The Three-Year Special Program for International Students

in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences

Application Guidelines
for Japanese Government Scholarship (Special Selection)

October 2026-September 2029

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University
Ehime University・Kagawa University・Kochi University

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University

Admission Policy

Desired Applicants

Agricultural science integrates various academic disciplines, including biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, economics, and biotechnology. Consequently, an interdisciplinary approach is required to establish balanced and sustainable relationships between nature and society. Therefore, we seek individuals who possess broad knowledge and a flexible mindset unconstrained by conventional academic frameworks, who strive to deepen their understanding of biological functions and enhance biological productivity, who aim to use biological resources efficiently, and who are committed to exploring agriculture of the future with an emphasis on both regional and global environmental conservation.

Based on this philosophy, The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (UGAS-EU) (three-year doctoral program only) established three majors: Bioresource Production Science, Applied Bioresource Science, and Life Environment Conservation Science. UGAS-EU welcomes graduates from master's programs at universities in Japan as well as outstanding international students pursuing research relevant to their respective countries and regions.

Agricultural science plays a crucial role in sustaining and improving the quality of people's lives while preserving and enhancing the environment and ecosystems that support it. Therefore, we encourage applications from individuals who are motivated to take on the challenges in agricultural science and lead the future of society.

The Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences is designed to provide research and education in the production and use of biological resources and the environmental sciences that support them in the tropical and subtropical regions. Centered on such regions, this program targets outstanding mid-career scientists engaged in research or education worldwide and trains them to become highly skilled researchers and technical experts who can contribute to the future development of their home countries.

The Special Doctoral Course Program in Agricultural Sciences for Students from Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Rim (AAP) is designed as an integrated educational pathway from the master's to the doctoral level. The program is open to graduates and prospective graduates of international universities, aiming to train them to become highly skilled researchers and technical experts in agricultural science.

Program Goals and Core Competencies

1. **Knowledge, Discovery, and Understanding**
   Possess fundamental and specialized knowledge in agriculture, environmental sciences, and related disciplines; demonstrate the ability to identify, analyze, and solve problems in their area of expertise through data collection and analysis; and conduct research independently or in groups.
2. **Ethics and Practical Application**
   Exhibit a high level of ethical awareness in the research of Bioresource Production Sciences, Applied Bioresource Sciences, Life Environment Conservation Sciences, and related scientific fields; and apply scientific principles to research and education in agriculture, the environmental sciences, and related disciplines with integrity.
3. **Information Dissemination**
   Take an active role in addressing global challenges in agriculture and environmental sciences and to effectively communicate research findings and insights at an international level.
4. **Critical Thinking, Judgment, Expression, and Communication**
   Possess strong scientific reasoning and objective judgment capabilities; be able to see and think broadly and consider issues comprehensively; and exhibit advanced presentation and communication skills for diverse audiences.

Admission Selection Policy

Applicants are interviewed (includes a presentation and oral examination) to evaluate the knowledge and skills they have acquired through their bachelor's and master's programs, the ability to apply that knowledge and skills, and their proactive attitude toward collaborative learning with diverse individuals. In addition, a system is in place for international students to be admitted prior to arriving in Japan, opening the door for motivated applicants with diverse backgrounds. Applicants for Working Student Special Admission are interviewed (includes a presentation and oral examination) to evaluate the knowledge and experience they have gained through employment at companies and organizations.

UGAS also offers two special courses. Applicants for the Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences Course are interviewed by a prospective supervisor and two or more faculty members to evaluate the following: (1) master's thesis or equivalent research, (2) research plan after admission, (3) specialized knowledge, (4) aptitude and motivation for learning, and (5) English communication skills. The Special Doctoral Course Program in Agricultural Sciences for Students from Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Rim (AAP) is a five-year integrated master's and PhD program. Applicants for this program are evaluated based on their doctoral research plan and a recommendation letter from the supervisor.

The Three-Year Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (UGAS-EU; also known as Ehime Rendai) is a graduate school comprising the Graduate School of Agriculture at Ehime University, the Graduate School of Agriculture at Kagawa University, and the Agriculture and Marine Science Program, Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences at Kochi University, located in Shikoku, Japan. UGAS-EU recognizes the importance of agricultural science students broadening their outlook and gaining a deeper understanding of their field. Accordingly, to meet the growing needs in the fields of environmental studies and resource studies in tropical and subtropical regions, "The Three-Year Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences" was established in 1990. Applications are now being accepted for the October 2026 – September 2029 program in accordance with the UGAS-EU admission policy.

Application Guidelines

Field of Study, Number of Applicants Accepted, and Supervisor

1. Field of Study
Applications are accepted for any field in tropical and subtropical agriculture and related sciences.

2. Number of Applicants Accepted
UGAS-EU will nominate six candidates to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for scholarships. Those not selected for a MEXT scholarship may still enroll as a privately funded student for the Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences Course if they pass the interview.
Scholarship results will be announced in mid-July 2026.

3. Supervisor
An application without a nominated prospective supervisor will not be considered. Before applying, you must contact your preferred supervisor about your research topic. Refer to the list of supervisors in **"Field of Instruction and Supervising Professors".** After admission, two co-supervisors are assigned to each student. A Doctor of Philosophy degree is conferred on those who satisfactorily complete all the requirements within three years.

Qualifications

1. Eligibility
Those living abroad who wish to pursue graduate study and are employed in research and education at a university or research institution.

2. Nationality
Applicants must have the nationality of a country recognized by the Japanese government. However, the program prioritizes the ASEAN region. Accordingly, our objective is for five of the six successful candidates to be selected from that region.

3. Age
Applicants should be under 35 years old as at April 1, 2026 (those born on or after April 2, 1991).

4. **Academic Career**
Applicants should possess a master's degree or an equivalent degree as of September 30, 2026. If the applicant does not have a master's degree but has conducted research equivalent to a master's degree, they can submit their research achievements for evaluation. If the applicant's research work is deemed acceptable, the application will be considered.

5. Academic Record

An applicant's academic performance in the past two years must meet a minimum GPA of 2.30 (out of a possible 3.00) based on the criteria set by MEXT. Use **g GPA Check Sheets** (see Application below) to calculate and submit your GPA. (For detailed information, please consult your prospective supervisor.) If you cannot calculate your GPA based on the criteria set by MEXT, contact the UGAS-EU office in advance because other documents may be required.

6. Health

Applicants should be in sufficiently good mental and physical health for university study and research.

7. Language

Applicants must be able to read and write English, have attained a score of 600 or higher on the TOEIC test or equivalent in the TOEFL, IELTS, DET (Duolingo English test), or other internationally recognized English language proficiency test. In addition, applicants must satisfy 1 or 2 below.

1.) At the time specified by the UGAS, applicants are required to have an English qualification or test score equivalent to or higher than B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), obtained from a test that measures all four skills—listening, reading, speaking, and writing (for proficiency tests that provide separate scores for each skill, scores for all four skills are required). (If you do not know your CEFR level, please contact the UGAS-EU office in advance.)

2.) Applicants must have completed or are expected to complete the requirements for academic career outlined in **4** above by September 2026, with English as the primary language of instruction.

Note

- Active-duty military personnel or individuals with military affiliations are not eligible to apply
- Recipients of scholarships or fellowships from other institutions are not eligible to apply
- Duplicate applications submitted to other universities, duplicate applications for scholarships under the MEXT Scholarship Program, and duplicate applications to the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program are not permitted
- Those who have previously received a Japanese government international student scholarship and three years have not elapsed since the end of their scholarship period are not eligible to apply
- Those who are planning to enroll at a university in Japan as a privately financed international student are not eligible to apply
- Those who wish to conduct fieldwork outside of Japan should consult the UGAS-EU office through their prospective supervisor
- Admission will be revoked, even if it has already been granted, if a successful applicant fails to obtain a master's degree or an equivalent qualification by the end of September 2026

Application

Applicants must submit their application to the Dean of UGAS-EU with the approval of the head of their affiliated institution by December 17, 2025.

Please note the following:

- Applications without the approval of the head of the affiliated institution will not be accepted.
- Incomplete documents and documents arriving at UGAS-EU after the deadline will not be accepted
- If any false information is found in the application documents, admission may be revoked even after a student has been admitted
- The documents a to t listed below must first be submitted to the UGAS-EU office by email, with the letters 'a' through 't' appended to the file name. Send the hardcopy version of the documents to the UGAS-EU office by registered mail.

a	**Application form for Japanese Government Scholarship** (2026 Application Form for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students) *) ・The date of completion should be the same as the dates indicated in d, e, and f ・The period of employment in the work history should include the year and month (If there is any overlap between education and work history, provide an explanation.) ・For the email documents, send editable PDF data. (No photo attachments) This form is revised by MEXT in December every year, but the revision is minor. Applicants may prepare the document using the uploaded form.
b	**Application form for UGAS-EU** (Application for Admission to the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University, Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences

	(three-year doctoral course, October 2026–September 2029) for a Japanese Government Scholarship (Special Selection) *
c	**Field of study and research plan (for submission to MEXT)** (Field of Study and Study Program*)
d	**Applicant's master's degree** certificate or an official document issued by the applicant's graduate school indicating that the applicant is expected to receive a master's degree
e	**Applicant's undergraduate degree certificate**
f	**Official transcripts of the applicant's academic record including GPA** for both the graduate and undergraduate programs. If the transcript does not include an explanation of the grading system, provide documentation describing the basis for converting evaluation points and calculating the academic performance coefficients.
g	**GPA Check Sheets*** for both the graduate and undergraduate grades The GPA issued by the applicant's university must be converted to the MEXT standard (upper limit of 3.0). GPA sheets with a value exceeding 3.0 will be considered invalid.
h	**Certificate of citizenship** issued by a government authority or a copy of the applicant's passport
i	**Four passport-sized photographs** (4.5 × 3.5 cm: head and shoulders, facing forward, without any headwear except for religious or medical reasons, on a white or light-colored background) taken within the past six months with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back of each photograph. Attach one photograph to the application form and enclose the other three in an envelope A single jpg file may be submitted (max. size: 3 MB) but do not change the aspect ratio
j	**List of publications (master's thesis, books, and academic papers)** (List of publications*) The list should match the books and academic papers provided in l below.
k	**One copy of the master's thesis or equivalent, along with an abstract in English (2–3 A4 pages).** Applicants who have not yet received a master's degree should submit a report or documentation (in English) of their current research project.
l	**Copies of books and academic papers** Submit copies of the books and academic papers listed in j above, except the master's thesis. Note: Submit a summary in English (2–3 A4 pages) if the papers or books are not in English. For the email attachments, use the bookmark function in the PDF and label the file names as l-1, l-2, and so on.
m	**One copy of the official results of a TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, DET (Duolingo English test) or other internationally recognized English language proficiency test that the applicant has achieved in the past two years** The document must indicate that the applicant has attained a level of English proficiency of 600 or higher in TOEIC (paper-based test) or similar level. If the applicant fulfills the qualifications stated in 2. Qualifications (7) Language 1 above, the document must also show that.
n	**If the applicant fulfills the qualifications stated in Qualifications 7. Language 2 above, submit a copy of the relevant document** (Submit n only if the certificate specified in m cannot be prepared or if the score is not equivalent to CEFR B2 or higher. Otherwise, it is not required.)
o	**Pledge***
p	**A detailed research plan in English or Japanese for this program** (more detailed than that required for c above). The research plan must be related to the research you have been conducting at your current institution. The plan should be prepared in Microsoft Word format on A4 paper.
q	**A letter of recommendation written by the current head (e.g., President, Dean, but not department head) of the applicant's institution** addressed to the President of Ehime University. The letter should include a description of the applicant's responsibilities, achievements, duration of employment, and a statement indicating that the applicant has not applied to other universities (Letter of Recommendation (1) *).
r	**A letter of recommendation addressed to the Dean of UGAS-EU** written by a supervisor at the applicant's current institution who is familiar with the applicant's research and academic abilities and is able to provide advice and guidance in collaboration with UGAS-EU during the applicant's period of study (Letter of Recommendation (2) *).

s	**Record of contact with the prospective supervisor** detailing any interactions, discussions, or meetings between the applicant and the prospective supervisor, including the results of the interview (Record of Contact with the Prospective Supervisor*)
t	**Checklist for Japanese government scholarship applicants** (Checklist for Japanese Government Scholarship Applicants*). Applicants should check the many requirements for application documents using the checklist. Carefully review the checklist to ensure all the items have been prepared and place a check mark against each completed item before submitting the application.

* Download the forms from the UGAS-EU website: **http://rendai.agr.ehime-u.ac.jp/english/annai/**

Note

- Documents a, b, c, j, o, q, r, s, and t should be typed or neatly handwritten in English or Japanese using the designated forms, available for download from the UGAS-EU website
- If any document for submission is written in a language other than Japanese or English, an English translation should be submitted. The English translation should be provided by the issuing institution or authority. If the issuing institution or authority is not able to provide a translation, applicants should have the document(s) translated (accurately reflecting the content of the original document) and have them certified by the issuing institution or authority. Submit both the English translation(s) and original document(s)
- Incomplete documents or documents arriving at the UGAS-EU office after the deadline will not be accepted
- The submitted documents will not be returned to the applicant

Interview

Applicants will be individually interviewed by their prospective supervisor and at least two other faculty members (selected by the prospective supervisor). The interview may take place in person or online. In preparation for the interview, applicants must submit the following to the prospective supervisor before the date of the interview:

1. **Summary of their master's thesis**
2. **Summary of recent research activities and list of publications**
3. **Research plan**

The prospective supervisor will oversee this process, conduct the interview, and evaluate the applicant based on the results of the interview. The results of the evaluation will be used to assess the applicant's suitability, and a student admission report will be prepared. The selection criteria for applicants include the following:

- **Master's thesis or equivalent research work**
- **Proposed research plan including its relevance to the applicant's recent research activities at their current institution**
- **Specialized knowledge in the applicant's field of study**
- **Motivation and aptitude for learning**
- **Proficiency in English**

Selection Method

Selection is based on the results of the interview outlined above and evaluating the applicant's academic transcript and other submitted documents.

Pass–fail criteria

Applicants with an overall score of less than 60% based on the above selection criteria will not be considered for selection.

Admission

Required Documents (tentative)

1. Pledge
2. Letter of guarantee
3. Student Record
4. Your master's degree (for those who applied with expected completion)
5. Copy of Residence Card (both sides) (for international students only)
6. Four photographs (4.5 × 3.5 cm)

* If you are unable to submit the required documents during the enrollment period, please consult with the UGAS-EU office and submit them promptly by September 30.
* Refer to the "Admission Guide", which will be sent to you about two weeks before the admission period begins, for detailed information regarding the procedure.

Japanese language

Applicants are encouraged to learn some Japanese because it will be necessary for everyday life. If it is not possible to study Japanese before coming to Japan, classes are offered at all three universities.

Note:

- Do not staple any of the application documents
- A scholarship will be revoked in the following cases:
  - Providing false statements on the documents
  - Violating the pledge
  - Violating school regulations and/or no evidence of academic achievement
  - Withdrawing from Ehime University or transferring to another university
  - Changing visa status from student to other status
  - Receiving a scholarship or scholarships from other sources
  - Academic record is lower than 2.30 (out of a possible 3.00) at a certain point of time each year
- An applicant selected for a MEXT scholarship must not cancel their enrollment. If a selected applicant withdraws before coming to Japan, UGAS-EU will not accept applications for a MEXT scholarship for this course from the same institution as the applicant for a period of one year after the withdrawal by the selected applicant.
- Also, if an applicant selected for a MEXT scholarship withdraws before coming to Japan and has been admitted to another university (Japan or elsewhere), UGAS-EU will not accept applications for a MEXT scholarship for this course from the same institution as the applicant for a period of three years after the withdrawal by the selected applicant.

Scholarship Benefits

1. **Scholarship Payments**
   The monthly payment is 145,000 yen (subject to change). The Japanese government scholarship is provided for the period October 2026 to September 2029.
2. **Transportation to and from Japan**
   MEXT will provide an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to the applicant's place of residence to either Tokyo or Osaka. At the completion of studies at UGAS-EU, MEXT will provide an economy class air ticket from Tokyo or Osaka airport to the international airport closest to the applicant's place of residence.
   Note: The applicant is responsible for any expenses incurred between the international airport and the UGAS-EU participating university. The student is responsible for all travel-related taxes and fees and for travel expenses from the student's place of residence to the closest international airport. Additionally, the cost of purchasing travel insurance is the student's responsibility.
3. **Fees**
   Fees for the entrance examination, admission, and tuition are waived. However, students are required to pay for the following insurance policies.
   - Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai) and Liability Insurance (coverage for three years)
   - Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with Gakkensai for International Students: 33,370 yen (coverage for three years) including tenant liability

   Note: The insurance fees for 2026 may be revised.
4. **Medical Insurance**
   Students are required to take out "National Health Insurance" (Japan), which covers most medical costs up to 70%.

Personal Information

Personal information such as name and address provided in an application is used solely for the purposes of processing the application, notifying an applicant if the application is incomplete, announcing the results of acceptance, and sending documents related to the admission procedure if an applicant is accepted.

All correspondence relating to the application should be sent by airmail to the address below (enquiries can be made by email):

UGAS-EU Office:
The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University, 3-5-7 Tarumi, Matsuyama, Ehime 790-8566, Japan
Email: rendai@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp

Reasonable Consideration Requests by Prospective Students

For applicants who require consideration for examinations and during their studies, please inform the UGAS-EU office before submitting the application.

Note
This preliminary consultation is used to familiarize applicants requesting reasonable consideration about the current situation at the three UGAS-EU campuses beforehand to determine how best to accommodate their needs for both examinations and studying. The preliminary consultation is not intended to restrict applicants who wish to receive reasonable consideration from taking examinations or studying at UGAS-EU.

Fields of Instruction and Professors

EH: Ehime University KG: Kagawa University KC: Kochi University

1. Bioresource Production Science Major / Bioresource Production Science Department

a. Plant Resource Production

Professor (Affiliation)	Research Field	Main Subject
ARAKI Takuya (EH)	Crop Science	Ecophysiological studies on dry matter production and yield of crops
KAMIYA Koichi (EH)	Forest Genetics	Molecular population genetics and conservation genetics of forest organisms
KAYA Hidetaka (EH)	Plant Molecular Biology	Plant Molecular genetics and physiology
TOYOTA Masanori (KG)	Crop Ecophysiology	Ecophysiologyand morphology on yield determination of crops
NAKANO Michiharu (KC)	Floricultural Science	Molecular genetic studies of ornamental plants
BEPPU Kenji (KG)	Pomology	Reproductive physiology of fruit trees
MIYAZAKI Akira (KC)	Crop Science	Yield production and physiology in field crops

b. Plant and Animal Production under Structure

ISLAM Md Parvez (EH)	Information Systems for Plant Factory	Research on development of technology and artificial intelligence for next-generation smart agriculture
SUZUKI Yasushi (KC)	Forest Engineering	Logging cable systems, forest operation systems, forest roads, effects of forest operations on residual stands, woody biomass
HATOU Kenji (EH)	Information Systems for Plant Factory	Research on measurement and artificial intelligence for smart agriculture
MORI Makito (KC)	Applied Meteorology	Climatological studies on agricultural ecosystems
WADA Hiroshi (EH)	Plant Biophysics Biochemistry	Environmental plant physiology using single cell analyses combined water relations with mass spectrometry

c. Aquaculture and Livestock Production

IKEJIMA Kou (KC)	Coastal and Fisheries Ecology	Ecology and conservation of coastal ecosystems and fisheries resources
IMAJOH Masayuki (KC)	Fish Pathology	Studies on epidemiology and prevention of fish diseases caused by viruses, bacteria and parasites
KAWASAKI Kiyonori (KG)	Animal Nutrition	Study of the effects of using underutilized resources and insects in feed on the nutritional and physiological responses of animals (i.e., rabbits, pigs, and poultry)
GOTO Rie (EH)	Fish Reproductive Physiology and Aquaculture	Studies of developmental biotechnology and reproductive physiology in aquaculture species
SAITO Taiju (EH)	Aquaculture, Developmental Engineering	Development of efficient aquaculture technology by using developmental engineering methods
TAKAGI Motohiro (EH)	Fish Breeding and Conservation Genetics	Studies on fish breeding and conservation genetics
TACHIBANA Tetsuya (EH)	Poultry Nutritional Physiology	Studies on the bioactive molecules related to growth and behavior of chickens
FUKADA Haruhisa (KC)	Fish Nutritional Physiology	Studies on hormonal regulation of growth and digestion in fish

d.Bioresource Economics

TAKENOUCHI Naruhito (EH)	Fisheries Management and Business	Study on economics and management theories of sustainable development in fisheries and fishing villages
MATSUOKA Atsushi (EH)	Resources and Environmental Management	Economic study of the management and preservation of agricultural land
MAMADA Michihiko (EH)	Resource & Environmental Economics	Economic and Policy Studies on the Effective Utilization of Local Resources

2. Applied Bioresource Science Major / Applied Bioresource Science Department

a. Food Science

OGAWA Masahiro (KG)	Food Protein Chemistry	Structure-function analysis of food proteins and their functional development
KASHIWAGI Takehiro (KC)	Food Functional Chemistry	Isolation and identification of functional compounds in foods, agricultural products, and medical plants
KISHIDA Taro (EH)	Nutrition	Studies on nutritional and physiological effects of food components, especially non-nutrient
SHIMAMURA Tomoko (KC)	Food Chemistry	Studies on reaction of food components, food functionality, and food analysis
TAKATA Goro (KG)	Applied Enzymology	Production of rare sugars from bio-resources using microbial and enzymatic reactions
MARUYAMA Koutatsu (EH)	Community Health and Nutrition	The approaches of nutritional epidemiology to research the association between dietary habits (i.e., food and nutrient intake, eating behavior, and eating food with function claims) and human health
MORIMOTO Kenji (KG)	Applied Enzymology	Production of various rare sugars using microbial and enzymatic reactions
YOSHIHARA Akihide (KG)	Applied Enzymology	Production of rare sugars using microorganisms and enzymes
YONEKURA Lina (KG)	Food Chemistry	Bioavailability, metabolism and function of bioactive compounds

b. Bioresource Science for Manufacturing

AKIYAMA Koichi (EH)	Genetic Engineering in Fungi	Molecular biology and recombinant protein production in Fusarium oxysporum
ASHIUCHI Makoto (KC)	Bioengineering and Nanotechnology	Development of multi-functional bionanomaterials and their applications
ICHIURA Hideaki (KC)	Material Chemistry of Forest Resources	Material chemistry for utilization of forest resources
ICHIMURA Kazuya (KG)	Plant Stress Signaling	Biotic and abiotic stress signal transduction in plants
KAWADA Miyuki (EH)	Molecular Microbiology	Biochemistry and molecular biology of membrane transporters
SATO Masashi (KG)	Bioactive Natural Products Chemistry	Bio-organic chemistry of natural bioactive substances

SUGAHARA Takuya (EH)	Animal Cell Technology	Screening and application of biofunctional substances from foodstuffs
SUGIMOTO Hiroyuki (EH)	Physics of Wood and Engineered Wood	Development of the novel wood and wood based materials
SUZUKI Toshisada (KG)	Biomass Chemistry	Organic chemistry, biosynthesis, biodegradation and utilization of wood components
SEKITO Takayuki (EH)	Genetic Engineering of Microorganisms	Molecular mechanism and regulation of intracellular transport
TANAKA Naotaka (KG)	Cell Biology	Functional analysis of the Golgi apparatus and its application to protein production
TABUCHI Mitsuaki (KG)	Applied Molecular Cell Biology	Analysis of the regulatory mechanism of sphingolipid metabolism using yeast and functional analysis of plant pathogen effectors using yeast expression system
TEBAYASHI Shinichi (KC)	Bioactive Chemistry	Organic chemical studies of naturally occurring bioactive compounds including the isolation and identification of medicinal agents from traditional medicinal plants and the screening of natural products for pesticidal activity
NISHI Kosuke (EH)	Molecular Pharmacology of Bioactive Compounds	Functional molecular analysis of naturally occurring and synthetic bioactive compounds
NISHIWAKI Hisashi (EH)	Bioorganic Chemistry	Structure-activity relationship and mode of action of bioactive substances
NOMURA Mika (KG)	Molecular Plant Nutrition	Physiology and molecular biology in plant-microbe interaction
MURAMATSU Hisashi (KC)	Applied Microbiology	Screening, characterization, and application of microbial enzymes
YANAGITA Ryo (KG)	Bioorganic Chemistry	Structure-activity relationship study and analog development of natural organic compounds
YAMAUCHI Satoshi (EH)	Chemistry and Utilization of Bioresources	Synthetic organic chemistry for research about function and effective utilization of bioresources

3. Life Environment Conservation Science Major / Life Environment Conservation Science Department

a. Land Conservation and Irrigation Engineering

IHARA Masaru (KC)	Environmental Toxicology, Environmental Microbiology	Research on the adverse effect of trace chemicals on aquatic organisms; occurrence of health-related water microbiology and their sources; and wastewater-based epidemiology
OUE Hiroki (EH)	Hydrometeorology for Environmental Science	Micrometeorology of the plant canopy under changing environments, hydrological processes in forest and farmland watersheds, irrigation and drainage and integrated agricultural water use management
KUME Takashi (EH)	Soil Hydrology	Study on water and solute transport in soil of irrigated land
KOBAYASHI Noriyuki (EH)	Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering	Application of rehabilitation engineering for hydraulic structures
SAKAMOTO Jun (KC)	Urban Planning and Disaster Management	Urban planning in an Era of Declining Population
SATO Shushi (KC)	Water Use and Environmental Engineering	Overall engineering research for managing the water environment and infrastructure in river basins
SHIBUO Yoshihiro (KC)	Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering	Flood forecast and stormwater management
HARA Tadashi (KC)	Geotechnical Enginering	Research on soil dynamics and liquefaction. Development of environmentally and low cost civil structures using natural materials such as wood and stone
YAMASHITA Naoyuki (EH)	Water Environmental Engineering	Study on securing a sanitary and safe water environment

b. Environmental Science

ADACHI Masao (KC)	Aquatic Environmental Science	Biology, physiology, and ecology of harmful algal blooms
ISHIBASHI Hiroshi (EH)	Ecotoxicology Molecular Toxicology	Studies on ecotoxicological effects of environmental contaminants in animals Studies on disruption mechanism of nuclear receptor signaling pathways by environmental contaminants
ICHIMI Kazuhiko (KG)	Biological and Chemical Processes in Coastal Ecosystems	Biological and chemical processes in estuarine and coastal ecosystems
ITO Katsura (KC)	Insect Ecology	Ecology of herbivorous insects and mites
OBAYASHI Yumiko (EH)	Marine Molecular Ecology/ Biogeochemistry	Biogeochemical cycles and related microbial ecology in marine environments

KAWASHIMA Ayato (EH)	Environmental Science for Industry	Development of analysis and treatment technologies for chemical substances in the environment and effective utilization technologies of biomass
KANG Yumei (KC)	Soil Environmental Science	Mechanism of soil pollution and rehabilitation of contaminated soil
KIBA Akinori (KC)	Phytopathlogy	Analysis of plant immunity and disease development
TAKAHASHI Shin (EH)	Environmental Analytical Chemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Ecotoxicology, Resources Recycling Engineering	Studies on development of analytical methods, elucidation of emission sources and environmental behaviors, and assessment of ecological effects for persistent bioaccumulative and toxic substances
MORITSUKA Naoki (KC)	Soil Science and Plant Nutrition	Dynamics of fertilizer elements in agroecosystems for sustainable agriculture
YAENO Takashi (EH)	Plant Pathology	Molecular biology of plant-microbe interactions
YAMAGUCHI Hitomi (KG)	Coastal Oceanography and Biogeochemistry	Analysis of material cycle and energy flow in coastal ecosystems
YOSHITOMI Hiroyuki (EH)	Entomology	Systematics and taxonomy of Insects, conservation of biodiversity

Outline of The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University

Educational Philosophy

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (UGAS-EU) is a collaborative, doctoral-level graduate school uniting the strengths of three institutions: the Graduate School of Agriculture at Ehime University, the Graduate School of Agriculture at Kagawa University, and the Agriculture and Marine Science Program, Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences at Kochi University. Each university brings its own unique expertise and academic traditions, creating a rich and diverse educational environment. Our mission is to cultivate future leaders equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Through advanced research and education, UGAS-EU nurtures individuals who think critically, understand the complex relationship between humanity, society, and nature, and possess the specialized skills needed to advance agricultural and life sciences We are committed to producing research of global relevance while also fostering professionals who contribute to local innovation and sustainable regional development. By actively welcoming talented international students from around the world and training them to become leading researchers and changemakers in their home countries, UGAS-EU contributes to sustainable social progress, a balanced relationship between humanity and the natural environment, and the creation of a more peaceful, compassionate global society.

Course Description

1. Bioresource Production Science Major

The Shikoku region's diverse geography supports rich agricultural, forestry, fisheries, and livestock industries, from open-field horticulture and greenhouse cultivation to citrus fruit, floriculture, and coastal aquaculture. This major provides cutting-edge education and research focused on both fundamental science and practical technologies for the production and sustainable management of plant and animal resources.

Bioresource Production Science Department

The department provides a comprehensive education through four specialized fields, forming the core of research and learning.

Plant Resource Production: Explore advanced approaches to enhancing the quality and quantity of crops, fruit trees, vegetables, flowers, and forestry products. Study genetic improvement alongside innovative production and management techniques.

Plant and Animal Production under Structure: Investigate productivity optimization within controlled environments such as greenhouses. Research covers facility engineering, biological behavior, and environmental management under structural conditions.

Aquaculture and Livestock Production: Examine the biological, chemical, and physical factors influencing breeding, reproduction, nutrition, health, and environmental conditions in aquatic and livestock species to boost production efficiency.

Bioresource Economics: Develop expertise in the management, planning, and operation of farm, forest, and fisheries resources. Study product distribution, socioeconomic policies, and market dynamics both domestically and internationally.

Deep Seawater Science (Joint Department)

This interdisciplinary department focuses on the scientific exploration and practical applications of deep seawater. Research covers its unique chemical, physical, biological, and microbiological properties to advance fisheries and marine food production technologies.

2. Applied Bioresource Science Major

Effective processing and storage of agricultural products are critical to the national economy and vital to meeting society's diverse demands. This major emphasizes foundational research and the development of innovative biochemical engineering technologies for the advanced utilization of biological resources.

Applied Bioresource Science Department

Education and research in this department are concentrated in two key areas.

Food Science: This field explores the science of food through a multidisciplinary approach grounded in applied biochemistry. Educational and research activities span chemistry, physics, nutrition, hygiene, microbiology, and the use of agricultural and aquatic products. The program emphasizes a comprehensive understanding of food systems, from production and processing to consumption, focusing on the structure and function of biological tissues and related aspects.

Bioresource Science for Manufacturing: This field provides in-depth study of biological resources through chemistry, physics, physiology, and biochemistry. It covers both theoretical and practical approaches to the utilization of biological materials, including biotechnology applications that support resource production and innovation.

3. Life Environment Conservation Science Major

With global population growth and resource consumption reaching critical levels, the conservation and sustainable use of natural environments are more important than ever. This major addresses these challenges through integrated engineering and ecological education and research aimed at preserving the ecosystems that underpin bioresource production and human well-being.

Life Environment Conservation Science Department

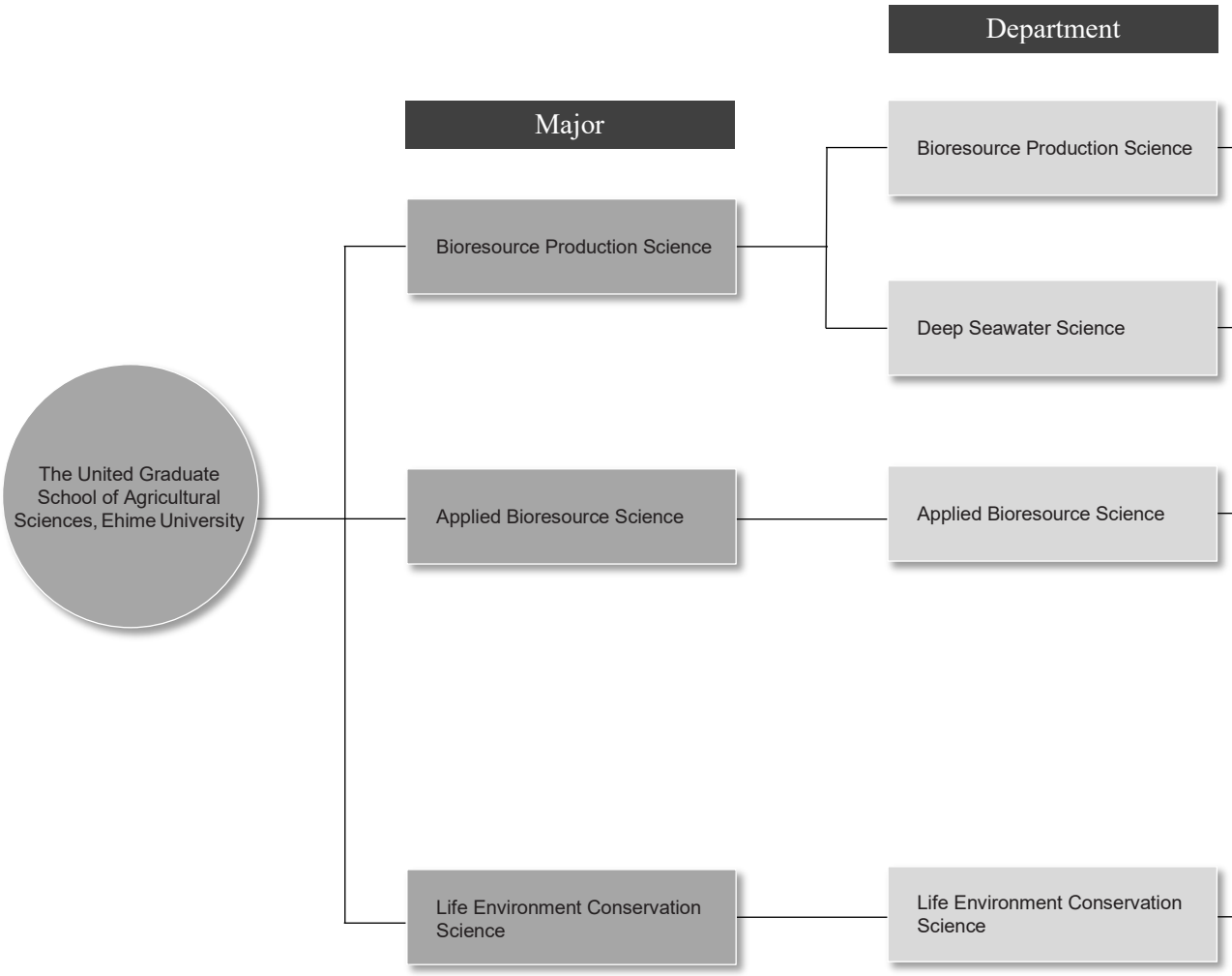
The department offers focused study in two essential fields.

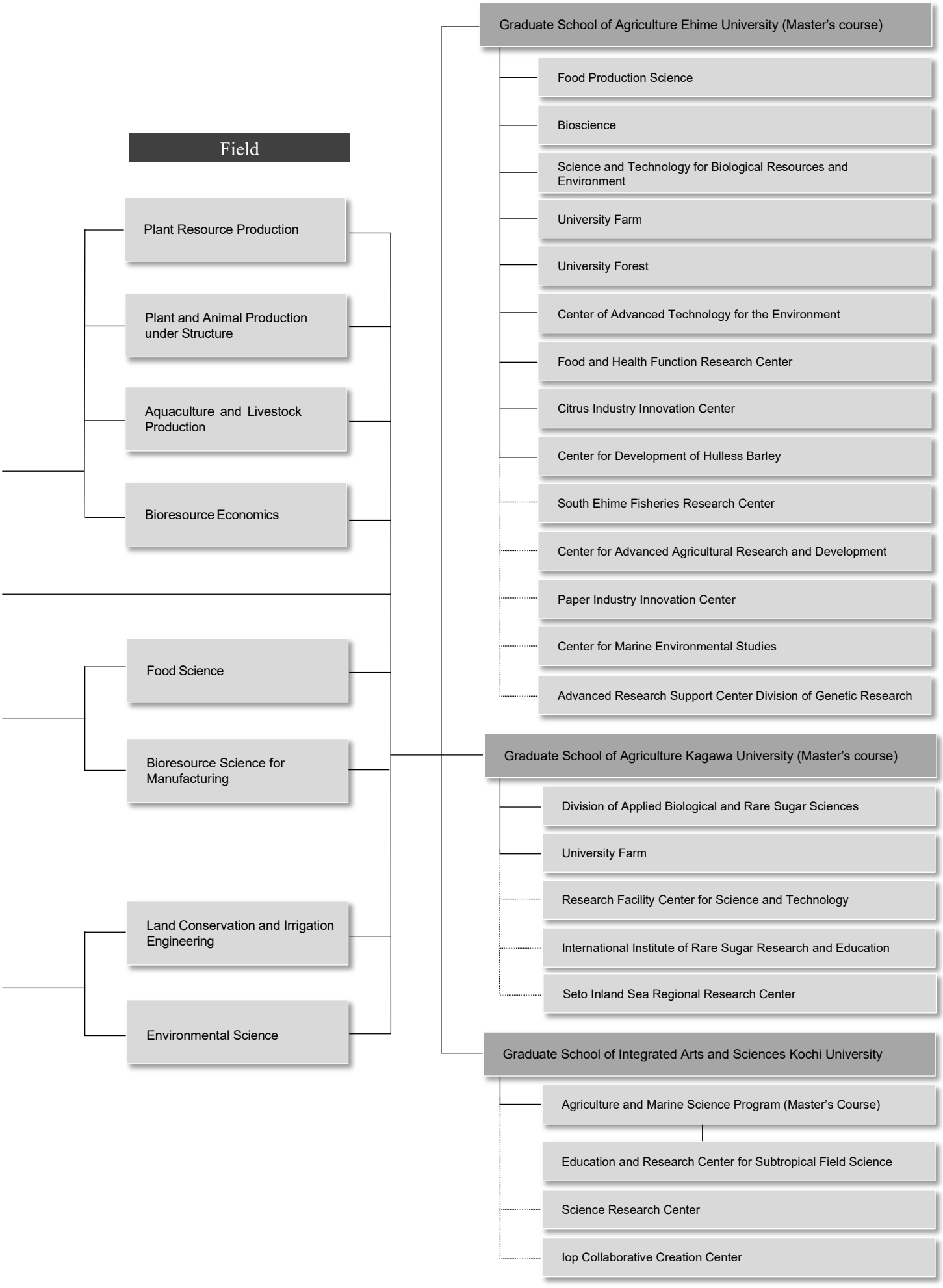
Land Conservation and Irrigation Engineering: Combining physical and engineering methods, this field targets the development and optimization of infrastructure for land management, water resource utilization, and facility improvement across forests, agricultural lands, and coastal zones.

Environmental Science: Providing both fundamental and applied perspectives, this field investigates ecosystem structures and functions from soils to oceans, examines human-induced environmental changes, and develops strategies for conservation and sustainable management.

Organization

UGAS-EU is a collaborative institution jointly established by Ehime University, Kagawa University, and Kochi University, operating on an equal partnership and close academic cooperation. As an independent graduate school, UGAS-EU offers a three-year doctoral program that builds upon the master's programs of its constituent universities. The program is organized into four departments across three specialized majors: Bioresource Production Science, Applied Bioresource Science, and Life Environment Conservation Science.

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Food Science
Bioresource Science for Manufacturing
Land Conservation and Irrigation Engineering
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Graduate School of Agriculture Ehime University (Master's course)
Food Production Science
Bioscience
Science and Technology for Biological Resources and Environment
University Farm
University Forest
Center of Advanced Technology for the Environment
Food and Health Function Research Center
Citrus Industry Innovation Center
Center for Development of Hulless Barley
South Ehime Fisheries Research Center
Center for Advanced Agricultural Research and Development
Paper Industry Innovation Center
Center for Marine Environmental Studies
Advanced Research Support Center Division of Genetic Research
Graduate School of Agriculture Kagawa University (Master's course)
Division of Applied Biological and Rare Sugar Sciences
University Farm
Research Facility Center for Science and Technology
International Institute of Rare Sugar Research and Education
Seto Inland Sea Regional Research Center
Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences Kochi University
Agriculture and Marine Science Program (Master's Course)
Education and Research Center for Subtropical Field Science
Science Research Center
Iop Collaborative Creation Center

Education and Research

Advisory System

UGAS-EU comprises three majors and four departments, with faculty expertise that extends beyond any single constituent university. Each student is supported by a team of three faculty members (one supervisor and two co-supervisors) who provide intensive and well-rounded educational and research guidance to ensure academic success.

Instruction

Students select a supervisor based on their research interests from a published list of faculty research areas. Upon enrollment, students are assigned two co-supervisors, carefully selected to match the student's research theme.

Although students are officially registered at Ehime University, the core institution of UGAS-EU, they are based at the university where their supervisor is affiliated and conduct research guidance under their direction. The two co-supervisors, affiliated with the other constituent universities, also provide guidance as needed.

The supervisor leads research activities according to an individualized education and research plan created by each student upon admission, working in close collaboration with the two co-supervisors to ensure a cohesive support system.

To accommodate working professionals, UGAS-EU has offered flexible class schedules, including evening instruction, since April 2001. In April 2004, the 'Long Term Study Plan' was introduced, allowing working students to extend their period of study beyond the standard program duration.

In October 2016, the 'Short Term Study Program for Working Students' was launched, enabling those with exceptional research achievements to complete the doctoral program in as little as two years.

Education

UGAS-EU aims to equip students with advanced knowledge in agricultural sciences and foster the capacity to conduct independent research after graduating. To this end, the Student Education Program was introduced in April 2006. This program includes multi-faculty research supervision, seminars, and an interim presentation to evaluate dissertation progress. Further enhancements were made in April 2009 with the introduction of a revised curriculum and a course credit system designed to strengthen graduate-level education.

To support academic development, UGAS-EU offers competitive funding opportunities for students presenting at international conferences.

UGAS-EU actively promotes international collaboration and welcomes students from around the world, recognizing Japan's important role in global resource management and environmental sustainability. The Special Three-year Doctoral Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences was established in October 1990. In October 2002, this was expanded with the launch of the Special Doctoral Course in Agricultural Sciences for International Students from Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Rim, allowing graduates of affiliated master's programs at Ehime University, Kagawa University, and Kochi University to transition into UGAS-EU's doctoral program.

Under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) International Priority Graduate Program, UGAS-EU admits six government-sponsored students and up to six privately funded or otherwise supported students annually (until October 2027). Additional recruitment for April admission outside the MEXT quota has been in place since the 2019 academic year.

Research

With strong academic traditions in supporting the Shikoku region, each of the three partner universities contributes unique expertise to UGAS-EU. Together, they form a comprehensive research hub encompassing a wide array of fields from agricultural production technologies, environmental science, and infrastructure development to the processing, use, and distribution of bioresources. The research scope even extends to addressing challenges related to human living environments, reinforcing UGAS-EU's broad and integrated approach to agricultural science.

Completion of the Doctoral Program

To earn a doctoral degree at UGAS-EU, students must be enrolled for a minimum of three years, complete at least 12 academic credits, and pass a final examination based on the presentation and evaluation of their doctoral dissertation.

Exceptionally qualified students who demonstrate outstanding research achievements may fulfill the enrollment requirement by combining their doctoral studies with a two-year master's program, allowing for an accelerated path to completion.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, conferred by Ehime University.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND RELATED SCIENCES

(THREE-YEAR DOCTORAL COURSE, October 2026– September 2029)

for Japanese Government Scholarship (Special Selection)

2026年10月入学愛媛大学大学院連合農学研究科熱帯・亜熱帯農学留学生特別コース入学申請書
（2026年10月-2029年9月 後期3年のみの博士課程）
国費外国人留学生（特別枠）

Paste a passport sized photo taken within the past 6 months. Write your name in block letters on the back of the photo.
(size: 4.5 × 3.5 cm)

jpg is acceptable (maximum size: 3 MB)

Instructions（記入上の注意）

- The application should be typed if possible, or neatly handwritten in block letters. 明瞭に記入すること。
- Numbers should be in Arabic numerals. 数字は算用数字を用いること。
- Years should be written using the western calendar. 年号はすべて西暦とすること。
- Proper nouns should be written in full and not abbreviated. 固有名詞はすべて正式な名称とし、一切省略しないこと。

* The information provided in the application, such as name, address, and other personal matters will be used only by the UGAS-EU Office for the purpose of processing the applications and notifying the accepted applicants.
本申請書に記載された個人情報については、愛媛大学大学院連合農学研究科における出願手続及び入学手続のために利用する。

1. Personal Information

Name in full in native language 姓名（自国語）			
Surname,		Given name	
In Roman block capitals (Write your name exactly the same as printed in your passport) ローマ字			
Surname,		Given name	
Sex 姓名		Nationality 国籍	
☐Male（男） ☐Female（女）			
Date of birth 生年月日			Age (as of October, 2026) 年齢（2026年10月1日現在）
Year,	Month,	Day,	

2. Current position (with the name of the university attended or employer) 現職（在学大学名又は勤務先名まで記入すること。）

3. Contact Information 連絡先

Present address 現住所	
Telephone 電話番号	Email address メールアドレス

*If possible, provide an email address that can be used for periods including the time before you come to Japan, your stay in Japan, and the period after you return home.
可能な限り、渡日前～日本留学中～帰国後にわたり使い続けることが予想される Email アドレスを記入すること。

*The UGAS-EU Office uses the above information to process applications and to notify successful applicants, so please provide details where you can be easily contacted. If there is any change after submitting this application, let us know as soon as possible.
なお、上記の情報は出願上の諸連絡や合格通知の際に使用するので、確実に受信できるものを記入すること。申請書提出後変更があった場合は速やかに届け出ること。

4. Prospective supervisor, university, and research field (select from “Fields of Instruction and Supervising Professors”)
指導を希望する主指導教員名、構成大学、研究分野（“Fields of Instruction and Supervising Professors”から選ぶ）

Professor’s name 主指導教員名	
University 構成大学	☐Ehime (EH) ☐Kagawa (KG) ☐Kochi (KC)
Research field 研究分野	

（別紙様式6）

Field of Study and Research Plan

専攻分野及び研究計画

Full name in native language

姓名(自国語)　　Surname　　Given name

Full name in Roman capital letters

姓名(ローマ字)　　Surname　　Given name

Nationality
国籍

Research plan in Japan: This research plan serves as an important reference for the selection process. On the front side, provide an overview of your major field of study, and on the reverse side, include specific details of your research plan. The plan should be typed, and additional sheets may be attached if necessary. If plagiarism or fraud is discovered after selection, the selection will be cancelled retroactively.

日本での研究計画：この研究計画は、選考の重要な参考となるので、表面に専攻分野の概要を、裏面に研究計画の詳細を具体的に記入すること。記入はタイプ入力するものとし、必要な場合は別紙を追加してもよい。なお、採用後に不正、盗用等が判明した場合は遡って採用を取り消す。

If you have Japanese language ability, write in Japanese.
相当の日本語能力を有する者は、日本語により記入すること。

1. Present field of study 現在の専攻分野

2. Your research topic in Japan: Describe articulately the research you wish to carry out in Japan
渡日後の研究テーマ：日本においてどういった研究がしたいかを明確に記入すること

３． Research plan in Japan in detail - particularly concerning the ultimate goal(s) of your research in Japan

研究計画：詳細かつ具体的に記入し、特に研究の最終目標について具体的に記入すること。

GPA確認シート GPA Check Sheet

志願者氏名 Applicant's Name	
志願者出身国 Applicant's Nationality	
志願者出身大学 Applicant's University	

注意事項 Instruction:

[学業成績係数(GPA)の算出方法 How to calculate your GPA]
(1) 下記の評価ポイント換算表から該当する「パターン」をひとつ選ぶこと。該当するパターンがない場合は「パターン7」を選択し、詳細を記載すること。
Choose one "Pattern" from the Grade Point Conversion Table below. If there is no appropriate pattern, choose "Pattern 7" and fill out the grades specifically.
(2) 学業成績を最終出身大学の成績証明書に書かれているとおりに記載すること。
Fill in your Academic Records with your academic records as written in your academic transcript from the most recent university (undergraduate and/or master's program).
(3)「評価ポイント合計／総登録単位数」によって算出される学業成績係数(GPA)が3.00満点で2.30以上であるか確認すること。
Check that your GPA, which is calculated by "Total GP／Total Number of Registered Credits," is above 2.30 (out of 3.00).

[備考 Notes]
- 最終学歴の学業成績係数(GPA)が3.00満点中2.30以上である必要があります。それ以下の場合は申請できません。
Your GPA must be 2.30 (out of 3.00) or above in your most recent academic degree. If it is below 2.30, you are NOT eligible.
- 出身大学がGPA制度を導入していない場合でも、学業成績係数が3.00満点中2.30以上であることを証明する必要があります。
Even if your university does not have a system to calculate GPA, you still must fill in this sheet to prove that your GPA is 2.30 or above (out of 3.00).
- 成績証明書に成績評価制度に関する説明が記載されていない場合は、評価ポイントの換算及び学業成績係数の算出の根拠となる資料を提出すること。
If there is no explanation of grade evaluation system on your academic transcript, you must submit a document to justify your conversion of GP and calculation of GPA.
- エクセルの行が足りない場合には適宜追加して計算すること。
If there are not enough rows in Excel, add and calculate accordingly..

- 学業成績は正規課程の成績のみを用い、研究生や日本語教育機関などの非正規課程の成績は含めないこと。
The grades/scores must be of regular courses/programs; grades/scores of non-regular courses/programs such as Kenkyusei and Japanese language schools must be excluded.
- 下記の換算表にない評価（例えば「合格」や「認定」など）の科目は対象としないこと。
The subjects whose grades do not fit the evaluation scale (such as "Pass/Fail," "Certified", or "Approved") must be excluded.

評価ポイント換算表 Grade Point Conversion Table

該当するものを選択して「X」を入力すること。Type "X" in the applicable pattern	出身大学の成績評価システム Your University's Grading System	成績評価 Evaluation Scale				
	パターン1 Pattern 1		優 Excellent	良 Good	可 Fair	不可 Fail
	パターン2 Pattern 2		A	B	C	F
	パターン3 Pattern 3		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
	パターン4 Pattern 4	S	A	B	C	F
	パターン5 Pattern 5	A	B	C	D	F
	パターン6 Pattern 6	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
	パターン7 (具体的に記載すること) Pattern 7 (fill out specifically)					
Grade Point (GP)		**3**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**

学業成績 Academic Records

No.	年 Year	学期 Term	大学名 Name of University	科目名 Name of Subject	単位 Credit(s)	評価・スコア Grade/Score	評価ポイント GP of Grade/Score	評価ポイント×単位 GP * Credits
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List of Publications

研 究 業 績 目 録

Name 氏名

Books・Master's thesis 著書・修士論文

Title 著書(図書)等の表題	
Title of chapter (section), page number(s), year of publication, publisher 担当した章(項)の表題、ページ、発行年、発行所	
Author(s) 著者	
Your contribution 担当	

Papers (published in peer-reviewed journals) 学術論文(ピアレビューのある雑誌に掲載された論文)

Title 論文の表題	
Journal name, volume (number), page number(s), year of publication 発表雑誌名、巻(号)、ページ、発行年	
Author(s) 著者	
Your contribution 担当	

Other Papers (published in non-peer-reviewed journals) その他の論文(ピアレビューのない雑誌等に掲載された論文)

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Journal name, volume (number), page number(s), year of publication 発表雑誌名、巻(号)、ページ、発行年	
Author(s) 著者	
Your contribution 担当	

*1. For a co-authored publication, list the names of all co-authors in the order as published, and underline your own name

*2. In the "Your contribution" space, list your contribution to the book or paper in areas such as research planning, experiments, surveys, collecting data, discussion, writing the paper, submitting the manuscript, and research guidance (more than one area of contribution is acceptable)

*3. The list should be typed

※1「著者:」の箇所は、共著者名全員を論文に記載どおりの順で書き、自分の名前には下線を付けること。
※2「担当:」の箇所は、その著書や論文等の研究において、研究企画・実験・調査・資料収集・考察・論文作成・論文投稿・研究指導など、自分が果たした役割(複数可)を記入すること。
※3 この書類はタイプ入力で作成すること。

List as many publications you think are necessary. Add more tables if required.
必要と思う業績はできるだけ記入してください。1論文ずつ記載し、表が足りない場合は追加してください。

PLEDGE
誓　約　書

In applying for a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship through Ehime University, I agree to not apply for the following scholarships:
私は、この申請（愛媛大学による大学推薦）の他に、以下の奨学金を重複して申請していないことを誓約します。

1. Applications to other universities (MEXT Scholarship (university recommended))
   他大学との重複申請（大学推薦による国費外国人留学生奨学金制度）
2. Other MEXT Scholarships
   日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金制度による他の奨学金
3. Student Exchange Support Program by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
   日本学生支援機構による海外留学支援制度

Also, I undertake not to cancel registration after the application.
また、申請後の辞退はいたしません。

Date of pledge (yyyy/mm/dd)
誓約日（年/月/日）

Applicant's Name
申請者氏名

Applicant's Signature
申請者署名

I confirm the above as head of the applicant's current affiliated institution.
私は、申請者の現在の所属機関長として上記の誓約書の内容を確認した。

Date of confirmation (yyyy/mm/dd)
確認日（年/月/日）

Name
所属機関長氏名

Title and Institution
機関名および職名

Signature
所属機関長署名

I confirm the above as a guidance professor in Japan.
私は、受入予定教員として上記の誓約書の内容を確認した。

Date of confirmation (yyyy/mm/dd)
確認日（年/月/日）

Prospective Supervisor's Name
受入予定教員氏名

Signature
受入予定教員署名

Letter of Recommendation (1)

To: President of Ehime University

Recommendee

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Nationality _____

Your recommendation:

☐ I confirm that the applicant is not applying to another university.

*Please check the above box after confirming with the recomendee.

Date (yyyy/mm/dd) _____

Recommender

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title and Institution _____

Address _____

Letter of Recommendation (2)

To: Dean of The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University

Recommendee

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Nationality _____

Your recommendation:

Date (yyyy/mm/dd) _____

Recommender

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title and Institution _____

Address _____

Record of Contact with the Prospective Supervisor

Name of Prospective Supervisor _____

Department _____

Applicant's name _____

Choosing a supervisor is a very important factor in ensuring a productive and successful doctoral program. Please explain from when and what kind of contact you have had so far and submit copies of any letters (e-mail, faxes, or regular post) that you have sent or received. Your answer will be considered in the selection process.

CHECK LIST FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Please check before submitting your documents.

		Requirement	Check	Notes
a	2026 APPLICATION FORM FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP (RESEARCH STUDENTS)	1 original	☐	Use uploaded form Every year this form is renewed by MEXT in December, but the revision is small. The applicant may prepare the document with the uploaded form.
b	Application for Admission to the United Graduate School, Special Program for International Students in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Related Sciences (three-year doctoral course, October 2026-September 2029) for a Japanese Government Scholarship (Special Selection)	1 original	☐	Use uploaded form
c	Field of Study and Study Program	1 copy	☐	Use uploaded form
d	Official proof of the applicant's master's degree or a certificate issued by the applicant's graduate school indicating that the applicant is expected to receive a master's degree	1 original	☐	If the document is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please submit a translation in English.
e	Official proof of the applicant's undergraduate degree	1 original	☐	If the document is written in a language other than Japanese or English, **please submit a translation in English.**
f	Official transcripts of the applicant's academic records including GPA for both the graduate and undergraduate grades	1 original each	☐	If the documents are written in a language other than Japanese or English, **please submit a translation in English.** Be sure to attach the section where the university's evaluation system is described.
g	GPA check Sheets for both the graduate and undergraduate grades	1 copy	☐	Use uploaded form If there is no explanation of grade evaluation system on your academic transcript, you must submit a document to justify your conversion of GPA and calculation of GPA.
h	Certificate of citizenship issued by a government authority or a copy of your passport	1 original or 1 copy	☐	If the document is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please submit a translation in English.
i	Passport-sized photographs (4.5 × 3.5 cm) (showing head and top of shoulders with face and shoulders square on white or light-coloured background.; no hat except for religious or medical reasons)taken within six months of the application date with the applicant's name and nationality written on the reverse side	5 photographs or Jpeg	☐	Two photographs should be attached to the application form, and the other three should be enclosed therein. Photographs can be submitted by data, maximum jpg file size: 3MB, but do not change the aspect ratio.
j	List of publications	1 copy	☐	Use uploaded form
k	One copy of the master's thesis or an equivalent , along with an abstract in English.	1 copy	☐	Applicants who have not yet received a master's degree should submit a report or documentation (in English) of their current research project.
l	All reprints (copies are acceptable) of books and academic papers listed in List of Publications for part **a**(and **i**), except the master's thesis	1 copy each	☐	An English abstract (2-3 A4 pages) is required if the original is not in English. The title spelling and order of author names of books and academic papers should be written using same expression and style (upper and lower case, italic, etc.) as it appears in the reprints.
m	One copy of the official results of a TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, or other internationally recognized English language proficiency tests that you have achieved in the past two years	1 copy	☐	The document must indicate that the applicant has attained a level of English proficiency of 600 or higher in TOEIC (paper-based test) or similar level. If the applicant fulfills the qualifications stated in 2. Qualifications (7) Language a. 1. above, the document must also show that.
n	One copy of the relevant document of the qualifications stated in 2. Qualifications (7) Language a. 2.	1 copy	☐	The document needs to be submitted if the applicant fulfills the qualifications stated in 2. Qualifications (7) Language a. 2.
o	PLEDGE	1 original	☐	Use uploaded form
p	A detailed proposal in English or Japanese of the research the applicant hopes to pursue for the doctoral dissertation study in this program	1 copy	☐	More detailed than that required for part **c** above. The study plan must be related to the applicant's recent research at his or her affiliated institution or enterprise. The proposal should be in Word format and prepared on A4 paper.
q	A letter of recommendation written by the head (e.g., President, Dean, etc., but not department head) of the applicant's current affiliated institution or enterprise addressed to the President of Ehime University	1 original	☐	Use uploaded form This letter must include a statement that the applicant is not applying for another university.
r	A letter of recommendation written to the Dean of UGAS-EU by a person senior to the applicant at the applicant's affiliated institution or enterprise who knows the applicant's research and study capabilities and be able to be assigned as a cooperative advisor with UGAS-EU during the applicant's period of study	1 original	☐	Use uploaded form
s	Record of contact with the prospective supervisor in which the applicant has written his/her choice of supervisor and what contact has been made and include the results of the interview examination.	1 copy	☐	Use uploaded form
t	Check list	1 copy	☐	Use uploaded form

Notes

・Documents a, b, c, j, o, q, r, s, t, should be prepared in typed or neatly handwritten in English or Japanese using the forms provided.
They also should be prepared on A4 paper (ISO size:29.5 × 21 cm). Download and use the forms from the UGAS-EU website.
http://rendai.agr.ehime-u.ac.jp/english/annai/

・If any document for submission is written in a language other than Japanese or English, an English translation should be submitted.
English translations should be provided by the issuing institution or authority.
If the issuing institution or authority is not able to provide a translation, applicants should have the document(s) translated and have them certified by the issuing institution or authority.
Both the English translation and the original document(s) should be submitted.

・Incomplete documents or documents arriving at UGAS-EU after the deadline will not be accepted.

・None of the submitted documents will be returned to the applicant.