

Overseas Travel/Study Guidelines

In order to ensure the safety of dispatched students overseas, currently at TUAT, we first confirm safety conditions, etc. of the destination country(s) in accordance with the following guidelines prior to sending students for overseas travel/study.

[Overseas Travel/Study Guidelines]

- ※ For overseas travel to attend academic conferences/international meetings, confirm the following conditions from 1 to 9; for other overseas travel/study, confirm the following conditions from 1 to 10
 - ※ If situations change prior to your departure, the universities engaged in your travel may request you to cancel/suspend the travel. In principle, cancellation fees, etc. occurred in this case are borne by the student. We ask that you understand this and plan/proceed with your travel preparation.
1. The risk levels of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)'s Risk Information and Infectious Disease Risk Information on travel to your destination country(s) and transit country(s) are Level 1 or lower in all cases. However, even in cases where the MOFA's Infectious Disease Risk Information risk levels is Level 2 or higher, for those who meet all the requirements of (1) through (4) below, his/her travel (initiating overseas travel/study) will still be permitted. In addition, even if the student does not meet the requirements of (1) through (4), he/she may be permitted to travel if the department head, etc. approves the travel due to the importance of proceeding with the trip, etc.

[Cases where overseas travel/study is permitted]

- (1) The purpose or content of the travel is one of the following a) to c).
- a) Study abroad or research dispatch with a local host institution (assuming it is confirmed with the host institution that the host institution can provide support to the student in case of emergency*)
 - *: About receiving support from the host institution in an emergency, it can be confirmed by fulfilling the following condition 10.
 - b) TUAT International students traveling to their home country to enter school, conduct research, etc.
 - c) Overseas travel to attend academic conferences/international meetings, or to investigate in research, etc. for which there is no local host institution but with a faculty member accompanying the student. However, students enrolled in a doctoral course do not need to be accompanied by a faculty member and may travel alone.
- (2) **All of the following must be met** for the destination country(s)/region(s).
- The risk levels of the Infectious Disease Risk Information are Level 2 or 3. However, the reason for this is due to the impact of COVID-19 spread.
 - The risk levels of the Overseas Safety Risk Information are Level 1 or lower.
- (3) In principle, the traveler is **to have received at least three doses of COVID-19 vaccination prior to the date of departure**^{*1}.

- (4) The traveler is to meet all the conditions of the checklist (confirmation) in the attached sheet.
2. You can obtain the required visa(s) (you must ensure whether you will require a visa to enter your destination country or not, because there are cases in which visa waiver (exemption) does not apply for the time being, etc. due to the impact of the COVID-19 spread, even for a country which used to waive visas for Japanese nationals' entrance on a short-term stay).
 3. As for the destination country(s) and transit country(s), it is in a situation where you can enter the destination country(s) and transit country(s) safely (you must check entry restrictions of all countries involved regarding: travel from Japan to enter the transit country(s), travel from the transit country(s) to enter the destination country(s), etc.).
 4. We can tell that you are in a situation where you can easily carry on the activities you had planned for (attending conference(s), enrolling in academic program(s), conducting research, or participating in traineeship(s) or internship(s), etc.) while considering the following factors: activity restrictions in the destination country(s)^{*2} (travel restrictions inside the destination country(s), self-quarantine requirements, etc.); situations in the host institution(s) (whether the lectures/research activities in laboratories can be carried out), etc.
 5. Prior to your departure, you have arranged/secured safe accommodation for your stay in your destination country(s).
 6. You have ensured that there are nearby medical service providers/hospitals where you can receive medical services if you get ill while at the destination country(s). In addition, it is confirmed that you were enrolled “学研災付帯海外留学保険” (“ancillary study abroad insurance” of "Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai)") prior to your departure.
 7. You have received prior consent from your guardians/family members/relatives for your travel, who will be your guarantor(s) on the pledge which you will submit prior to your travel.
 8. About entering the destination country(s), you have checked the epidemic prevention measures set by the government of the destination country^{*2} and by the host institution before you enter the country(s), and you will make a commitment to comply with them.
 9. About returning to Japan, you will check the epidemic prevention measures and border control measures set by the Japanese government^{*3} before you enter Japan, and make a commitment to comply with them.

[The following does not apply to students traveling based on 1-(1) -c.]

10. You and the host institution have agreed on your safety and accommodation and you have obtained the proof in writing (an e-mail is acceptable) from the person in charge of your enrolment at the host institution (a supervisor or faculty/administrative staff member responsible for your enrolment) showing that you will receive support from the host institution about securing your safety and providing safe accommodation, etc. during your stay in the host country.

(Note)

*1: In order to ensure the safety of dispatched students overseas, we assume COVID-19 vaccination as a

default requirement for travel. However, if there are circumstances where you cannot be vaccinated, it is not compulsory for you to receive vaccination. Please inform us of your personal circumstances when submitting the confirmation form(s). In some cases, the destination country may require you to be vaccinated, so please check carefully the web site of the embassy, etc. of the destination country(s) for the information.

*2: For each country's epidemic prevention measures and activity restrictions in the country, etc., refer to the following MOFA's web page and each country's embassy web page, etc.

[MOFA web page] https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/covid19/pdfhistory_world.html (in Japanese only)

*3: For border control measures set by the Japanese government, refer to the following Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW)'s web page or each country's embassy web site, etc.

[MHLW web page] <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

*4: For the latest MOFA's Infectious Disease Risk Information, refer to the following MOFA's web page.

[MOFA web page] <https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/riskmap/> (in Japanese only)

◆Submission of documents in relation to this guidelines◆

Students who wish to study abroad will submit a "留学願 (Study Abroad Request)", and other students who wish to travel abroad will submit a "海外渡航届 (Overseas Travel Notification)". When submitting one of the above-mentioned documents, you will also submit the following documents to the Educational Affairs Section of your affiliated department (the Student Affairs Section for students in United Graduate School of Agricultural Science): a "Confirmation of Compliance with Overseas Travel/Study Guidelines" prepared by your TUAT supervisor(or your department head in the case of undergraduate students without a supervisor, hereinafter referred to as "supervisor, etc."); a "留学・海外渡航にあたっての事前確認書 (Prior Confirmation for Overseas Travel/Study Form B)" and an "Overseas Travel Pledge" prepared by yourself.

When requesting your TUAT supervisor to prepare a "Confirmation of Compliance with Overseas Travel/Study Guidelines" the student must submit to the supervisor a "留学・海外渡航にあたっての事前確認書 (Prior Confirmation for Overseas Travel/Study Form B)" prepared by the student himself/herself. (Then, the supervisor, etc. will confirm the contents of the "留学・海外渡航にあたっての事前確認書 (Prior Confirmation for Overseas Travel/Study Form B)" submitted by the student, and prepare a "海外渡航・留学ガイドライン遵守確認書 (Confirmation of Student's Compliance with Overseas Travel/Study Guidelines Form A)".

新型コロナウイルス感染症の影響により感染症危険情報レベル2以上に指定された国・地域への渡航前に確認すべき項目

- (1) 留学先国・地域における最新の感染状況を把握している。
- (2) 留学先国・地域への渡航手段がある。
- (3) 留学先国・地域に入国の可否及び入国に必要な手続きについて申請中又は完了している。
- (4) 留学中の疾病に対し、十分な補償が受けられる海外旅行保険又は現地の保険に加入している。
- (5) 留学先国・地域への入国時における水際措置及び入国後取るべき行動について把握している。
- (6) 留学先国・地域で感染の疑いが生じた場合、濃厚接触者として指定された場合、感染した場合に留学先国・地域において取るべき行動及び相談先を具体的に把握している。
例：
 - ・相談できる機関
 - ・検査できる機関
 - ・受け入れ可能な医療機関
 - ・滞在先
- (7) 留学先国・地域で必要な生活物資が確保できる。
- (8) 留学先大学等において留学生の受け入れ体制が取られている。
- (9) 留学先大学等において学修を継続するための防疫措置がとられている。
- (10) 留学先国・地域における感染拡大抑止のための法令(マスクの着用等)を把握している。
- (11) 今後、留学先国・地域において(再)流行した際取るべき対応をシミュレーションしている。
- (12) 留学先国・地域に渡航しないと当初の留学目的が達成できないこと。
- (13) 感染症危険情報レベル2以上(レベル4を除く。)での渡航において奨学金等が支給対象となる今年度の特別措置は、新型コロナウイルス感染症の影響に限定した取扱いであることを承知した。