

TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2027

Doctoral Program at the Cooperative Division of Veterinary Sciences
Special Program for Privately Financed International Students
April 2027 Entrance
Veterinary Science Program for Global Leaders in One Health

Admission Policy

Our university's basic philosophy is to promote education and research in agriculture, engineering and other related fields, to contribute to the prosperity and sustainability of humankind.

Based on this philosophy, our division considers veterinary education and research grounded in the principles of One Health to be essential for addressing current challenges, including emerging infectious diseases, health issues associated with aging human and animals' populations, and concerns related to food safety. Through an integrated approach encompassing the three academic fields of basic veterinary medicine, veterinary hygiene science, and veterinary clinical science, our division aims to award the Doctor of Philosophy (Veterinary) to the students who acquire advanced expertise as well as research capabilities in these areas.

For this purpose, we educate graduate students to acquire the following qualities:

- (1) To accurately recognize multifaceted challenges at regional and global levels and contribute to the realization of a sustainable society by linking the health of humans, animals, and the environment based on the principles of One Health
- (2) To integrate knowledge and research abilities across basic, hygiene, and clinical veterinary sciences, and to propose practical solutions for issues such as infectious disease risk reduction, food safety assurance, and advancement of animal health care
- (3) To play an active role as internationally minded doctoral-level veterinarians who promote cross-border collaboration and contribute to solving global challenges toward a sustainable future

In line with the above objectives, we welcome international students who understand the principles of One Health and aspire to become global leaders in research, government, education, industry, and related fields.

In the Graduate School of Agriculture, Cooperative Division of Veterinary Sciences (Doctoral Program), we establish a special program, "**Veterinary Science Program for Global Leaders in One Health,**" and recruit international students who aim to conduct research in veterinary science as follows.

I. Fields of study

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Pharmacology and Pathology
- Animal Hygiene
- Veterinary Public Health
- Farm Animal Medicine
- Companion Animal Medicine

II. Students recruited

Privately Financed International Students

A few privately financed international students who are not recipients of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program will be accepted.

III. Eligibility and Requirement

Privately Financed Students

1. Applicants
Graduate-level international applicants coming to Japan as new students or living in Japan.
2. Nationality
Applicants must not hold Japanese nationality.
3. Age
No restriction. (Except for applicants who apply under Section 4, Academic Background, Item (3).)
4. Academic background
Applicants must be a graduate of a Japanese university or have academic abilities equivalent to or greater than that of a Japanese university graduate. Eligible applicants other than those who have graduated from Japanese universities are defined as follows:
 - 1) Applicants who have completed 18 years of school education (limited to a final program in veterinary medicine, medicine, dentistry, or pharmaceutical sciences) overseas; or are expected to complete such a program by the month of admission.
 - 2) Applicants who have been conferred, or expected to be conferred by the month of admission, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country's government or a related institution, or which have been separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and have graduated from a veterinary, medical, dental or pharmaceutical program that requires five or more years to complete (including

graduating from such a program in Japan through distance learning offered by the relevant overseas school, as well as graduating from such a program at an educational institution which is regarded as an institution in line with the pertinent country's education system and is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan).

- 3) Applicants who are recognized by the Cooperative Division of Veterinary Sciences (Doctoral Program) on the basis of individual qualification screening as having scholastic abilities equivalent to or higher than those of university (a medical, dental, or six-year veterinary or pharmaceutical course) graduates, and who will be 24 years old or above by April 1, 2027.

Applicants falling under item (2) or (3) above must notify the University's administrative office through their prospective academic supervisor by August 31, 2026.

Applicants falling under item (3) who wish to undergo an individual eligibility screening for admission must submit the prescribed documents in advance.

5. Health

Applicants should be physically and mentally capable of pursuing academic studies at the university.

6. Language skills

Applicants are required to fulfill at least one of the following language proficiency requirements in either Japanese or English.

Japanese

- 1) Applicants who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at N2 level or higher by the time of application.
- 2) Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete by the month preceding admission, a curriculum with Japanese as the primary language of instruction that satisfies the entrance qualifications for this doctoral program.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) Japanese proficiency or higher.

English

- 1) Applicants who have passed or achieved scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 or higher level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) by the time of application.
- 2) Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete by the month preceding admission, a curriculum with English as the primary language of instruction that satisfies the entrance qualifications for this doctoral program.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) English proficiency or higher.

Applicants who fall under item (3) for either Japanese or English language proficiency must notify the University's administrative office through their prospective academic supervisor by September 16, 2026. After notification, a Language Proficiency Verification Form (prescribed form) will be provided. The completed form must be submitted at the time of application.

7. Arrival in Japan

Applicants must arrive by the date specified by TUAT.

8. Other remarks

Admission shall be canceled if a candidate who expected to graduate failed his/her graduation until the end of March 2027.

Application Procedure

All the applicants must apply upon the acceptance from prospective supervisor after the discussion.

1) Submittal of application

All the documents should be sent by registered mail to the prospective supervisor before 4:00 PM September 30, 2026.

2) Documents to be submitted

(1) 2027 academic year application form (use enclosed form)

(2) Field of study and research plan (use enclosed form)

(Up to 2 pages. If necessary, figures and tables may be attached on a separate sheet of up to 1 additional page.)

(3) An abstract of either bachelor's or master's thesis, or equivalent paper in Japanese or English within 600 words.

(4) Certificate of graduation or expected graduation, academic transcript, and degree certificate issued by the applicant's most recent university or graduate school.

(5) Copy of Passport

(If a passport is unavailable, a copy of an official identification document, family register certificate, certificate of citizenship, or a similar document issued by the applicant's home country may be submitted instead.)

(6) A letter of recommendation, by the dean or head of the applicant's affiliated institution. This letter is addressed to the president of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. Please prepare the letter written on the official letterhead of the applicant's affiliated institution and bearing the official seal. The letter must have been issued within six months prior to the date of application.

(7) Original certificate for language

(e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, JLPT etc.)

(If the applicant does not have a certificate to prove your language skills, please contact the University's administrative office through your prospective academic supervisor by September 16, 2026.)

- (8) A certificate of health (use the enclosed form, and this certificate should, in principle, be obtained within six months prior to the date of application.)
 - (9) Your photograph of passport size (4.5cm by 3.5cm), showing a clear front-faced, up-from-bust, bare-headed picture, taken within 6 months of the application date. Name and nationality should be printed on the back side. Photograph should be attached to the designated place of the application form.
 - (10) Application Fee Payment Confirmation Slip
- 3) Application fee
- i) Application fee: JPY 30,000
 - ii) Applicants residing outside Japan must pay the application fee using the international payment system (Flywire). To obtain the ID required for payment, applicants must contact the University's administrative office through their prospective academic supervisor.
 - iii) Applicants residing in Japan must request the prescribed application fee payment form from the University's administrative office in advance.
 - iv) After payment of the application fee, please enclose either the Flywire payment confirmation or the "Application Fee Payment Receipt Certificate [For University Submission]" with the application documents.
- 4) Remarks
- i) All documents should be prepared in either English or Japanese, preferably typed, and printed on A4-sized paper in double-sided format.
 - ii) The submitted documents will not be returned.
 - iii) All documents should be correctly completed and submitted before the deadline. Documents submitted after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.
 - iv) If there are any changes to your current address or other contact information after submitting the application, please notify us immediately.
 - v) If any false information is found in the application documents, admission may be revoked even after enrollment has been granted.
 - vi) The application fee is non-refundable.
- 5) Screening and Aim of this Special Program
- i) The screening will be conducted based on the submitted documents in "Application Procedure" and online interview.

The interview examination will be conducted on one designated day within the period specified below. The exact date and time will be notified after the application documents have been received.

Interview examination period: October 7 (Wed), 2026 – October 28 (Wed), 2026

- ii) The successful applicants are selected on a faculty meeting of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, and the notification of acceptance will be sent by the supervisor directly by the end of November 2026.
 - iii) The classes and instruction are conducted mainly in Japanese or English and this program offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Veterinary) within 4 years. The enrollment identification is a regular doctor course student.
- 6) Cost and Insurance at the Enrollment
- i) Admission fee is JPY 282,000.
 - ii) Tuition fee for the spring semester (Apr. 2027 to Sept. 2027) is JPY 321,480 (JPY 642,960 per year). Admission and tuition fees are subject to change. If the tuition fee is revised during enrollment, the revised fee will apply from the time of the revision.
 - iii) Students Education and Research Accident Insurance insures students against unforeseen accidents and injuries (but not illnesses) sustained in curricular (in class) activities, at school events, during club activities, or while they are in or on their way to or from a university facility. The insurance fee is JPY 3,300 for 4 years. Optional coverage for the prevention of contact infection is available. The insurance fee is JPY 70 for 4 years.
 - iv) The Student Liability Insurance System provides coverage in cases where a student causes injury to a third party or damages another person's property during curricular activities, university events, or while commuting to and from such activities. All new students are required to enroll in this insurance system in addition to the Students Education and Research Accident Insurance. The cost of this insurance is JPY 7,200 for 4 years. A member fee for the University Co-op of JPY 5,000 is also required but will be reimbursed at the end of the Doctoral program. (* The costs of the insurance fee and the member fee for the University Co-op are subject to change.)

References for All Applicants

Students are advised to obtain information about Japan's climate, customs, manners, and other cultural aspects. They should also understand that Japanese is generally used in daily life outside of classes. Please refer to the following website:

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/nav-studying-in-japan.html>

For information on the university and educational programs, please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.tuat.ac.jp/>

https://daigakuec.meclib.jp/library/books/tuat_2026_risyu_nogakufu_en/book/index.html#target/page_no=46

https://www.tuat.ac.jp/english/global/current_international_students/

Use of personal information given on the application will be restricted by obeying the privacy policy of the University.

If you have any inquiry about these application requirements, please contact the address below by documents.

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