be expected to graduate, from a four-year university program by March 31, 2027.
- (2) Have been awarded, or be expected to be awarded, a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education pursuant to Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act by March 31, 2027.
- (3) Have completed, or be expected to complete, 16 years of formal education in a foreign country by March 31, 2027.
- (4) Have completed, or be expected to complete, 16 years of formal education prescribed under a foreign country's education system through correspondence courses offered by educational institutions in that country while residing in Japan, by March 31, 2027.
- (5) Have completed, or be expected to complete, a course of study at an educational institution in Japan that is recognized as part of the educational system of a foreign country and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and that leads to the completion of 16 years of formal education in that foreign country, by March 31, 2027.
- (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 MEXT) on or before the end of March 2027.

- (7) Have completed, or be expected to complete a specialized course at a specialized training college that satisfies the standards prescribed by MEXT, including a program length of at least four years, or an advanced course that satisfies the standards prescribed by MEXT, including the provision of a curriculum designed with due consideration for continuity with the education provided in the Specified Specialized Course (Tokutei Senmon Katei) as defined in Article 125-2, Paragraph 1 of the School Education Act, and that has been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Applicants must have completed such a course on or after the date specified by MEXT, or be expected to complete it by March 2027.
- (8) Have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology under Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 of 1953.
- (9) Be at least 22 years of age as of March 31, 2027, and be recognized through an individual qualification screening conducted by the Graduate School of Sustainability Science as possessing academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a graduate of a four-year university.
- (10) Have been admitted to a graduate school pursuant to Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act and be recognized by the Graduate School of Sustainability Science as having academic ability appropriate for graduate-level study.

Applicants applying under categories (9) or (10) must contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University through their prospective academic supervisor and obtain the application documents for the eligibility screening. The completed application materials must be submitted no later than Monday, August 24, 2026. The results of the screening will be announced by Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

3. Application

(1) Period

Applications must be submitted from Monday, September 28, 2026 to Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

(2) Application Procedures

Applicants must fill in 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 September 25, 2026 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 typed with PC 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 September 28 and October 5, 2026. Please note that the Examination Fee you paid cannot be refunded 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 document. 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 before the application date.

4. 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 internet-based interview. The interview will be conducted during the period of Friday, November 6, 2026 to Friday, November 20, 2026.

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 Section of Faculty of Agriculture through the prospective primary supervisor by Monday, August 24, 2026 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. Thursday, December 24, 2026

The result will be sent out to accepted applicants via mail. Besides, successful applicant's examinee's numbers will be posted on Tottori University's website at 11 a.m.

<https://www.admissions.adm.tottori-u.ac.jp/>

We will not be able to respond to your request by phone etc.

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 exemption (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 E) : This insurance covers (1) Personal compensation responsibility : in case of causing injury to another person or damaging the property of others, (2) Rescuer expenses, etc. : 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. (3) Movable property for daily use : in case of incurs a damage because his household goods are subject to fire or robbery in Japan. (4) Tenant Liability : in case of causing damage to a rented room due to an accident involving fire or water leakage in Japan. (Unlike "Gakkensai", there is no restriction on time and place)

Insurance amount (2 years): 6,470 yen

Department in charge: International Affairs Division (Tel (0857)31-5056,

E-mail: kokuko-gaku@ml.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

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 Section of Faculty of Agriculture upon admission process.

9. 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)

10. Others

- (1) Please contact the prospective primary supervisor for any inquiries related to application, examination and admission.
- (2) Information of the entrance examination result including scores etc. will not be disclosed.

List of Faculty Members for General, 2027

Research Field	Supervisor
Geographic Information Science	Nobusuke IWASAKI
Biodiversity	Shigenori KARASAWA
Plant Ecology	Dai NAGAMATSU
Hydrology and sustainable management of headwater catchments	Hirokazu HAGA
Economics of Consumer Behavior	Toshinobu MATSUDA
Farm Management	Ichizen MATSUMURA
Tree Physiology	Fumiko IWANAGA
Agribusiness Accounting	Nahoko KIHARA
Wood Science	Takaaki FUJIMOTO
Animal Ecology	Sachiko MORIGUCHI
Silviculture	Keisuke YAMANAKA
Regional Agricultural Systems	Yuki TOYAMA
Geology (Stratigraphy, Palaeontology and Tectonics)	Yoshiaki SUGAMORI
Agriculture and Forest Policy	Daichi HAGA
Microbial Resource Science	Tadanori AIMI
Mushroom Breeding and Cultivation	Norihiro SHIMOMURA
Fungal Phylogeny	Kozue SOTOME
Plant Genetics	Hiroyuki TANAKA
Agricultural Production Engineering	*Kazuyoshi NONAMI
Agricultural Production System Engineering	Yasumaru HIRAI
Management of Agricultural Production Process	Kazutaka KIDO
Protected Horticultural Science	Kensuke KONDO
Horticultural Science	Yoshihiro TAKEMURA
Crop Production Science	Wataru TSUJI
Plant Disease Control Science	Kumiko OSAKI
Plant Breeding	Shun SAKUMA
Reproductive Physiology	Ryo NISHIMURA
Fungal physiology and ecology	Yuma OZAKI
Fungal Molecular Biology	Nanthawan KAEONIWONG

* indicates instructors retiring at the end of March, 2028.

List of Faculty Members for General, 2027

Research Field	Supervisor
Molecular and Cellular Biology	Kinya AKASHI
Bio-functional Chemistry	Jiro ARIMA
Natural Products Chemistry	Atsushi ISHIHARA
Organic Chemistry	Tsuyoshi ICHIYANAGI
Environmental Plant Physiology	Mariko OKA
Plant Molecular Biology	Hironori KAMINAKA
Bio-Organic Chemistry	*Tsuyoshi KAWANO
Developmental and Reproductive Biology	Yoko SATO
Veterinary Laboratory Medicine	Takashi TAKEUCHI
Nutritional Science	Yukinori YABUTA
Bioregulatory Chemistry	Takashi IWASAKI
Bioactive Chemistry	Kotomi UENO
Laboratory Animal Science	Yukiko TOMIOKA
Applied Entomology	Hideshi NAKA
Food Physiology	Tomohiro BITO

* indicates instructors retiring at the end of March, 2028.

List of Faculty Members for Special program
in bioresource utilization science of fungus and mushroom, 2027

Supervisor	Research Field
Dai NAGAMATSU	Plant Ecology
Toshinobu MATSUDA	Economics of Consumer Behavior
Ichizen MATSUMURA	Farm Management
Nahoko KIHARA	Agribusiness Accounting
Tadanori AIMI	Microbial Resource Science
Norihiro SHIMOMURA	Mushroom Breeding and Cultivation
Kozue SOTOME	Fungal phylogeny
Hiroyuki TANAKA	Plant Genetics
*Kazuyoshi NONAMI	Agricultural Production Engineering
Kumiko OSAKI	Plant Disease Control Science
Kensuke KONDO	Protected Horticultural Science
Wataru TSUJI	Crop Production Science
Yuma OZAKI	Fungal physiology and ecology
Nanthawan KAEONIWONG	Fungal Molecular Biology
Kinya AKASHI	Molecular and Cellular Biology
Jiro ARIMA	Bio-functional Chemistry
Atsushi ISHIHARA	Natural Products Chemistry
Tsuyoshi ICHIYANAGI	Organic Chemistry
Mariko OKA	Environmental Plant Physiology
Hironori KAMINAKA	Plant Molecular Biology
*Tsuyoshi KAWANO	Bio-Organic Chemistry
Yukinori YABUTA	Nutritional Science
Hideshi NAKA	Applied Entomology
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Application Form		Examinee's Number ※
Course/Program		
Field of Education/Research		
Name	ENG JPN (Required for Japanese applicants)	<u>Photo</u> Attach a photo of upper body part taken from the front, without hat/caps. Must be taken within 3 months. L : 4 c m W : 3 c m
Sex	☐ Male • ☐ Female	
Date of Birth	Year Month Day	
Qualification	University Faculty (School) of Department of YYYY MM ☐ Graduation / ☐ Expected Graduation / ☐ Completion / ☐ Expected Completion	
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 (Required for Japanese people)		
	Address	Zip code	TEL	
Resume All applicants must fill out (High School) and Tertiary Education (Undergraduate) column. 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).				
	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 (Undergradu ate)	(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 PC (Font size: 11 or 12 point).