

Special Course for International Students from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim

**Offered by the Shikoku International Student
Education Consortium**

The Graduate Schools of Agriculture of Ehime University,
Kagawa University and Kochi University

2020

Application Guide for Students

(Application Deadline May 29 2020)

Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University

【<http://www.ag.kagawa-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>】

Graduate School of Agriculture, Ehime University

【<http://web.agr.ehime-u.ac.jp/index-e.htm>】

Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences
(Agriculture and Marine Sciences), Kochi University

【<http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/agrimar/english/index.html>】

AAP Special Program

Admission Policy

- **Knowledge and Understanding:** Academic knowledge and skills at a bachelor degree level appropriate for advanced research on environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture, forestry, fisheries and sciences to solve the essential issues related to the student's home country.
- **Thinking, Judgment and Implementation:** The basic ability to identify and theoretically address the issues in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and related industries to solve those essential issues.
- **Interest, Motivation and Attitude:** The ability to actively works to solve the above issues ethically through independent thinking in cooperation with others.
- **Skills, Expression and Explanation:** Basic communication and presentation skills to explain one's reasoning, judgment and achievement to others.

Curriculum Policy

- "Introductory Subjects/Elective Subjects" provide basic knowledge on environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries for food production and basic techniques for presentation. Besides, the subjects include language education for basic conversational expressions and sentence structures essential for daily life in Japan*.

*All students are required to take a Survival Japanese class after entering the program and students may take other optional Japanese language and culture classes.

- "Research Subjects" promotes the abilities to plan and execute research, and to debate and make presentations.
- "Practical Subjects" offer students a chance to gain experience in practical field-work for gaining work experience in Japanese companies, understanding the regional characteristics of the Shikoku area as an academic research field, and understanding the culture of Japan and Japanese communities in the Shikoku area.
- "Specialized Subjects" provide a broad and high level of advanced knowledge on environmentally friendly food production through a curriculum that is developed by each student corresponding to own needs.

- The "Master's Thesis" leads to the ability to understand advanced knowledge and to acquire experimental techniques as well as to develop logical and system thinking.
- Evaluation is comprehensively performed based on "Knowledge and Understanding", "Theoretical Thinking, Judgment and Implementation", "Interest, Motivation and Attitude" and "Skills, Expression and Explanation" acquired in the process of describing the Master's thesis.

Diploma Policy

- **Knowledge and Understanding:** Acquire comprehensive knowledge and understanding of technology concerning environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture, forestry, fisheries and sciences, and certain knowledge of Japanese economy, industry, culture and tradition.
- **Thinking, Judgment and Implementation:** Acquire advanced ability and knowledge to identify and theoretically address important issues in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and industries.
- **Interest, Motivation and Attitude:** Acquire independent thinking skills with a global perspective, high ethical standards and the ability to work with others in order to serve as a leader in addressing these issues.
- **Skills, Expression and Explanation:** Acquire advanced communication and presentation skills to explain one's reasoning, judgment and achievement to others.

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The Shikoku International Student Education Consortium (SISEC) has been established under an integrated concept shared by the three graduate schools of agriculture of Ehime, Kagawa and Kochi Universities, in Shikoku, Japan. The SISEC offers a Special 5-year Course for International Students from Asian, African, and Pacific Rim countries (AAP Special Course). The program and application procedures are explained below.

1. PROGRAM GOALS

In the AAP special course, all classes and study will be conducted in English to foster global leader.

In this era of global population explosion, climate change, destruction of both environment and diversity of species, all of which are closely related to agriculture, agricultural technology and marine science, this program has been established to foster global leaders to contribute to agriculture, agricultural technology and marine science, effectively utilizing the regional characteristics of the Shikoku area as an academic research field.

2. ACADEMIC PLAN

- (1) The AAP Special course is a five-year continuous education program composed of master's and doctoral courses. After completion of all the requirements in the first two-year master's course, a student will be awarded a master's degree from the university where he/she was located. (The requirements include 30 credits from the AAP special course curriculum, an approved master's thesis and a passing grade on the final examination.) Students are expected to continue their studies in the doctoral course (three years) of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University. Students will be awarded doctoral degrees after completion of all requirements, which include gaining more than 12 credits, approval of their doctoral dissertation and passing the final examination.
- (2) This system enables students to create a curriculum that corresponds to their own needs. With the help of academic advisors, students can select from over 130 classes to develop their own unique program.
- (3) All classes and research instruction are given in English, however, all students are required to take a 'Survival Japanese' class after entering the program and, if desired, students may take other Japanese language classes.

3. FIELD OF STUDY

Applicants should choose a field of study related to that of their prospective academic adviser (please refer to the list provided in this outline). The applicant must consult with the prospective academic advisor about the field of study before applying.

4. NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Nine (total for the three universities)

5. Qualifications

- (1) Eligibility: Foreign nationals living abroad or in Japan that wish to pursue graduate study.
- (2) Nationality: Those Citizens coming from countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim (including the Russian Federation) which have diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.
- (3) Age: There is no age restriction, as long as the academic requirements are fulfilled.
- (4) Academic Career: Those who met one of the qualifications below:
 - 1) Have graduated from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate.
 - 2) Have completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country.
 - 3) Have completed a 15-year school curriculum in a foreign country, and who have been recognized by the SISEC to have obtained the prescribed units with first-class honors.
- (5) Health: Applicant must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at university.
- (6) Language: Can speak, read and write well in English.
- (7) Visa Requirement: If selected, the applicant will be required to acquire a "College Student, (*ryuugaku*)" visa prior to coming to Japan.

Note 1: Military personnel and civilian employees in the armed forces are not eligible.

Note 2: Those who do not arrive in Japan by the designated time are not eligible.

Note 3: If an applicant should apply as a prospective university graduate and fail to graduate from his/her university by September, 2020, his/her enrollment shall be cancelled.

6. Application Procedure

Applicants must prepare and send the following documents to the Dean of the Graduate School of the university to which the applicant is applying by May 29, 2020.

- (1) Application form: (Use provided form).
- (2) Field of study and study program (use provided form).
- (3) Certificate of Health issued within 6 months before the application is sent (use provided form).
※Ehime University does not need a health certificate.
- (4) A copy of the certificate of graduation (undergraduate school and graduate school) issued by the university authority or an official form showing that the applicant is expected to graduate and the data of expected graduation.
- (5) A copy of the applicant's academic record (undergraduate school and graduate school) issued by the university authority. English is acceptable. If it is not in English, please provide an English translation. If possible, a document issued by the undergraduate school attended indicating the applicant's academic record, including his/her GPA and/or class standing, i.e. within the top 5%, of the class.
- (6) Certificate of citizenship issued by municipal or appropriate authorities.
- (7) Three 4.5cm×3.5cm photographs, hatless, showing the full face and upper torso, taken within 6 months before the application is sent with the applicant's name and nationality written on the reverse side. One should be pasted to the application form as indicated.
- (8) An abstract of the applicant's graduation thesis or its equivalent (less than 5 pages, A4 size). If applicants are not required by their university to write a graduation thesis, this should be explained. Any publications should be submitted.
- (9) The original or certified copy of the score results of an English proficiency test such as TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS. (If English is your common language, it is unnecessary.) ("Candidates can submit letter issued by

your organization or your ex-supervisor instead of a certificate for English proficiency)

- (10) A letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or equivalent, qualifying the applicant's ability and career. In these letters of recommendation the applicant's English ability should be evaluated in terms of "excellent" or "good" (use provided form).
- (11) The record of contact with the prospective academic advisor in which the applicant has recorded his/her choice of academic advisor and what contact has been made (use provided form). 「Record of Contact with the Prospective Academic Advisor」
- (12) 30,000 yen application fee. ※MEXT scholars are not required to pay.

Note 1: All applicants are required to be in close contact with the prospective academic advisor of their choice, and the research proposal must be made by consulting with the prospective advisor.

Note 2: All forms must be filled out in English using a typewriter or word processor.

Note 3: Submitted documents and application fee will not be returned.

Note 4: Incomplete documents or documents arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.

7. Selection and Notification of Acceptance

The SISEC will select candidates based on the submitted documents. Those who have been accepted will be notified by the end of June, 2020.

8. Tuition and Fees

(1) Entrance fee: 282,000 yen

(2) Tuition fee: 535,800 yen (one year)

If the fees change during the time of attendance, fees will be charged according to the new fee structure.
※MEXT scholars are not required to pay (1) and (2).

9. Remarks

A student will lose the right to participate in or enter this course if:

- (1) There are errors, misinformation in the application documents/materials.
- (2) The student does not uphold the pledge.
- (3) The student violates school regulations or has not performed to the satisfaction of the graduate school.

10. Date of Enrollment

October 1, 2020 (Kagawa University and Kochi University)

September 24, 2020 (Ehime University)

11. Note

All those who are advised to learn what they can about Japanese culture, customs, climate and the university they will attend before leaving for Japan. Although education and research will be conducted in English, all grantees are advised to learn Japanese language for daily life.

*MEXT=Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

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