

2026 Application Guidelines

Special Selection based on the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program (国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目)

The University of Tsukuba (UT) will be accepting applications from Chinese students based on the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program (国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目), which is conducted by the China Scholarship Council (CSC). In this special selection, receiving a scholarship from CSC will be a prerequisite for admission. Applicants who failed to win the scholarship will not be admitted to UT, regardless of the result of the entrance examination.

1. Schedule

Date/Deadline	Tasks & Events
November 25, 2025	Deadline for eligibility screening (Eligibility screening is required for those who fall under the category (4) of the requirement of eligibility. See also " 3. Eligibility for Admission. ")
December 1, 2025	Examination application opens
December 11, 2025	Deadline for application documents as electronic files via e-mail
December 12, 2025	Deadline for all application documents
January 29, 2026 – January 30, 2026	Oral examination
February 13, 2026	Announcement of examination results
After February 13, 2026	A letter of acceptance will be sent to those who passed the entrance examination
Mid-July 2026	Enrollment procedure guidelines will be sent out to those who won a CSC scholarship
TBD (Late August 2026)	Submission deadline for enrollment procedure documents
October 1, 2026	Date of enrollment

Note: The dates and times listed in this document are in Japan Standard Time (JST).

2. Number of Students to be Accepted

The following doctoral programs at the Degree Programs in Systems and Information Engineering are recruiting students in this special selection.

Program	Number of students to be admitted
Doctoral Program in Policy and Planning Sciences	A few
Doctoral Program in Risk and Resilience Engineering	A few
Doctoral Program in Computer Science	A few
Doctoral Program in Intelligent and Mechanical Interaction Systems	A few
Doctoral Program in Engineering Mechanics and Energy	A few

3. Eligibility for Admission

- (1) Applicants who have been awarded a master's degree or expected to achieve it by September 2026
- (2) Applicants who have been awarded a professional degree or expected to achieve it by September 2026
- (3) Applicants who have been awarded an overseas degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree as of September 2026
- (4) Applicants who are 24 years or older as of September 2026, and recognized as having academic competency equivalent to persons with a master's degree or professional degree, as a result of the eligibility screening conducted by UT

Note: If you have any questions about your eligibility or would like to be screened, please contact us individually at sysinfo.admission@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.

4. Fees & Tuition

The entrance examination fee for this special selection will not be collected.

Applicants who have passed the examination and confirmed to receive a CSC scholarship will be admitted to UT. Entrance fee and tuition will be waived. However, students must pay the tuition for the study period that exceeds the scholarship payment period (i.e. 36 months, which is the standard period required to complete the doctoral programs listed in “[2. Number of Students to be Accepted](#)”).

5. Application Procedures

Before Applying

Before applying, applicants must contact a faculty member and obtain consent to become their prospective supervisor (the person who gives them academic instructions after enrollment).

For the lists of faculty members and their fields of research, see:

Faculty Directory: https://www.sie.tsukuba.ac.jp/fac_search2/

Faculty List: <https://www.sie.tsukuba.ac.jp/eng/org/staff/>

International students who plan to apply for the following programs will need a “reference number” to complete the application (It is a required item on the application form). The reference number will be issued via the prospective supervisor. Since it will take some time to obtain a reference number, please contact your desired faculty member as soon as possible.

- Doctoral Program in Risk and Resilience Engineering
- Doctoral Program in Computer Science
- Doctoral Program in Intelligent and Mechanical Interaction Systems
- Doctoral Program in Engineering Mechanics and Energy



Apply for Eligibility Screening

Those who fall under the category (4) of the requirement of eligibility (See “[3. Eligibility for Admission](#)”) are required to undergo eligibility screening.

Apply for eligibility screening via e-mail at sysinfo.admission@un.tsukuba.ac.jp by the following deadline.

Deadline: November 25, 2025 5:00 PM (JST)



Apply for Entrance Examination

All applicants are required to submit the entrance examination application documents during the following period. In addition to submitting the application in electronic format, the original documents must also be sent by mail. Both must be completed within the application period.

- **Electronic files Submission Deadline: December 11, 2025 5:00 PM(JST)**

- **Original documents Deadline: December 12, 2025 5:00 PM (JST)**

Note:

1) The deadlines are strictly observed. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

2) You cannot change the desired program from one to another after the submission of application documents.



See “[7. Examination Schedule, Announcement of Acceptance & Enrollment Procedures](#)”
for subsequent procedures

[E-mail address]

Please send all application documents to be submitted electronically to the email address below.

sysinfo.admission@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

[Mailing Address]

Send all the application documents to be submitted via a tracked delivery service to the address below.

Graduate Support

Academic Service Office for Systems and Information Engineering Area

University of Tsukuba

1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8573 Japan

6. Documents to Be Submitted

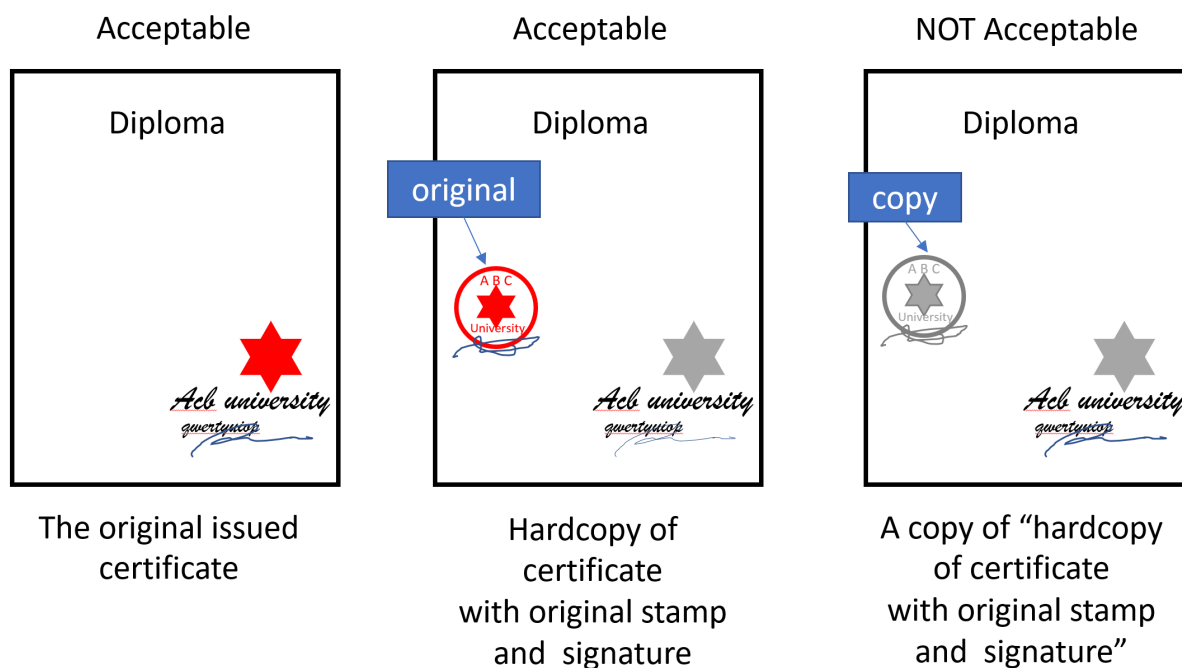
Please read the lists and the notes below carefully and prepare the necessary documents for application.

Documents that require the original to be mailed are marked 'Required' in the 'Original document' column in the table below. For documents not marked 'Required' in this column, only electronic data shall be submitted.

[NOTE]

Your completed application form and other supporting documents will not be returned to you.

For certificates that cannot be reissued, please submit a copy certified by the issuer or an official institution. See below picture for the details.



If your university does not issue paper certificates, digital certificates will be accepted on the condition that the following 1 and 2.

- 1) URL of an online verification service that can verify the authenticity of the digital certificates
 *Those that cannot be accessed from outside (e.g., those that require the use of the VPN of your university or cannot be accessed without an account at your university) are not acceptable.
- 2) URL of the official web page indicating that your university is using such online verification service

If you are unable to obtain a photocopy that meets our requirement, please submit the original document with a return request. "Return request form" will be provided individually. Please let us know if needed.

Regardless of the above, the External English Test Score Sheet will NOT be returned. Also, we will not provide you with a photocopy after submission. Please make your own copy and keep them before submission if necessary.

[Electronic files] Submission Deadline: December 11, 2025 5:00 PM(JST)

[Original documents] Submission Deadline: December 12, 2025 5:00 PM (JST)

No.	Document	Electronic file (Format)	Original document	Instructions
1	Application Form	Required (XLSX)	-	Use the prescribed form. -- A printed document is not required.
2	[Expected] Graduation Certificate/ [Expected] Degree Certificate	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit the certificate of [expected] graduation and degree certificate to certify that you have or expected to achieve a master's degree, professional degree or overseas degree equivalent to a master's/professional degree. The document(s) must clearly indicate the date of enrollment and completion, the type and name of the degree.
3	Academic Transcript	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit an official academic transcript issued by the university that awarded/will award the most recent degree which is required in " 3. Eligibility for Admission ." The document must cover all academic years in the said university. If any credits were transferred from another school, an academic transcript issued by that school is also required.
4	A Letter of Recommendation	Required (PDF)	Required	A letter of recommendation should be on official letterhead of the recommender's institution and signed by the recommender. The recommender should be the applicant's academic advisor who is a faculty member of the university that the applicant has completed or currently enrolled in. The letter must contain the following information: recommender's name, title, contact information; recommender's relationship with the applicant; applicant's name; evaluation of the applicant (academic performance, personal characters, etc.); date of issue.
5	Research Plan	Required (PDF)	-	Use the prescribed form. Summarize your research plans in approximately 1000 words in English. -- A printed document is not required.
6	Research Outlines	Required (PDF)	-	Use the prescribed form. Summarize research outlines of your master's thesis or equivalent in approximately 2000 words in English. -- A printed document is not required.
7	List of Papers and Publications	If applicable (PDF)	-	Use the prescribed form. Provide bibliographic information (author names, title of the paper, journal name, volume, number, starting and ending pages, publication year) of your major papers in approximately 300 words in English. If there is no applicable paper or publication, you do not have to submit it. -- A printed document is not required.

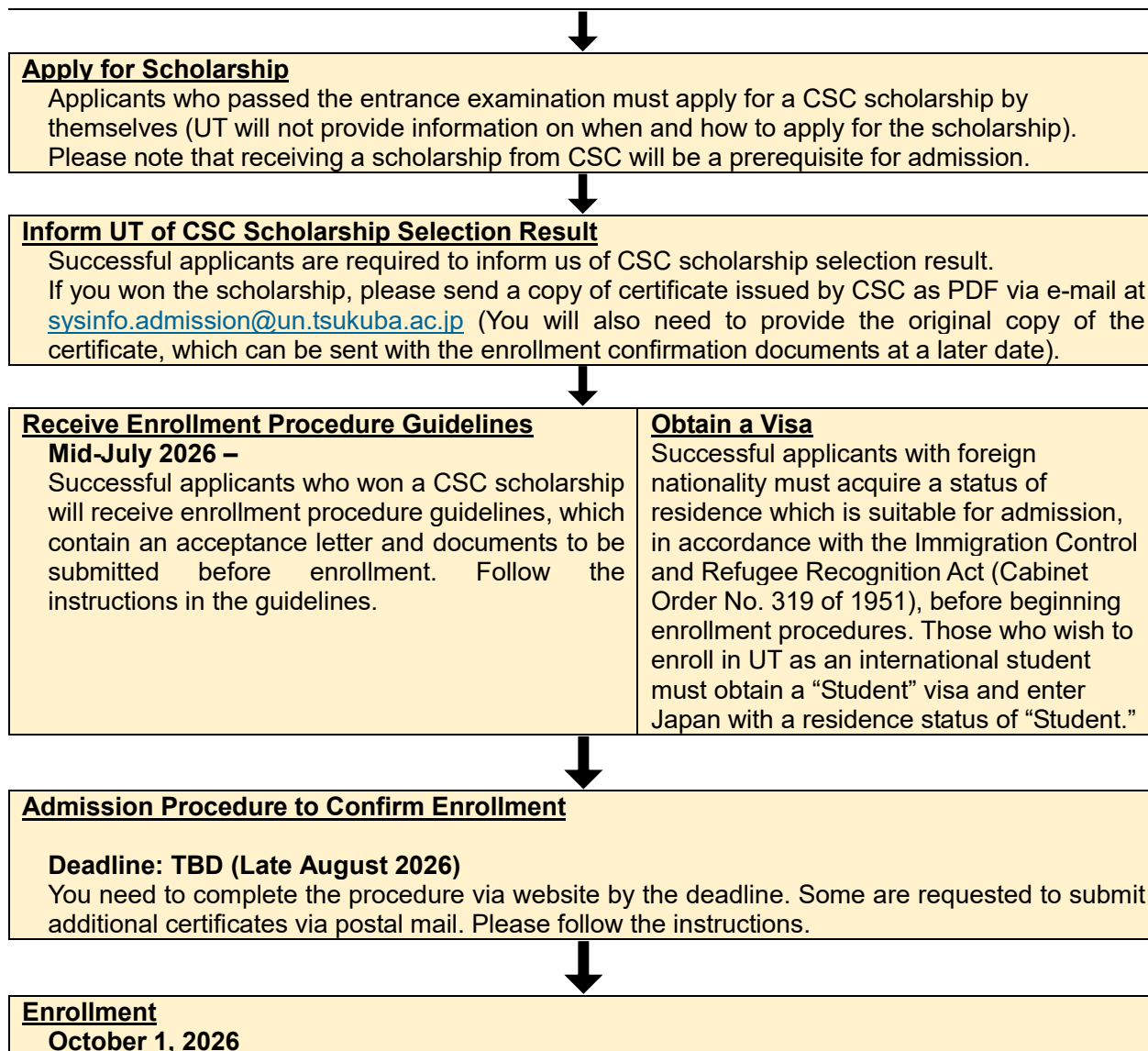
No.	Document	Electronic file (Format)	Original document	Instructions
8	Certificate of Language Proficiency	Required (PDF)	Required	Submit a photocopy of valid official score report for any of the language proficiency tests listed below (or equivalent tests) to prove your Japanese or English proficiency. * Please note that you cannot withdraw the submitted score and replace it with the new one even if you get a new score after submitting the application documents. The test must be taken in July 2023 or later. [Japanese] JLPT [English] TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS For TOEFL iBT and IELTS, we also accept their "Official Score Report" by direct delivery to the university. Those who have TOEFL iBT or IELTS scores, and are unable to submit the original score by the due date can choose their services. In case of using the "Official Score Report" service, please complete the process by December 5, and let us know.
9	ID Photo	Required (JPEG)	-	Your ID photo must be: 40 x 30 mm in size; facing forward and looking straight at the camera; no hats or other objects that obscure your face. The photo quality must be: clear and in sharp focus; taken within last 3 months. Submit the digital image in JPEG format. -- Printed photo is not required.

Notes:

- 1) If your current name is different from that on the documents you submit (for example, because of marriage), you will be required to submit proof of your name change (e.g., copy of marriage license).
- 2) All documents must be written in Japanese or English. Otherwise, attach a Japanese or English translation.

7. Examination Schedule, Announcement of Acceptance & Enrollment Procedures

See " 5. Application Procedures " for precedent procedures	
<u>Examination</u>	Applicants will be selected based on screening of the application documents and oral examination. 1) The oral examination will be conducted during the following period via Skype, Zoom or other video conferencing tools. Examination Period: January 29, 2026 – January 30, 2026 2) Follow instructions from the degree program, that will determine the date and location of the oral examination. 3) Applicants will be asked about their research plan, related knowledge and skills.
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<u>Announcement of Examination Result</u>	February 13, 2026 The result of examination will be announced individually after the oral examination. An acceptance letter will be sent to successful applicants on the same day by email.



8. Handling of Personal Information

Applicants' personal information obtained from the application documents and the results of the entrance examination will be used for the affairs concerning admission and screening. UT may also process the information so that it is not personally identifiable and use it for research and study aimed at improvement of the admission procedure and the university education.

9. Security Export Control

The University of Tsukuba has established the University of Tsukuba Rules on Security Export Control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students. Applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the said regulations may be unable to enter their desired program.

10. Contact

1) If you have any questions about this application guidelines, please contact us:

Graduate Support, Academic Service Office for the Systems and Information Engineering Area

1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8573 Japan

Monday – Friday (except university holidays),

from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (except 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM) (JST)

E-mail: sysinfo.admission@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

2) If you have any questions about curriculum or research field, contact your desired program.

Doctoral Program in Policy and Planning Sciences

E-mail: entexam_pps@sk.tsukuba.ac.jp

Doctoral Program in Risk and Resilience Engineering

E-mail: entexam@risk.tsukuba.ac.jp

Doctoral Program in Computer Science

E-mail: exam@cs.tsukuba.ac.jp

Doctoral Program in Intelligent and Mechanical Interaction Systems

E-mail: entexam@imis.tsukuba.ac.jp

Doctoral Program in Engineering Mechanics and Energy

E-mail: infoexam@kz.tsukuba.ac.jp