

**DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION**  
**FOR**  
**THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**  
**IN ARID LAND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, 2017**

**(THREE-YEAR DOCTORAL COURSE)**

**The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences**

**Tottori University**

**Japan**

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences (UGAS), Tottori University, was founded in 1989 as an independent three-year Doctoral course. The UGAS is organized on the basis of the three Master's Courses of Tottori, Shimane and Yamaguchi Universities, and the research facilities at the Universities. The UGAS is operated in close alliance and cooperation with the Master's Courses of the three constituent Universities.

The Special Program (SP) for foreign students in Arid Land Agricultural Sciences in the UGAS is designed for those students who have finished the Special Program of the Master's courses (Pre-Doctoral Courses) at the constituent Universities; Tottori, Shimane and Yamaguchi. Because the SP at the UGAS is to be open as of October 2017, any foreign students can apply for the SP in the field of arid land agricultural sciences and related sciences.

**1 . PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM**

This Special Program (SP) is designed to provide academically advanced education to study bioresources, environmental foundation and management for agriculture in the arid land areas in the world. The students are expected to learn the basic and applied sciences related to the areas so that they are able to conduct appropriate measures to deal with desertification and food supply issues.

**2 . FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED**

- (1) Fields of Study: Applications for any field in arid land agricultural sciences and related sciences are accepted, provided that each applicant finds a suitable academic major advisor in the annexed "List of Supervisors and Their Research Interests".
- (2) Number of Students to be admitted: A limited number of students funded privately or by the other sources (hereafter "Personal Funds").

**3 . QUALIFICATIONS**

- (1) Nationality: Applicants with Personal Funds are welcome to apply for the SP regardless of their nationality or

residential experiences in Japan.

- (2) Age: There is no age limitation for applicants with Personal Funds.
- (3) Academic career: Applicants should have or be expected to earn a Master's degree or equivalent qualifications by the end of September, 2017. Admission may be canceled, if successful applicants do not hold a Master's or equivalent degree by the end of September, 2017.
- (4) Health: Applicants should be in good mental and physical health.
- (5) Language proficiency: A good working level in English is required.
- (6) Arrival in Japan: The admitted students must arrive in Japan between October 1 and 7, 2017.
- (7) Note: Military related personnel are not eligible to apply, if they are to remain on duty during the period of study.

#### **4 . APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applicants should submit the following documents through the desired major advisor to the School by May 1, 2017. Applications directly mailed to the School will not be accepted.

##### Documents:

- (1) Application in prescribed form, APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN ARID LAND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, 2017 (Form No. 5).
- (2) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION in the prescribed form by those students who know the applicant's research/study capability, addressed to the Dean of the United Graduate School (Form No. 6).
- (3) LETTER OF APPLICATION (about 1,200 words). Use A4 paper and attach a cover sheet (Form No. 3).
- (4) One copy of the applicant's Master's degree certificate or a certificate issued by the applicant's graduate school indicating that the applicant will be receiving a Master's degree. Doctoral degree.
- (5) Transcript of academic record issued by university authorities and its English translation.
- (6) A summary of the Master's thesis in English (about 1,200 words), or a summary of the research program in English (about 1,200 words) in the case of applicants who anticipate a Master's degree. Use A4 paper and attach a cover sheet (Form No.4).
- (7) Certificate of citizenship issued by municipal authorities.
- (8) One copy of the record showing English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS objectively.
- (9) Photocopies of publications described in #10 in APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.
- (10) Passport size Photograph (5 x 4cm), showing a picture taken from the front, from the chest up, bare-headed, and taken within 6 months of the application date, indicating name and nationality on the reverse side (should be attached to the designated place on the application form).
- (11) Entrance examination fee of 30,000 yen (to be paid in cash or a postal money order, but waived for current

Master students at the constituent Universities).

Notes:

- ① These documents should either be typed or printed neatly in English. Application forms can be downloaded from the Website (<http://rendai.muses.tottori-u.ac.jp/english/recruit/index.html>).
- ② Applications will not be accepted unless all the documents mentioned above are fully and correctly completed and delivered in due time.
- ③ The letters of recommendation should include the writer's assessment of the applicant's English proficiency as Excellent, Good or Fair.
- ④ The above-mentioned information for documents (1), (2), and (3) should be submitted on the forms provided, and others on A4 size paper. Only originals, not photocopies, will be accepted.
- ⑤ None of the documents submitted will be returned to the applicants.
- ⑥ Each applicant should select a professor as a prospective major advisor from the annexed "List of Supervisors and Their Research Interests" and contact professor in advance in preparing the application documents. Application failing to nominate a professor as a major advisor will not be accepted. Applicants should interview with prospective major- and sub-advisors. Interviews can be done using e-mail ; but, such interviews have to be done at least three times individually by the prospective major advisor and two sub-advisors.

## 5 . FEES ON ENTRANCE

- (1) Admission fee: 282,000 yen (proposed) (waived for students continuing from the Master's course at the constituent Universities).
- (2) Tuition: 267,900 yen (proposed) for the first semester (annually 535,800 yen). Tuition may be revised each school year.
- (3) This university encourages the participation to Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research to be able to spend a college life after entrance to school in peace. The premium is 2,600 yen in three years. This premium is considerably cheaper than the premium of the private insurance regime. And when a member of this insurance got injured, the member of this insurance is compensated for.  
(note) This insurance is accident insurance. When a member of this insurance got injured or died in the unexpected accident during regular curricular activities, extracurricular activities, the commute to school or in the campus, this insurance is paid. For details, please refer to Health Science Center (TEL (0857)31-5065).
- (4) Medical insurance of the National Health Insurance Program: The National Health Insurance scheme is a fundamental part of Japan's medical care system. It is designed to cover a portion of the medical expenses incurred by citizens. To apply for National Health Insurance, go to your local municipal government offices and follow the required procedures as instructed. After joining the scheme, you will only be responsible for

paying 30% of any medical expenses you incur. (Exceptions apply in some cases.)

## **6 . SELECTION**

- (1) Applicants with Personal Funds will be judged for admission under the documents listed in Section 3. The records of TOEFL and TOEIC, and other evidence to show a good working level in English are also referenced.
- (2) Successful applicants will be decided in the meeting of the United Graduate School, and notification will be sent during June to the successful applicants.

## **7 . EDUCATION**

The successful applicants will be enrolled as full-time graduate students and expected to complete their thesis research for a doctoral degree within three years, under supervision and instruction mainly in English. Each student is supervised by the faculty members of the three constituent Universities; a professor as a major advisor and two professors as sub-advisors. Although each student studies at the constituent University where the student's major advisor resides, the applicant can use training and research facilities at the other two constituent Universities.

**8 . ENROLLMENT DATE:** October, 2017

## **9 . RESERVATIONS**

- (1) If false statements were made in the application documents, the applicant's admission shall be canceled even after having been accepted in the United Graduate School.
- (2) With enrollment, new students are advised to become well informed about the Japanese climate, customs, manners, and other cultural aspects in general before coming to Japan. It is strongly recommended that they study the Japanese language. Knowledge of the Japanese language is very helpful to new-comers to Japan.

More detailed information and all correspondence about this program is available from:

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Faculty of Agriculture, Yamaguchi University

1677-1, Yoshida, Yamaguchi, 753-0841 Japan

Tel: 81-83-933-5800 (81 is the international code for Japan)

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## List of Major Supervisors and their Research Interests

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences offers doctoral programs in the following four major courses : Bioproduction Science ; Bioenvironmental Science ; Bioresources Science and Global Arid Land Science. Each course contains one to three Divisions ; and each Division offers basic and applied research programs. Faculty members (Professors and Associate Professors who serve as Major Supervisors) and their active research programs are listed below.

### 1. THE COURSE OF BIOPRODUCTION SCIENCE

#### (a) Division of Agricultural Production Science

Toshiki ASAO (SN)	Vegetable and Ornamental Science	Production of vegetables and ornamentals
Tohru KOBATA (SN)	Crop Science	Eco-physiological study for the improvement of crop production
Nobuo KOBAYASHI (SN)	Horticultural Breeding	Evaluation of plant genetic resources and applications for breeding
Donghe XU*(TT)	Plant genetic resources	Genetic studies on environmental stress tolerance in crops
Tadashi TAKAHASHI (YG)	Crop Science	Establishment of low-cost and low-input crop cultivation systems
Fumio TAMURA (TT)	Physiology of Fruit Trees	Studies on the control of endodormancy in Japanese pears
Akira NAKATSUKA (SN)	Molecular Breeding of Horticultural Crop	Molecular breeding for agriculturally useful traits in horticulture crops
Yoshimichi FUKUTA*(TT)	Crop Breeding and Genetics	Breeding sciences for diversity, differentiation, and genetic mechanism for agricultural traits in rice
Shingo MATSUMOTO (SN)	Biochemistry of Soil and Plant Nutrition	Studies on the mechanism of plant nutrient acquisition in relation to soil fertility
Toshikazu MATSUMOTO (SN)	Fruit science	Studies on fruit growing and processed food
Haruhiko YAMAMOTO (YG)	Environmental Information Science	Growth diagnosis of plant canopies by optical measuring methods

Abbreviations; TT : Tottori University, SN : Shimane University, YG : Yamaguchi University.

\* ; Cooperation with Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences

## (b) Division of Forest Resources Science

Katsuhisa ITO (SN)	Forest Policy	Forests, forestry and less-favored area problems and policy
Ryota NAGASAWA (TT)	Landscape Ecology	Landscape ecological analysis on the physical and human environment in mountainous regions
Yoshiyuki HIOKI (TT)	Conservation and Restoration Planning of Ecosystem	Ecological planning and engineering for conservation and restoration of biodiversity
Takaaki FUJIMOTO (TT)	Wood physics	Analysis of wood property variation, and development of measurement techniques

## (c) Division of Managerial Economics

Yasuhiro ITO (SN)	History of Fisheries	Study on history of agricultural, fisheries and rural problems in modern Japan
Norikazu INOUE (SN)	Farm Management	Farming practices and resource management on farm businesses
Makoto NOHMI (TT)	Rural Economics	Development and application of regional analysis methods
Hideo FURUTSUKA (TT)	Agricultural Accounting	The establishment of financial accounting standards for family farms and cost accounting of farm produce
Toshinobu MATSUDA (TT)	Economics of Consumer Behavior	Empirical analysis of consumer behavior, especially food demand
Li WAN (TT)	Marketing Information Analytics	Agricultural products distribution channels and econometric analysis of market information
Kumi YASUNOBU (TT)	International agricultural development studies	Agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia

## 2. THE COURSE OF BIOENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

### (a) Division of Production Environmental Engineering

Masayuki ISHII	Regional infrastructure Engineering	Development of designing method for renovation of irrigation facilities
Koji INOSAKO (TT)	Soil and Water Management	Conservation, restoration and sustainable use of soil and water environment
Hidehiko OGATA (TT)	Irrigation and Drainage Facilities Engineering	Evaluation of construction materials and structural performance of irrigation and drainage structures
Ichiro KITA (SN)	Water and Vegetation use Planning	Water use planning and management, and improvement by vegetation
Hiroaki SOMURA (SN)	River basin Environmental Engineering	Study on integrated lake watershed conservation and management
Ikuo TAKEDA (SN)	Water Quality and Hydrology	Evaluation and control of nonpoint sources in watersheds
Akira YANO (SN)	Bioenvironmental Electrical Engineering	Application of electrical engineering to bioenvironmental technologies

**(b) Division of Environmental Science**

Tadanori AIMI (TT)	Biochemical Technology of Microorganisms	Biochemistry, molecular biology and biotechnology of microbial production
Futoshi ARANISHI (SN)	Genetic Ecology	Molecular evolutionary, ecological and conservative genetics of aquatic organisms
Atsushi ISHIHARA (TT)	Natural Product Chemistry	Function, Biological activity, and Biosynthesis of metabolites produced by plants and microorganisms
Tsuyoshi ICHIYANAGI (TT)	Organic Chemistry	The molecular design and functional analysis of bioactive compounds
Kazuhito ITOH (SN)	Soil Microbiology	Plant- microbe interaction
Shinichi ITO (YG)	Plant Pathology	Functional genomics of plant pathogens
Makoto UENO (SN)	Plant Pathology	Studies on the expression of resistance in plant-microbe interaction
Junichi KIHARA (SN)	Plant Pathology	Photoresponses of the phytopathogenic fungi
Tomoyuki KUWABARA (SN)	Water Environmental Conservation	Studies on conservation and restoration of water environment, and purification of waste water and environmental water
Motoichiro KODAMA (TT)	Plant Pathology	Molecular mechanisms in plant-microbe interactions and plant disease resistance
Toshio SATO (SN)	Environmental Sanitary Engineering	Development of new technology and functional materials for wastewater treatment systems and control of environmental water quality
Norihiro SHIMOMURA (TT)	Mushroom Breeding and Cultivation	Studies on breeding and cultivation of mushroom resources
Yoko TAKEMATSU (YG)	Ecological Entomology	Biodiversity and ecology of termites
Akira NAKAGIRI (TT)	Fungal Biodiversity	Taxonomy, ecology and evolution of fungi adapted to aquatic habitats
Nitaro MAEKAWA (TT)	Mushroom Taxonomy and Ecology	Biodiversity and ecological function of mushrooms
Teruyuki MATSUMOTO (TT)	Bioscience of Fungal Genetic Resources	Isolation and analysis of useful genes from fungal genetic resources and their utilization
Ryoichi MIYANAGA (SN)	Insect Ecology	Biology and management of wild bees
Keiko YAMAGUCHI (SN)	Aquatic Ecology	Aquatic ecosystems, relationships between benthic animals and water environments, and their applications



### 3. THE COURSE OF BIORESOURCES SCIENCE

#### (a) Division of Bioscience and Biotechnology

Kazuhiro AKAMA (SN)	Plant Molecular Biology	Study on regulatory mechanism of tRNA gene expression and physiological function of $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid in plants
Hirofumi AZAKAMI (YG)	Molecular Microbiology	Molecular mechanisms of bacterial colonization to host surface
Masaaki AZUMA (TT)	Molecular Entomology	Molecular analysis of insect cell functions and their application to insect control
Jiro ARIMA (TT)	Bio-Functional Chemistry	Functional analysis of enzymes and microorganisms, and their application to industry
Takahiro ISHIKAWA (SN)	Plant Molecular Physiology	Biosynthesis pathway of antioxidants and metabolism of reactive oxygen species in photosynthetic organisms
Makoto KAWAMUKAI (SN)	Genetic Engineering	Signal transduction, cell cycle control and biosynthesis of coenzyme Q in yeasts
Akihiko KOSUGI* (TT)	Applied Microbiology	Development of biomass utilization technology using microbial functions
Tsuyoshi NAKAGAWA (SN)	Plant Molecular Genetics	Molecular mechanisms of plant development and technology for analysis of plant genes
Akio NISHIKAWA (SN)	Developmental Biology-Animal	Studies using amphibian about cell growth, differentiation, apoptosis, and morphogenesis
Takashi MATSUZAKI (SN)	Developmental Biology	Mechanisms of development and regeneration of skin and its appendages
Jun'ichi MANO (YG)	Mechanisms of Environmental Stress-tolerance in Plants	Elucidation and application of plant tolerance mechanisms against abiotic environmental stresses

#### (b) Division of Applied Bioresources Chemistry

Tsuyoshi KAWANO (TT)	Bioorganic Chemistry	Regulation of diapause, metabolism and longevity corresponding to the growth environment
Hidehisa SHIMIZU (SN)	Nutritional Pathophysiology	Study on the relationship between food-derived bacterial metabolites or cyanobacteria-derived toxins, and pathogenesis of diseases
Tatsuyuki YAMAMOTO (SN)	Bio-molecular spectroscopy	Spectroscopic studies on life science and medical applications
Kazushige YOKOTA (SN)	Biochemistry and Molecular Cell Biology	Molecular cell biology of food and related substances involved in bioinformation, nutrition, and health
Fumio WATANABE (TT)	Food Science	Chemistry and nutrition of vitamin B12 and related compounds in food

## 4. THE COURSE OF GLOBAL ARID LAND SCIENCE

### (a) Division of Global Arid Land Science

Kinya AKASHI (TT)	Molecular and Cellular biology	Molecular responses of drought-tolerant plants and their application to molecular breeding
Nigussie Haregeweyn AYEHU (TT)	Land Management	Watershed processes monitoring, modeling and management
Toshiyoshi ICHINOHE (SN)	Livestock Feeding	Evaluation of ruminants production system
Yasuomi IBARAKI (YG)	Bio-environmental Control Engineering	Environmental control in plant production
Reiji KIMURA (TT)	Boundary Layer Meteorology	Heat and water balance in arid lands
Katsuyuki SHIMIZU (TT)	Water Use and Management	Monitoring and assessment of irrigation water management
Hisashi TSUJIMOTO (TT)	Molecular Breeding	Breeding of drought tolerant crop lines by gene and chromosome engineering
Atsushi TSUNEKAWA (TT)	Conservation Informatics	Monitoring and modeling of plant production and ecosystem change in drylands
Haruyuki FUJIMAKI (TT)	Soil Conservation	Development of methods for preventing salt accumulation and erosion and remediation of degraded soils
Tsugiyuki MASUNAGA (SN)	Pedosphere Ecological Engineering	Control and use of soil functions of environmental protection-restoration and plant production
Hiroshi YASUDA (TT)	Arid Environmetrics	Research on aqua system environmetrics in arid lands
Norikazu YAMANAKA (TT)	Revegetation in Arid Land	Ecological studies on woody plants in arid lands
Sadahiro YAMAMOTO (TT)	Environmental Soil Science	Conservation of soil environment and sustainable use of farmland in arid regions