

Admission in April 2027
APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION
TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURE AND
PHILOSOPHY (ENGLISH)
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR INNOVATION
TOKUSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Together with its international partner institutions, the Graduate School of Sciences and Technology for Innovation at Tokushima University has decided to launch an international education consortium to train specialized scientists and engineers with a sense of global citizenship and offer a Doctoral Programs in Engineering, Agriculture and Philosophy (English), which can be completed by doing coursework entirely in English. International partner institutions are Korea Maritime and Ocean University in Korea; Xi'an Jiaotong University, Dalian University of Technology and Nantong University in China; Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Toulouse in France; Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology and National Taiwan University of Science and Technology in Taiwan; Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka in Malaysia, Federal University of Technology –Paraná in Brazil; Florida Atlantic University in USA.

This program aims to train students to become highly specialized scientists and engineers who can (i) actively work and communicate in an international environment; (ii) conduct advanced research; and (iii) engage in practical research and development in collaboration with industries.

Students may pursue their doctoral level studies by enrolling in both the Graduate School of Sciences and Technology for Innovation at Tokushima University and one of the partner institutions. Students will receive guidance from their supervisors at both institutions.

The application procedure screens students from the partner institutions of the Graduate School of Sciences and Technology for Innovation at Tokushima University. Successful applicants will be admitted to Tokushima University as regular students.

1. Number of students to be admitted

Division	Program	Number to be Admitted
Division of Sciences and Technology for Innovation	Social and Infrastructure System Program (Doctor of Engineering) (Doctor of Philosophy)	A few
	Applied Chemistry and Biological Engineering Program (Doctor of Engineering)	A few

	Mechanical Science Program (Doctor of Engineering)	A few
	Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Physics Program (Doctor of Engineering)	A few
	Computer Science and Mathematical Science Program (Doctor of Engineering)	A few
	Bioresources Program (Doctor of Agriculture)	A few
	Optical Science Program (Doctor of Engineering)	A few

2. Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in or have been admitted to the Doctoral program at one of Tokushima University's DDP (Double Degree Program) partner institutions. An applicant's eligibility will be based on the Regulations of the Graduate Schools at Tokushima University.

If the partnership ends due to the expiration of the agreement as a partner institution before the application deadline, the applicant will not be able to apply even if the institution is listed on the list of international partner institution.

3. Application Procedure

3.1 Application Deadline

No later than Friday, December 11 2026

Application documents sent past the deadline will not be accepted.

Application documents from overseas will be accepted if they reached Japan on or before Friday, December 11, 2026 and the arrival of the documents in Japan may be confirmed using their tracking numbers. Applicants from overseas must let us know the tracking number by email after sending the documents.

3.2 Admission Office

Mail your application to the following address:

The Student Affairs Section

Faculty of Science and Technology, Tokushima University
2-1 Minamijosanjima, Tokushima 770-8506, Japan
TEL: +81-88-656-7315/7317 FAX: +81-88-656-2158

3.3 Application Documents

(a) Application for Admission

Glue or electronically attach a recent head and shoulders 4 cm x 3 cm photograph to the accompanying form. The photo of the applicant should be facing forward with no headwear.

(b) Certificate of graduation or a graduation letter regarding the master's program

(c) Official academic transcripts of the applicant's bachelor's and Master's programs, and the Doctoral program entrance examination results (submitted in a sealed envelope)

(d) Two recommendations (sealed): one from the head of the applicant's home faculty and the other from the applicant's academic supervisor.

The recommendations will be addressed to the President of Tokushima University, with the applicant's name, birth date, and nationality. They should clearly state that the applicant is enrolled in, or has been admitted to, the Doctoral program of the home institution, and assess his/her research ability and character.

(e) Abstract of the master's thesis

The applicant whose master's program is in progress may substitute this requirement with a report on research projects, in which he/she has been or is currently involved.

(f) List of research publications

Attach supporting documents (e.g., copies of research papers, proceedings papers, patents) if any. Include a 150-word abstract for each publication.

(g) Statement of the proposed research

The applicant should consult with his/her prospective academic supervisor at Tokushima University, and write a brief research proposal including the research topic, objectives, methods, and any relevant ideas.

4. Screening

4.1 Notice

Candidates whose application documents have been accepted will be notified of their examination numbers by e-mail or other means at a later date.

4.2 Screening Procedure

Screening for admission will be based on a personal interview and the application documents submitted.

4.3 Personal Interview

The interview will be conducted either in person or using an Internet-based voice and image communication system. The applicant will be interviewed in English about his/her thesis and proposed research.

4.4 Interview Environment

The interview must be conducted in an environment that allows just one examinee at a time. For the interview, the candidate must have their own personal computer, internet connection, and software.

4.5 Interview Dates

Interview will be scheduled between, Tuesday, January 5, 2027 and Friday, January 8, 2027. The interview time will be usually arranged between 10:00 and 16:00, Japan time.

5. Notification of Results

The examinee numbers of those who passed the examination will be notified on the website of the Tokushima University at 11:00, Friday, February 19, 2027. Official letters of admission will be sent by mail. Inquiry about the result by other means (such as telephone) cannot be accepted.

Website of the Tokushima University

<https://www.sti.tokushima-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/>

6. Cheating

The following actions constitute misconduct. In the event of misconduct, the examinee will be instructed to discontinue the examination and leave the room immediately. The examinee will not be permitted to resume the examination. All examination results will be invalidated, and the examinee will be prohibited from taking any entrance examinations of the Division of Science and Technology for Innovation, Graduate School of Sciences and Technology for Innovation, Tokushima University in the relevant academic year. In addition, depending on the situation, the University may conduct further investigations or take other measures, such as filing a police report.

- (1) Intentionally providing false information on the application form (e.g., submitting a photograph of another person on the admission form).
- (2) Communicating with others during the examination.
- (3) Recording (audio, video, or similar) the examination, or posting such recordings on social media or other internet platforms.
- (4) Placing within sight, wearing, or holding any books, electronic devices, or other materials that are not permitted to use during the examination.

- (5) Using Screen Sharing or Image Editing Features without permission during the examination.
- (6) Any other actions that may compromise the fairness of the examination.

7. Payment for the First Year

- (1) Admission Fee and Tuition: not collected
- (2) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research and related fees: estimated to be ¥1,000
- (3) Tokushima University Student Affairs Fund: estimated to be ¥9,000

8. Cancellation of Admission

- (1) If applicants become ineligible after completing the entrance procedure, admission will be cancelled.
- (2) If forgeries of application documents or other transgressions are identified, admission may be cancelled.

9. About Security Export Control

Tokushima University has established the 'Tokushima University Security Export Control Regulations' based on the 'Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act' and rigorously determines the acceptance of students by considering the goods exported, the technology provided, and the exchanges in human resources that will take place. If your activities fall within the ambit of any of these regulations, your desired research activities may be restricted, or you may not be able to take certain coursework. Hence, please be careful when you are applying and take any necessary precautions such as consulting with your prospective academic supervisor before submitting your application.

For details, please refer to the Center for Research Administration & Collaboration website below:

<https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/ccr/active/ip/yusyutsukanri/yusyutsu.html>