

**TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
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**Doctoral Program at the Cooperative Division Of Veterinary Sciences
Special Program for International Students
October 2026 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 fulfill one of the following goals:

- (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

(1) International Students with the Japanese Government Scholarship

The Graduate School will recommend **three students** as the candidates for the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science (MEXT: *Monbukagakusho*) Scholarship.

(2) Privately Financed International Students

A few students will be recruited.

III. Eligibility and Requirement

(1) Candidates for MEXT Scholarship: see pages iii – viii, xiii

(2) Privately Financed Students: see pages ix – xii, xiii

(1) Candidates for MEXT Scholarship

1. Applicants

- Graduate-level international applicants who fulfils the requirements.
- Applicants should have the MEXT grade points of 2.30 (out of 3.00), and are expected to maintain this academic standard during the scholarship program.

*From the viewpoint of attracting the best international students, it is possible to nominate international students presently residing in Japan for priority placement (hereinafter referred to "domestic recommenders"). However, the number of domestic recommenders should not exceed 40% of total candidates.

2. Nationality

The applicant's nationality must be Southeast Asian (ASEAN). Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are ineligible.

List of nationalities that meet the application requirements:

INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, BRUNEI, VIETNAM, LAOS, MYANMAR, CAMBODIA

3. Age

Applicants who were born on or after April 2, 1991.

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 that they have scholastic abilities equivalent to or higher than those of university (a medical, dental, or six-year veterinary or pharmaceutical course) graduates, and are 24 years old or above.

※Those who have under the Academic background 2) and 3) need to contact the prospective supervisor until December 19, 2025.

5. Health

Applicants should be in good mental and physical health.

6. Language skill

Applicants are required to fulfill at least one among the following Japanese or English proficiencies.

Japanese

- 1) Applicants must pass with N2 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application.
- 2) Applicants must complete curriculums that meet the conditions for admission to master's or doctoral courses at Japanese graduate schools using Japanese as the main language.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) Japanese proficiency or higher.

English

- 1) Applicants must pass or achieve scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 or higher level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application.
- 2) Applicants must complete school curriculums that meet the conditions for admission in masters' or doctoral courses at a Japanese graduate school by using English as the main language.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) English proficiency or higher.

Those who do not fall under 1) or 2) need to contact the prospective supervisor until December 19, 2025.

7. Arrival in Japan

Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between October 1 and October 14, 2026.

8. Remarks

- 1) Applicants in the following categories are “ineligible” for the Japanese Government Scholarship. They must decline the scholarship offer if they are found to fit any of the following criteria.
 - (1) Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
 - (2) Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the date specified by MEXT or the accepting university;
 - (3) Former recipient of a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past is ineligible unless having at least three years of education and/or research records at the time of the new enrollment. (This does not apply to a research-student applicant, who: (i) received training as a Japanese-studies student and later returned to a university from which he or she graduated in their home or another country; or (ii) was an international student in Japan under the Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments and later returned to South Korea; or (iii) was an international student under the young leaders program.)
 - (4) Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2026.
 - (5) Those who are planning to receive scholarship or fellowships from Japanese government, a Japanese government-related organization and others after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - (6) An applicant who failed to graduate and whose conditions and academic qualification are not satisfied by the prescribed date.
 - (7) An applicant who has a dual nationality at the time of application and cannot prove that he/she has withdrawn Japanese nationality by the date of arrival.
 - (8) An applicant who is planning long-term research activities (internships, fieldwork, etc.) outside Japan, or planning to take a long-term leave of absence from the time of application.
 - (9) An applicant who does not aim for obtaining a degree.
- 2) Admission shall be canceled if a candidate who expected to graduate failed his/her graduation until the end of September 2026.

Application Procedure

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

- 1) Submittal of application
All the documents should be sent by registered mail to the prospective supervisor before 4:00 PM January 9, 2026.

- 2) Documents to be submitted
 - (1)-1 Application Form for MEXT Scholarship 2026 (Research Students)
(use enclosed form)
 - (1)-2 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.
 - (2) Field of Study and research plan (use enclosed form)
 - (3) 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 use the envelope issued by your university and an official seal of your university.
 - (4) Research Achievement
 - (5) A Certificate of health (use enclosed form and this certificate should be obtained within the past 6 months before the submission.)
 - (6) A photocopy of passport (or a copy of a certificate of family register, certificate of citizenship or other identification issued by the government of his/her home country. The pages where the name and the photograph can be identified)
 - (7) Original academic transcript issued by the last university attended (undergraduate or graduate school.)
(Please submit a transcript showing the credit you obtained in each academic year.)
 - (8) Original diploma or certificate for (prospected) graduation issued by the last university attended (undergraduate or graduate school), indicating the degree conferred. (Diploma will be returned.)
 - (9) Original of the academic certificate of the last university attended showing the GPA or the ranking which the applicant has been awarded within his or her class(e.g. Xth out of Y students.)
 - (10) An abstract of either Bachelor's or Master's thesis, PhD Thesis, or equivalent paper in Japanese or English within 600 words.
 - (11) Original certificate for language
(e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, JLPT etc. ※Scores should be obtained within the last 2 years)
(If the applicant does not have a certificate to prove your language skills, please contact the prospective supervisor until December 19, 2025.)
- 3) Remarks
 - i) All the documents should be typewritten in either English or Japanese and printed in A4 size with enclosed form. (In the case the document is not English or Japanese, please attach the translation in English or Japanese with it.)
 - 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) The documents and form are possible to change.
- 4) Screening and aim of this Special Program
 - i) Candidates recommended by TUAT will pass through MEXT selection and the result will be notified to TUAT.
 - ii) TUAT will inform the result to the candidates by July, 2026.
 - iii) The classes and instruction are conducted in Japanese or English mainly and this program offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Veterinary) within 4 years. The enrollment identification is a full time doctor course student.
- 5) Allowance

The scholarships will be provided to international students who obtains Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT scholarship).

The scholarship duration for MEXT Scholarship recipients is forty-eight (48) months from October, 2026.

The amount of the monthly stipend for 2026 is JPY145,000/month (This amount is subject to change depending on the fiscal budget, prices, etc. for each year).

The scholarship will not be paid to a recipient who is on a leave of absence or absent for a long period from his or her university. The scholarship will be cancelled in the following cases:

 - i) If any portion of the recipient's application documents is found to be falsely stated.
 - ii) If the recipient is in breach of his or her pledge made to the Minister of MEXT.
 - iii) If the recipient violates Japanese laws and regulations and is imprisoned for more than a year.
 - iv) If the recipient is subjected to a disciplinary action or expulsion by his or her university.
 - v) If it is determined that the recipient will not be able to complete his or her course within the standard course term because of his or her poor academic achievement or suspension.
 - vi) A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student.” In case of domestic recommenders, they begin studies as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students with a status of residence other than “Student” or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student.
 - vii) A grantee has received another scholarship (a scholarship or fellowship from Japanese government, a Japanese government-related organization and others) not approved for acceptance in conjunction with the MEXT Scholarship;
 - viii) After admission, if the recipient continues to higher courses without approval of extension of the scholarship grant period.
 - ix) If the recipient leaves the host university or transfers to another graduate school.

- x) If the recipient's annual academic grade point is less than 2.30 or the grading standard set by the university.
- 6) Traveling Costs (Only supported for international students with Japanese Government Scholarship: MEXT scholarship)
- i) Transportation to Japan: Recipients will be provided, according to the itinerary and route designated for them by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to their place of residence to an international airport the recipient's host university normally uses.
Recipients will have to shoulder expenses such as domestic transportation from their place of residence to the nearest international airport, passenger service facilities charge (PSFC), airport taxes, special taxes on overseas travel and domestic travel expenses in Japan (basically the recipient's place of residence should be the current address stated in the application form). Moreover, an air ticket will not be provided if the recipient travels to Japan from a country other than that of his or her nationality.
 - ii) Transportation from Japan: Upon application, recipients who wish to return to their home country within the last-payment month of the scholarship will be provided with an economy class air ticket for a flight from an international airport the recipient's university normally uses to the international airport closest to their place of return.
 - iii) Recipients should bare the cost of travel insurance for their travels to/from Japan.
- 7) Cost of Insurance at the Enrollment
- i) School fees including application fee, admission fee and tuition fee will not be charged. (Only for international students with Japanese Government Scholarship)
 - ii) 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 expense is JPY 3,300 for 4years. Coverage for the prevention of contact infection is optional. The expense is JPY 70 for 4years.
 - iii) Student Liability Insurance Program which will provide compensation in the event that the student injures another person or damages another person's property during the regular course, internship, volunteer activities, off-campus research (surveys, tours, training), or extracurricular activities (such as overnight field trips and expeditions). 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.)

All the enrolling students are required to join the Student Liability Insurance Program in addition to the Students Education and Research Accident Insurance.

(2) Privately Financed Students

1. Applicants
Graduate-level international applicants coming to Japan as new students or living in Japan.
2. Nationality
Non-Japanese citizen.
3. Age
No restriction.
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 that they have scholastic abilities equivalent to or higher than those of university (a medical, dental, or six-year veterinary or pharmaceutical course) graduates, and are 24 years old or above.

※Those who have under the Academic background 2) and 3) need to contact the prospective supervisor until March 16, 2026.

5. Health
Applicants should be in good mental and physical health.
6. Language skill
Applicants are required to fulfill at least one among the following English proficiencies.

Japanese

- 1) Applicants must pass with N2 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application.
- 2) Applicants who completed the curriculum that satisfies entrance qualifications for Japanese graduate school doctoral course (previous term) or doctoral course (late term) in Japanese as the main language.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) Japanese proficiency or higher.

English

- 1) Applicants must pass or achieve scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 or higher level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application.
- 2) Applicants who completed the curriculum that satisfies entrance qualifications for Japanese graduate school doctoral course (previous term) or doctoral course (late term) in English as the main language.
- 3) Applicants who are evaluated by TUAT that they have the above 1) English proficiency or higher.

Those who do not fall under 1) or 2) need to contact the prospective supervisor until March 16, 2026.

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 September 2026.

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 April 17, 2026.
- 2) Documents to be submitted
 - (1) 2026 academic year application form (use enclosed form)

- (2) Field of study and research plan (use enclosed form)
 - (3) An abstract of either bachelor's or master's thesis, or equivalent paper in Japanese or English within 600 words.
 - (4) Either a graduation certificate or a corresponding certificate issued by the applicant's school indicating that the applicant will be graduating from undergraduate or master's programs, which applicant lately graduated or graduating. A transcript of academic record and a degree certificate of undergraduate or master's programs that is issued by university authorities, which applicant lately graduated or graduating.
 - (5) A certification that shows the applicant's birth, nationality, citizenship, or residence in the applicant's home country such as a transcription of domiciliary register or a proof of citizenship.
 - (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 use the envelope issued by your university and an official seal of your university.
 - (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 prospective supervisor until March 16, 2026.)
 - (8) A certificate of health (use enclosed form and this certificate should be obtained within the past 6 months before the submission.)
 - (9) A photocopy of passport (If you have already your passport. The pages where the name and the photograph can be identified)
 - (10) 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.
- 3) Application fee
- i) Application fee of JPY 30,000
(to be paid by using the prescribed payment form at a Japanese post office. Applicants outside Japan are advised to refer to their proposed supervisor for details)
 - ii) The prescribed payment form for Entrance examination fee can be requested from Admissions Section of Fuchu Student Support Office. Please request it early beforehand to avoid being late. After payment, please submit a receipt (right side of the money transfer bill) with application documents.
- 4) Remarks
- i) All the documents should be typewritten in either English or Japanese and printed in A4 size with enclosed form. (In the case the document is not English or Japanese, please attach the translation in English or Japanese with it.)
 - 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) The documents and form are possible to change.
- 5) Screening and Aim of this Special Program
 - i) The screening will be conducted based on the submitted documents in “Application Procedure”.
 - 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 May, 2026.
 - iii) The classes and instruction is conducted in English mainly and this program offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Veterinary) within 4 years. The enrollment identification is a full time doctor course student.
- 6) Cost and Insurance at the Enrollment
 - i) Admission fee is JPY 282,000.
 - ii) Tuition fee for the fall semester (Oct. 2026 to Mar. 2027) is JPY 321,480 (JPY 642,960 per year). Tuition fee and admission fee will be adjusted at any time without notice.
 - 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 expense is JPY 3,300 for 4years. Coverage for the prevention of contact infection is optional. The expense is JPY 70 for 4years.
 - iv) Student Liability Insurance Program which will provide compensation in the event that the student injures another person or damages another person’s property during the regular course, internship, volunteer activities, off-campus research (surveys, tours, training), or extracurricular activities (such as overnight field trips and expeditions). 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

- i) Upon enrollment before arrival in Japan, students are advised to obtain information about climate, customs, manners, and other cultural aspects of Japan. It is strongly suggested to learn Japanese language for ease of life in Japan.
- ii) Please refer to TUAT website (<http://web.tuat.ac.jp>) or another book about TUAT.
- iii) Use of personal information given on the application will be restricted by obeying the privacy policy of the University.
- iv) If you have any inquiry about these application requirements, please contact the address below by documents.

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