

April 2021 Admission

October 2021 Admission

Doctoral Degree Program

Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity

Utsunomiya University

Tertiary Recruitment

General Screening

Special Screening by Recommendation

Special Screening for Applicants

with Full-Time Employment

Special Screening for International Students

Utsunomiya University

“A Wealth of Ideas for the Community and
New Knowledge for the World”

For those candidates who have suffered from a disaster such as earthquake, wind, or flood damage, Utsunomiya University can provide an exemption from the entrance examination fee. For details, please see page 8. In addition, the university is willing to provide support to those candidates for whom the entrance fee and tuition are an exceptional financial burden. Thus, students who cannot meet the financial needs for enrollment should consult the university for support.

☆ Overall Schedule

	General Screening Special Screening by Recommendation Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment Special Screening for International Students
Application submission	March 8(Mon.) to March 9 (Tue.), 2021 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Entrance examination	March 12 (Fri.), 2021 From 9:00 am
Announcement of Acceptance	March 18 (Thu.), 2021 Scheduled for 10:00 am

Handling of personal information

Personal information submitted to apply to the program (e.g., name, date of birth, gender, address, academic records, and entrance examination results) are used within the range of purposes listed below and shall be handled with appropriate care.

- ① Administrative operations leading up to entering the program (e.g., applicant screening and entrance formalities)
- ② Administrative operations after entering the program (e.g., issuance of student IDs, guidance counseling, creation of lists of names, etc.) and for student life-related matters (e.g., scholarships, exemption from tuition fees, etc.)
- ③ Other administrative operations required to carry out education, research, and student support, and to prepare statistical and analytical data, etc.

Changes to the Entrance Examination Schedule and Selection Method Due to the Spread of the New Coronavirus

Due to the spread of the coronavirus, the admission examination schedule and selection method may change. Any changes will be announced on the entrance exam information page of the university's website, so please check the website at any time.

<https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/admission/graduate.php>

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(Attached documents, etc.)

- Application form
- Photo Sheet, Examinee's Card
- Request for entrance exam application fee receipt
- Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee
- Bank transfer form (for payment of admission screening fees)
- Address sticker, sticker for application form receipt
- Envelope for mailing Examinee's Card (Long envelope #3)
- Envelope for submitting application (Kaku envelope #2)

Overview of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity

【Philosophy】

The School will foster highly capable human resources who support the creation of social design and innovation to solve the problems of the 21st century and contribute to establishing a sustainable and prosperous society while promoting unique and competitive research in science, technology, and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI for SDGs).

In particular, the Doctoral Program will develop human resources who possess advanced expertise, pursue independent research, and actively take on integrated and diversified domains by drawing on their extensive knowledge and skills. Simultaneously, the School will promote advanced transdisciplinary research to solve various problems in the local community and broader society, and conduct educational research that creates new interdisciplinary domains.

【“Region” in the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity】

The School does not define “region” simply as a space or sphere in the geographical or physical sense of the word. According to our definition, “region” is a dynamic and diverse concept that refers to a research theme established in response to the issue at hand. Further, it is part of an interactive chain consisting of “local,” “regional,” “national,” and “global” components.

As a university located in Tochigi Prefecture in the northern Kanto area, we actively pursue initiatives that contribute to the welfare of the local public sector, industry, and residents. In addition, we promote education and research encompassing diverse fields that correspond to the “regions” emphasized by each of these stakeholders. These fields include local communities, cities, regions (in the conventional sense of the term), the nation, and the international community.

【Division • Graduate Program】

Division of Advanced Transdisciplinary Science (Enrollment Capacity: 25 students)

Graduate Program	Degree Awarded
Optics and Bio Design Program	Doctor of Optical Science and Engineering, Doctor of Agriculture, Doctor of Engineering
Advanced Engineering Systems Design Program	Doctor of Engineering
Global and Regional Development Design Program	Doctor of International Studies, Doctor of Arts, Doctor of Engineering

【Human Resources Envisioned】

○Division of Advanced Interdisciplinary Science

The Division will develop highly capable professionals who possess the 3C Spirit (Challenge, Change, Contribute) plus 1 (Creation: creative thinking and practical skills). Such professionals include those who contribute to STI for SDGs.

We will foster “inverted-T” human resources—individuals whose expertise is firmly grounded in broad and general academic skills—with a high level of expertise, particularly those who have the potential to become future leaders. They will actively involve themselves in new and evolving domains based on their existing knowledge and cultural sophistication. Being cognizant of the significance of their expertise with respect to today’s complex social challenges will motivate them to creatively address various issues with researchers from multiple disciplines.

○ Optics and Bio Design Program

Drawing on the University’s expertise in optical engineering and molecular agriculture, the Program will foster human resources who help in the advancement of various domains as engineers and researchers and contribute to the development of a sustainable society. The Program will integrate life sciences—which connect invisible genetic information (analysis of genes which are big data) with visible life phenomena (the practical application in the agricultural field)—with various perspectives of optical engineering and chemistry, thereby connecting biology with optics.

○ Advanced Engineering Systems Design Program

Materials, environment, electrical and electronics, information, machinery, architecture, and community development domains should play the following role in the local community and society, by drawing on the University’s expertise in Kansei engineering and robotics: integrate various disciplines to foster human resources who develop advanced innovations based on their extensive knowledge and produce world-class engineers who understand practical aspects, such as the social application of basic research in the living environment, and technology’s co-existence with humans.

○ Global and Regional Development Design Program

Drawing on the University’s expertise in multicultural coexistence and regional design, the Program will foster human resources who pursue sustainable development in accordance with globalization and help create a prosperous and peaceful society as forerunners in Japan and abroad. They will understand the current status and background of international cooperation, development, governance, and the formation of regional communities from a broad interdisciplinary perspective regardless of the size and scope of the phenomenon. They will acquire expertise for designing social groups that comprise various cultures and regional communities, institutions, spaces, and systems. Furthermore, they will acquire communication skills and learn how to actively serve the global community.

Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Doctoral Degree Program)

○ Division of Advanced Interdisciplinary Science

1. Well-rounded and wholesome individuals who are knowledgeable about and interested in diverse disciplines in addition to their own, and are eager to take on new, constantly evolving domains by drawing on the vast knowledge and cultural refinement they possess
2. Individuals who possess unique and creative abilities, academic knowledge that can be flexibly applied, a global perspective, and an ambition to become a leader

○ Optics and Bio Design Program

1. Individuals who possess basic knowledge, cultural refinement, and master's level academic skills, so that they can pursue advanced learning in the domains of optical engineering, molecular agriculture, and chemistry and engage in research to complete a doctoral dissertation
2. Individuals seeking to gain creative skills by acquiring extensive knowledge in various disciplines, in addition to their own
3. Individuals who are eager to understand the role of their expertise in the local community and society, contribute to the local community, and play a leadership role

○ Advanced Engineering Systems Design Program

1. Individuals who possess basic knowledge, cultural refinement, and master's level academic skills, so that they can pursue advanced learning in the domains of materials, environment, electrical and electronics, information, machinery, architecture, and community development, and engage in research to complete a doctoral dissertation
2. Individuals seeking to gain creative skills by acquiring extensive knowledge in various disciplines other than their own
3. Individuals who are eager to understand the role of their expertise in the local community and society, contribute to the local community, and play leadership roles

○ Global and Regional Development Design Program

1. Individuals who possess basic knowledge, cultural sophistication, and master's level academic skills, so that they can pursue advanced learning in the domains of multicultural coexistence and regional design, and engage in research to complete a doctoral dissertation
2. Individuals seeking to gain creative skills by acquiring extensive knowledge in various disciplines other than their own
3. Individuals who are eager to understand the role of their expertise in the local community and society, contribute to the local community, and play leadership roles

Basic Policy of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Doctoral Degree Program) regarding the Screening of Applicants

The following is our basic policy regarding the screening of applicants based on our admission policy.
The selection will be made based on this policy.

1. Individuals who possess the basic academic skills, extensive knowledge, cultural sophistication, and reasoning skills necessary to conduct research for a doctoral dissertation
2. Individuals who possess the eagerness to learn from a wide variety of disciplines, as well as the passion for, and expertise in, their own field
3. Individuals who possess a proactive attitude, critical thinking skills, the ability to articulate themselves, communication skills, and a strong ethical sense

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Guidelines on Applying to the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity's Doctoral Degree Program at Utsunomiya University

I. Enrollment Capacity

【April 2021 Admission】

Course	Capacity
Division of Advanced Transdisciplinary Science	Limited to a few

【October 2021 Admission】

Course	Capacity
Division of Advanced Transdisciplinary Science	Limited to a few

II. Method of Screening Applicants

1. Application Requirements

Individuals to whom one of the following clauses applies:

- (1) Individuals who have completed a master's degree or professional degree program (a professional degree as stipulated in Article 5-2 of the Rules for Degrees (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 9 of 1953); the same shall apply hereafter) or who anticipate such completion by the time of entry to the school.
- (2) Individuals who have completed a degree program in a foreign country equivalent to a Japanese master's or professional degree program or who anticipate completion by the time of entry to the school.
- (3) Individuals who have completed the classes required under the Japanese educational system through correspondence courses provided by schools overseas and who have completed a program equivalent to a master's or professional degree program or who anticipate completion by the time of entry to the school.
- (4) Individuals who have completed a program equivalent to a Japanese master's or professional degree program separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) at an educational institute of an overseas graduate school located in Japan, or who expect to complete such a program by the time of entry to the school.
- (5) Individuals designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 118 of 1989)
 - 1) Individuals who have completed an undergraduate program and have participated in research for two or more years at a university or research institute, and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Engineering as possessing academic ability equivalent to that indicated by a master's degree based on their research achievements
 - 2) Individuals who have completed 16 years of education in a foreign country or who have completed 16 years of Japanese education through a correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country, and who have participated in research for two or more years at a university or research institute, and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Engineering as possessing academic ability equivalent to that indicated by a master's degree based on their research achievements
- (6) Individuals who the dean of the school recognizes as possessing academic ability equivalent to that indicated by a master's or professional degree during the individual admissions screening, and who will have reached the age of 24 by the time of entry to the school

2. Application requirements screening

If you plan to apply based on the application requirements (5) or (6), please refer to the “Acknowledgement of Application Requirements” on page 14.

3. Application Procedure

(1) Application period

From March 8(Mon.) to March 9 (Tue.), 2021.

If you plan to apply in person, please visit the office between 9:00 and 16:00 hours. If you send an application by postal mail, it must arrive by 16:00 hours on the final submission day.

We will not accept any application that arrives after the previously mentioned application period (time and date).

(2) Submission

Administrative Office for Admission Center, Utsunomiya University, 350 Mine-machi, Utsunomiya-shi, 321-8505

When submitting via post, write "Application for Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity Doctoral Degree Program Enclosed" on the front of the envelope in red.

(3) Note

Applicants should contact the research supervisor of their choice before submitting an application.

4. Application documents, admission screening fee

- For documents marked “◇” please use the forms attached to the Application Procedure.
- For documents marked “*,” please download the designated forms (Microsoft Word files) from the University’s website < <https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/admission/graduate.php> >, enter the required information, and print them on A4-sized paper for submission. Please do not change the layout of the forms that you have downloaded or revise them in any way.
- If there is any change to your address, contact location, or telephone number, please contact the Administrative Office of the Admission Center without delay.
- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- We will not return the documents or the admission screening fee for any reason.

Application documents	Notes
◇ Application form, examination ticket, photograph form	Enter the required information on the form designated by the school. Affix a head photo (no hat, facing forward, 4 x 3 cm) taken within three months of application onto each of the Photo Sheet, Examinee's Card.

※ Letter of recommendation	If you apply through the Special Screening by Recommendation option, please submit a letter written by the president, faculty dean (graduate school dean), or department head of your university in a sealed envelope.
Transcript	<p>Please submit a document issued by the president or faculty dean (graduate school dean) of your university and in a sealed envelope. However, if you are expecting to complete a master's program at Utsunomiya University Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity, you may use a copy printed from a transcript machine. There is no need to seal your document.</p> <p>① Master's program transcript for applicants applying under application requirements (1), (2), (3), or (4)</p> <p>② Transcript from the last school attended for applicants applying under application requirements (5) or (6)</p> <p>If you have graduated from a university, etc. located in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued, please make sure to contact the Administrative Office of the Admission Center before making an application.</p>
Certificate of (expected) completion of master's program	<p>Please submit a document issued by the president or faculty dean (graduate school dean) of your university. However, if you have completed (or are expected to complete) the School's master's program, there is no need to submit such a document.</p> <p>If you have graduated from a university, etc., located in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued, please contact the Administrative Office of the Admission Center before submitting an application.</p>
※ Master's thesis summary and research progress report	<p>Please create an abstract or research progress report in Japanese (about 2,000 characters) or in English (about 1,000 words) using the format specified by the University.</p> <p>① Those who have already submitted a master's thesis: an abstract of the thesis</p> <p>② Those who do not fall under ①: a progress report of their research <u>Those applying to the Global and Regional Development Design Program</u></p> <p>In some cases, the Program may require a master's thesis, in addition to an abstract of the master's thesis. Please make sure to consult the instructor under whom you wish to study before submitting your application.</p>
※ Research plan	Please submit a research plan in Japanese (about 2,000 characters) or in English (about 1,000 words) using the format specified by the University.
Admission screening fee (◇Sheet for attaching a receipt for the admission screening fee payment)	<p>30,000 yen: Use the School-designated bank transfer slip and deposit the fee into a School account at one of our banks (Ashikaga Bank, Tochigi Bank, or Mizuho Bank). Do not deposit through an ATM. Affix the certificate of remittance issued by the bank to the designated place on the Application Form. Applicants who are continuing with a graduate school program from Utsunomiya University's master's program are exempted from this payment.</p> <p><u>Admission screening fee exemption</u></p> <p>When requesting a waiver for admission screening fee based on either ① or ② below, please do not send the fee. Write your name, and how to pronounce your name (furigana), on the sheet that would otherwise be used for attaching a receipt for the admission screening fee payment.</p>

	<p>Then, draw a circle around “Exemption Application” and submit the sheet.</p> <p>① Government-financed international students who intend to apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period will be exempted from the screening fee upon designated application. Please inquire with the Administrative Office for Admission Center before submitting an application.</p> <p>② For those applying for fee exemption due to the damage caused by the earthquake, wind, or flood damage, please submit an "Application for exemption of entrance examination fee". (See page III below for more details.)</p>
resident's card	<p>Foreign nationals residing in Japan must submit a copy of their certificate of residence (juminhyo) issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village where they live. The certificate must indicate their status of residence and the period of stay, but not the “My Number” (individual ID number). However, those enrolled in the University (students taking classes and/or conducting research) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID. If you do not live in Japan, please contact the Administrative Office for Admission Center before submitting your application.</p>
※ Online Interview Request Form	<p>If you prefer an online interview, please provide the required information.</p>
※ Permission to apply to the program	<p>① Those enrolled in a doctoral program at another university at the time of application Please submit a letter of permission provided by your graduate school</p> <p>② Those applying through the Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment If you work in a government office, company, educational institution, etc. at the time of application, you may need the consent of your supervisor. Please consult the instructor under whom you wish to study to see if it applies to your case. If so, please include a permission letter from your supervisor in your application.</p>
◇ Envelope for the examination ticket	<p>Please write your name, address, and postal code, and put a stamp for express mail (374 yen).</p>
◇ Address sticker, sticker for application-form receipt	<p>Please write the required information on the stickers.</p>

5. Mailing Examination Ticket

We will send an examination ticket after the application period ends. If you do not receive it by March 11 (Thu.), 2021, please contact the Administrative Office of the Admission Center.

6. Method of Screening Applicants

【General Screening, Special Screening by Recommendation, Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment, Special Screening for International Students】

- Students will be selected in a comprehensive manner by taking into account the results of an interview (including an oral examination) and the submitted documents.
- An interview (including an oral examination) will be conducted either face-to-face or online, and the oral examination will include the presentation of a research paper or research plan. We will also ask questions regarding the applicant’s field of expertise.
- If you prefer an online interview, please select “Online Interview” as your preferred method on your application form and submit an online interview request form.

【Special Screening by Recommendation】

This Screening procedure is for individuals applying under application requirement (1) who fulfill the following conditions.

Requirements for Screening by recommendation

1. An individual with an outstanding academic record who is able to obtain a letter of recommendation from the department head or equivalent
2. An individual who can promise to enter the program

【Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment】

This Screening procedure is for individuals who are not registered as students at the time of application, and who have at least one year of work experience (at a corporation, government office, educational institution, etc., or as a self-employed worker).

In accordance with special programs for teaching as stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards, the doctoral degree program of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity offers special measures for working individuals, including classes at night. (Refer to page 16.)

【Special Screening for International Students】

This Screening procedure is for international students applying under application requirement (1), (2), (4), (5), or (6).

Individuals graduating from a university in Japan and who have completed a master's degree program at a graduate school in Japan are not eligible under this requirement and should instead apply under general Screening.

7. Examination Date & Time, Examination Site

(1) Date and time of the entrance examination

March 12 (Fri.), 2021 Oral exam and interview: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

(Details will be provided to applicants after the application period.)

(2) Venue

① Personal Interview Utsunomiya University Mine Campus or Yoto Campus
(Details will be provided to applicants after the application period.)

② Online interview A private room with an internet connection that allows for an online video conference (No third parties are allowed during the interview.)

*Details regarding the online interview method will be provided to the applicant after the application period. Requirements must be met regarding the equipment and communication environment specified in the notices concerning online interviews on the University's website < <https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/admission/graduate.php>>

8. Announcement of Acceptance

March 18 (Thu.), 2021 at 10:00 am

The application numbers of those accepted will be posted on the University's website <<http://nyushi.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/goukaku.html>>. Successful candidates will also receive acceptance letters by postal mail.

Inquiries regarding entrance examination results will not be accepted via telephone or other means.

9. Submission of Enrollment Pledge

Those who are accepted are requested to submit an enrollment pledge to the Administrative Office of the Admission Center by March 26 (Friday), 2021. The form will be sent to successful candidates along with an acceptance letter. If you do not plan to enroll, please submit a withdrawal letter (there is no specified format).

10. Export Security Measures

Utsunomiya University has adopted the "National University Security Export Control" protocol based on the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law". This is directed at preventing international students from interfering with the maintenance of international peace and security by exporting restricted education/research contents. The following regulations have been established to comply with the security export control protocol.

- If a security export control examination is conducted, it may take a long time to complete, and depending on the examination results, the examinee may not be able to receive the desired education or research.
- After enrollment, there may be restrictions on the technology provided and the equipment used. In addition, if regulations are strengthened due to revision of laws, etc., it may become impossible to continue existing research work.

11. Advance Consultations on Special Accommodations for Examinations and Studies Due to an Illness, Injury, or Physical Handicap

If you need special accommodations for the entrance examination or for your studies due to an illness, injury, or physical disability, please consult the Administrative Office of the Admission Center as early as possible before the final day of the advance consultation period stated below. If you require special accommodations for the entrance examination or for your studies due to a situation that occurred after the consultation period, please contact the Administrative Office of the Admission Center as soon as possible.

(1) Final day of the advance consultation period

March 5 (Fri.), 2021

(2) Submission of an advance consultation request

Please submit an advance consultation request (there is no specified format) to the Administrative Office of the Admission Center with the following information, along with a medical certificate.

- ① Name, address, contact number, and a convenient time when you can be reached
- ② The type of screening under which you plan to apply, and program/degree
- ③ Details about the severity of your illness, injury, or handicap
- ④ Accommodations you need for the entrance examination
- ⑤ Accommodations you need during the course of your studies
- ⑥ Accommodations you received at your prior institution

- ⑦ Description of your daily condition

12. Matters Requiring Attention

- (1) Inquiries regarding enrollment are accepted at the Administrative Office for the Admission Center of Utsunomiya University

Please include a self-addressed return envelope (with an 84-yen stamp affixed) when making an inquiry by post.

- (2) If you wish to receive the Application Procedure by post, write "Request for the Application Procedure of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity Doctoral Degree Program" on the front of the envelope in red and include a self-addressed return envelope (K-2 (240 x 332 mm)) with a 250-yen stamp affixed.
- (3) The School does not arrange for applicants' lodging.

III. Entrance Examination Fee Exemption

In order to alleviate the economic burden of those who were affected by disasters etc. and to secure opportunities for students to enter the university, the university will take special measures to exempt the entrance examination fee as follows below.

- (1) Exemption requirements

The exemption applies for candidates whose primary household resides in an area to which the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster or the Relief Act (Act No. 118 of 1947) after March 2011 is applied, and who falls under any of the following categories:

- ① A person who has been issued a municipal certificate whose primary residence has been destroyed or suffered severe damage.
- ② A person whose primary household resides in one of the areas prescribed under the Special Measures Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Act (Act No. 156 of 1999) or those who reside or resided in a (A) Warning area, (B) Planned evacuation area, or (C) Emergency evacuation preparation area.
- ③ A person whose primary household has a member that died or became missing due to a disaster.

- (2) Exemption application procedure

Those who intend to receive an exemption from the entrance examination fee must submit an "Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee" with one of the following certificates (possible copies) at the time of application:

- ① For persons under categories (1).① and (1).② above, applicants must submit a certificate of damage or injury suffered from natural disaster.

- ② For persons under category (1).③ above, applicants must submit a certificate confirming the loss of a primary household member due to a natural disaster.

Applicants having any questions about the documents to be submitted should contact the Administrative Office for Admission Center.

Any applicants who are determined not to fulfill the requirements for exemption will be contacted by telephone by the Administrative Office for Admission Center.

IV. Enrollment Formalities

1. Enrollment period

Students enrolling in April 2021 shall perform enrollment formalities in March. Students enrolling in October 2021 shall do so in September 2021.

The details of enrollment formalities will be included in the letter of acceptance. Individuals who do not complete the enrollment formalities during this period will be deemed to have declined entry to the program.

2. Required documents

The required documents are an examination ticket and other forms designated by the University. Please do not lose your examination ticket because it is needed during the enrolment process.

Applicants who have submitted an application for admission under requirement (1), (2), (3), or (4) who anticipate completion of another educational program by the time of entry to the school shall submit a copy of a diploma or Certificate of Degree Conferred by the time of entry to the school. If you are not awarded a master's, professional degree, or the equivalent by the time of entry to the school, you will have your acceptance to the doctoral degree program revoked.

3. Entrance Fee, Tuition, and Other Financial Matters

- (1) Entrance fee, tuition, and other financial matters

Entrance fee: 282,000 yen

Tuition: 535,800 yen (annual fee)

* The entrance fee and tuition are tentative amounts; they may be revised.

*If tuition is revised during the program period, the new tuition will apply from the time of revision.

* Half of the tuition (267,900 yen) shall be paid by each of the designated deadline.

- (2) Personal accident insurance for students pursuing education and research as well as liability insurance(for 3 years) [as of April 2020]

3,620 yen

4. Exemption from the Entrance Fee and/or Tuition and Collection Postponement

- (1) If payment of fees is recognized to be difficult due to special circumstances, the applicant may be fully or partially exempted from payment of the entrance fee and/or tuition.

The admission fee is not exempted for students who enter the graduate program in October.

- (2) If payment of the entrance fee and/or tuition is recognized to be difficult by the designated date, payment may be postponed temporarily.

In such cases, inquire with the Yoto Branch Office of the Student Affairs Department for details.

V. Scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization

Students who wish to apply for this scholarship should refer to the following website.

<https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/convenient/campuslife/exemption.php>

Acknowledgement of Application Requirements

1. Individuals subject to requirements screening

Individuals to whom the following (1) or (2) applies

(1) Individuals with a bachelor's degree to whom both of the following apply.

- ① Individuals who have completed their undergraduate studies and who have participated in research at a university or research institute for two or more years, or who have two or more years of work experience
- ② Individuals who have achievements in writing, academic theses, academic lectures, academic reports, or patents that are evaluated to be equivalent to or greater than a master's thesis

(2) Individuals who have graduated from or completed a program in a junior college, technical college (KOSEN), high school, vocational school, trade school, or another type of educational institution, fall under either ①, ②, or ③ below, and fulfill the requirement of ④

- ① Individuals who have completed a diploma course at a junior college or specialized vocational high school and have participated in research at a university or research institute for two or more years, or who have two or more years of work experience
- ② Individuals who are eligible for transfer to a university, such as those who have graduated from or completed a program in a junior college, technical college (KOSEN), or vocational school that confers degrees and have participated in research at a university or research institute for four or more years, or have four or more years of work experience
- ③ Individuals who are not eligible for transfer to a university, such as those who have graduated from or completed a program in a vocational school or trade school that does not confer any degrees and have participated in research at a university or research institute for six or more years, or have six or more years of work experience
- ④ Individuals who have achievements in writing, academic theses, academic lectures, academic reports, or patents that are evaluated to be equivalent to or greater than a master's thesis

2. Application procedure and other matters

A requirements screening will be conducted for individuals to whom one of the above applies. Applicants should submit the documents required to undergo screening by the deadline.

(1) Required documents

Please download the forms from the University website <<https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/admission/graduate.php>>, enter the required information, and submit the application.

Documents to be submitted	Applicant subject to requirements screening (1)	Applicant subject to requirements screening (2)	Note
Request for application requirements screening	✓	✓	Designated format
Written statement of the reason for application		✓	Designated format
Resume	✓	✓	Designated format
Journal paper summaries, research progress report	✓	✓	Designated format
Research achievement record	✓	✓	Designated format

Copy of thesis, journal paper, etc.	✓	✓	
Transcript from the last school attended		✓	
Diploma or certificate of completion from the last school attended	✓	✓	
Return envelope(N-3 (240 X 332 mm))	✓	✓	Self-addressed envelope, 374-yen stamp affixed

(2) Application period

Submit the application to the Administrative Office for Admission Center at March 5 (Fri.), 2021. Consult with the Administrative Office for Admission Center if you cannot submit the application within the designated period. Individuals who are recognized as qualified to apply for the program prior to the start of the application period should notify the Administrative Office for Admission Center by March 5 (Fri.), 2021.

3. Screening results

- (1) Screenings will be conducted at Utsunomiya University's Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity and individuals will be notified of the results by March 8 (Mon.), 2021.
- (2) Individuals who have been recognized as qualified to apply for the program should carry out the application procedure between March 8 (Mon.) and March 9 (Tue.), 2021.

Special Cases of Education Methods as Stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards

If deemed necessary for educational purposes, a special provision regarding education methods, as stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards, may be granted to those. Based on this provision, the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity may provide special arrangements as necessary, such as holding classes at night (after regular hours from 17:40 until 20:50 hours) and on Saturdays (from 8:40 until 17:30 hours) and shortening the period of research for assignment projects. In addition, students may conduct doctoral dissertation research at the company, etc., where they work, if an instructor determines that the use of superior facilities and equipment owned by the company would produce more effective results.

If you seek to benefit from this provision, please consult the instructor under whom you plan to study before submitting your application.

*Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards

During studies at a graduate school, if special measures are deemed necessary for educational purposes, education may be provided through an appropriate method, such as class sessions or research instructions at night or other specified periods.

Extended Registration Period System

This system caters to students for whom it is difficult to complete the program within the standard three-year period because of employment or other reasons by permitting them to extend their period of study (up to a maximum of six years) in order to facilitate systematic course planning and effective learning. Course planning and the total number of credits are the same as under the standard three-program, which offers a significant reduction in time load per year.

When approval to extend the registration period has been granted, the three-year doctoral program can be completed, for example, in four years. In such case, the three-year tuition will be paid over a four-year period, which means the financial burden per year is also reduced by distributing the three-year tuition (six terms) over four years (eight terms). (If tuition is revised, recalculation will be made based on the revised fee.)

In order to be accepted into this system for extending the registration period, applicants must submit the required documents to the Dean of Utsunomiya University and obtain permission.

If, due to changing circumstances, an individual is unable to complete the program within the extended period, a further extension may be requested up to a maximum of nine years in total. The further extended period in excess of the standard extended period will be considered to be setback years and standard tuition shall apply. Students may newly apply for this extended registration period during the school year or revise the extension period (from four years to five years or from five years to four years) only once.

The application period for this program is as follows.

1. New application

- (1) Upon entry into the program: October admission: during the September enrollment procedure prior to the relevant admission year; April admission: during the March enrollment procedure prior to the relevant admission year
- (2) During the school year: October admission: by the last day of August of the beginning of the relevant term; April admission: by the last day of February of the preceding academic year of the beginning of the relevant term

2. Extension or shortening of the extended period

If you wish to extend the registration period, submit a change in the registration period by the last day of the month prior to the final month of the extended period. If you wish to shorten the extended period, submit a change in the registration period by the last day of the month prior to the intended month of completion.

Make inquiries regarding this system to the Yoto Branch Office of the Student Affairs Department. Details will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.

【Reference】

Graduate School of Utsunomiya University Registration Period Extension (excerpt)

Article 5 Extending the Registration Period

A fixed period approved as an extension of the registration period for systematic course planning exceeding the standard period (hereinafter referred to as an "extended registration period") shall be, as a rule, denominated in one-year increments and as stated in the clauses below.

- (1) The extended registration period for new students acknowledged as students whose registration has been extended in the master's degree program shall be a maximum of four years, and for students in the doctoral degree program shall be a maximum of six years.
- (2) The extended registration period for students acknowledged as students whose registration has been extended during the course of their study shall be double the number of incomplete years.

Article 7 Extension and reduction

Only one change to the extended registration period is permitted. An extension or reduction may be made in six-month increments only when recognized to be necessary by the Graduate School Committee. The deadline for submitting an application for a change to the extended registration period shall be stipulated separately.

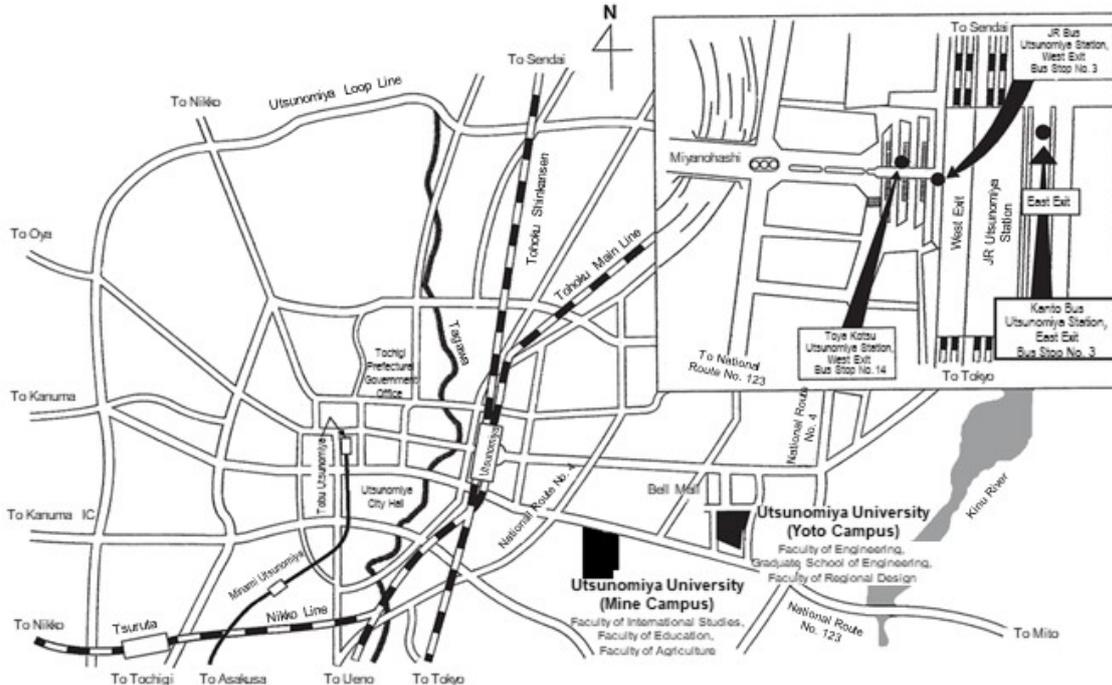
How to Access the Examination Venue

• Time from Tokyo

- JR Tokyo Station: Tohoku Shinkansen / approx. 1hr.
Ueno Tokyo Line, Utsunomiya Line/ approx. 2 hr.
- JR Shinjuku Station: Shonan Shinjuku Line, Tohoku Shinkansen /approx. 1 hr.15min. (Transfer at JR Omiya Station)
Shonan Shinjuku Line, Utsunomiya Line / approx. 1 hr. 50 min.
- Tobu Railway: From Asakusa Station to Tobu Utsunomiya Station/ approx. 2 hr. 30 min.
- Haneda Airport: Airport Limousine, Kanto Transportation / approx. 3hr.

• Time from Sendai

- JR Sendai Station: Tohoku Shinkansen / approx. 1 hr. 20 min.



• Access from JR Utsunomiya Station and Tobu Utsunomiya Station

◎Mine Campus (approx. 2.2 km from JR Utsunomiya Station)

- JR Bus (Bound for Kiyoharadai Danchi, Haga Machiyakuba, Haga Bus Terminal, Ubagai, Motegi, Bell Mall, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Udai-mae Bus Stop (approximately 10 min.)
- Kanto Bus (Bound for Mooka, Mashiko, Kaisei Gakuin, Bell Mall; Oroshi Danchi Junkan, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 14 and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 10 min.)
Board at Tobu Utsunomiya Station Bus Stop and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 20 min.)
- Kanto Bus (Udai Junkan Line, clockwise and counterclockwise routes)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station East Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 10 min.
for the counterclockwise route, and approximately 30 min. for the clockwise route)

◎Yoto Campus (approx. 4.2 km from JR Utsunomiya Station)

- JR Bus (Bound for Haga Machiyakuba, Haga Bus Terminal, Motegi, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Kogakubu-mae Bus Stop (approx. 20 min.)
- Kanto Bus (Bound for Mooka, Mashiko, Kaisei Gakuin, Bell Mall, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 14 and disembark at the Kogakubu-mae Bus Stop (approx. 20 min.)
Board at Tobu Utsunomiya Station Bus Stop and disembark at the Kogakubu-mae Bus Stop (approx. 30 min.)
Note: Buses bound for other destinations will not stop at Kogakubu-mae.
- Kanto Bus (Udai Junkan Line, clockwise and counterclockwise routes)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station East Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Udai Kogakubu Seimon Bus Stop (approx. 15 min.)
Note: Buses come about every 30 minutes.

Faculty members, research contents, and program

Optics and Bio Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
IIMURA, Ken-ichi	Professor	Education and research on the properties and structures of organic ultrathin films as well as the functionalization thereof
UEHARA, Nobuo	Professor	Development of non-linear functional ligands, applied molecular instrumentation engineering
OTANI, Yukitoshi	Professor	Optical measurement, polarization science, polarization engineering, opto-mechatronics
OBA, Toru	Professor	Development of anti-cancer drugs, molecular probes for cellular regulation, and fluorescent probes
KATO, Norihiro	Professor	Development of functional polymers and environment-responsive polymer gels as well as education and research on their applications to biological engineering
SATO, Masahide	Professor	Various process controls and optimization involving heat and property transfer at the interfaces between different phases with surface chemistry methods
SATO, Mie	Professor	Image display technology, human-computer interaction, image processing
SUGIHARA, Okihiro	Professor	Optical waveguide device using functional materials, optical fiber communication device/system, optical interconnection
SHAN, Yue Jin	Professor	Education and research on functional perovskite-type oxide synthesis and the properties thereof
HAYASAKI, Yoshio	Professor	Information photonics, computer-generated holography, digital holography, AI optics, volumetric display, computational imaging, and material laser micro-processing
YAMAMOTO, Hirotosugu	Professor	3D displays, depth perception, information display technology by use of spatio-temporal coding, digital signage
YUGAMI, Noboru	Professor	Electromagnetic radiation through the interaction between ultra-high-power lasers and plasma. Development of plasma photonics devices
KARIKOMI, Michinori	Associate Prof.	Development of de novo synthesis reactions and synthesis of organic compounds with unique structures by employing de novo synthesis reactions
KODAMA, Yutaka	Associate Prof.	Organelle movements in plants
SATO, Takafumi	Associate Prof.	Development of high efficiency reaction and separation process with supercritical fluids and membrane
SHINODA, Kazuma	Associate Prof.	Spectral and polarization imaging, image processing
SUZUKI, Tomohiro	Associate Prof.	Purification and structural determination of natural products. Genetic analysis using next generation sequencing.

Optics and Bio Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
TAMADA, Yosuke	Associate Prof.	Biological and molecular optics, understanding biological phenomena with bioimaging and optical cell manipulation
TEZUKA, Keitaro	Associate Prof.	Synthesis and properties of functional inorganic materials
NINOMIYA, Nao	Associate Prof.	3D turbulence measurement of thermal and fluid phenomena employing visualization and image processing technologies
BARADA, Daisuke	Associate Prof.	Vectorial wave holography, optic and mechanical energy transfer, space-time optical signal analysis, general optical coordinates
FUJIMURA, Ryushi	Associate Prof.	Development of optical function materials (hologram recording materials, plasmonic metamaterials) and research on next-generation optical memory systems
FURUSAWA, Takeshi	Associate Prof.	A novel catalytic reaction system is proposed based on the knowledge of catalysis and chemical engineering. A highly active catalyst or functional material for energy and environmental processes is also developed.
MATSUMOTO, Taki	Associate Prof.	Liquid phase synthesis of inorganic and inorganic/organic composite materials, creation and increased sophistication of optical functional materials (photocatalysts, coatings, etc.)
MIYAKAWA, Hitoshi	Associate Prof.	Molecular mechanisms and evolutionary processes of environmental responses in arthropod species
MOROHOSHI, Tomohiro	Associate Prof.	Analysis of communication between microorganism at the genetic level and application of pathogenic technology
YOSHIHARA, Sachio	Associate Prof.	Atomic level surface control using electrochemical methods and development of new functional materials

Advanced Engineering Systems Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
IKEDA, Hirokazu	Professor	Effects of flowing environments on the ecology of plants and fish in rivers, lakes, and marshes; added value with environmental information
ISHIDA, Kunio	Professor	Large-scale quantum-mechanical simulations on the photoexcitation/relaxation dynamics of solids
ITO, Satoshi	Professor	MRI imaging and image reconstruction method, medical image processing, image restoration
IRIE, Akinobu	Professor	Development of new-function quantum devices using a superconducting superlattice structure, research on nano-electronics
OOTSU, Kanemitsu	Professor	Analysis of computational systems, parallel processing, optimizing system software
OZAKI, Koichi	Professor	Robot vision, mobile robots, intelligence systems, farming robots, robot design
KOGAMI, Yoshinori	Professor	Circuit technology for microwave millimeter waves and material evaluation technology
SHIMAWAKI, Satoshi	Professor	Biomedical instrumentation and measurements, welfare engineering, musculoskeletal multibody simulation, biomechanics, and medical engineering
SUGIYAMA, Hisashi	Professor	Mechanism of cement hydration, high-strength concrete, maximized precast concrete curing
TAKAYAMA, Yoshimasa	Professor	System control of structural materials aiming to reduce environmental loads, integrated function structural materials
NAKAJIMA, Shiro	Professor	Building recycling and resource usage Performance evaluation of wooden buildings and wooden materials
HASEGAWA, Hiroaki	Professor	Application of fluid mechanics in the fields of aviation, outer space, medicine, and sports
HASEGAWA, Hiroshi	Professor	Sound signal processing, sound measurement, wave theory and its applications
HASEGAWA, Madoka	Professor	Video encoding, image processing, digital watermarks, Web usability, usable security
HIGASHIGUCHI, Takeshi	Professor	Next-generation semiconductor lithography EUV illuminants, short-wave long lasers, ultra-short-pulsed lasers
HIRATA, Mitsuo	Professor	Robust control theory; sample control theory; high-speed, high-precision positioning control and industrial applications thereof
FUJIWARA, Hiromi	Professor	High performance concrete and reinforced concrete structures
FUNATO, Hirohito	Professor	Electric power control with power electronics, power electronics circuits, renewable energy generation
MASUDA, Hiroshi	Professor	Mechanical behavior of steel beam end connections, beam joints, press end connections, and column bases of steel building systems; earthquake resistance evaluation assessments of construction
MABUCHI, Yutaka	Professor	Low/ High friction surface designed by micro /nano engineering Functional surface aiming for high heat transfer /heat insulation

Advanced Engineering Systems Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
YAJIMA, Tetsu	Professor	Analysis of mathematical physics, computational physics, and unlimited flexibility integrable systems
YOKOTA, Kazutaka	Professor	Self-distributed robot systems, rough terrain mobile robots, support and automated product assembly plans
YOKOTA, Takashi	Professor	Parallel and distributed computing systems, embedded computer systems, design methodology
YOSHIDA, Katsutoshi	Professor	Human dynamics, non-linear mechanics, stochastic mechanics
AZUMA, Takehito	Associate Prof.	System control theory and research on applications to networking and system biology
ISHIKAWA, Tomoharu	Associate Prof.	Models and applications for multisensory integration, development of information presentation technology applied to diverse senses, realization of pleasant viewing environments
UNNO, Toshiyasu	Associate Prof.	Soil mechanics, Geotechnical engineering
KASHIWAKURA, Takayuki	Associate Prof.	Development of in-solid electronic state analytical technology, research on photoemission spectroscopy and X-ray emission spectroscopy
KOIKE, Masafumi	Associate Prof.	Theoretical elementary particle physics, mathematical physics
GOTO, Hiroki	Associate Prof.	Study of electrical motors/generators and their applications
SAKUMA, Hiroshi	Associate Prof.	Development of point measurement devices, analysis of crystal structures, development of thin film and nano-particle production devices
SATO, Ryunosuke	Associate Prof.	Planarization process with mechanochemical polishing, nano-machining, ultrafine grinding, grinding processes
SHIMIZU, Takashi	Associate Prof.	Research on microwave, millimeter wave, and terahertz wave circuit technology as well as material evaluation technology
ZOU, Yanhua	Associate Prof.	Fundamentals and application of precision machining, special processing, electric and magnetic compound precision processing and magnetic grinding
SHIRAYORI, Atsushi	Associate Prof.	Plasticity, tube formation, weight reduction of machine parts
SEIKI, Takafumi	Associate Prof.	Structural stability of rock construction and long-term stability evaluation, effective use of underground spaces
SEKIKAWA, Munehisa	Associate Prof.	Non-linear dynamics, oscillator synchronization phenomenon, chaos
TOYAMA, Fubito	Associate Prof.	Evolutionary computation, image processing, pattern recognition
NAKANO, Tatsuya	Associate Prof.	Research related to the evaluation and improvement of the mechanical performance of joint sections of steel buildings, development of design and construction techniques related to earthquake reinforcement, and repair of existing steel buildings

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Name	Title	Research content
FUJII, Masahiro	Associate Prof.	Wireless communication systems, telecommunication networks, ubiquitous communication
FUJIKURA, Shuichi	Associate Prof.	Earthquake Resistant Design, Blast and Impact Load Resistant Design, Multi-hazard Resistant Design, Composite Structures of Concrete and Steel
FUJIMOTO, Satoshi	Associate Prof.	Management and analysis of existing building stocks Maintenance and monitoring of existing building stocks
HOSHINO, Satoshi	Associate Prof.	Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
MARUOKA, Masanori	Associate Prof.	High-value-added concrete materials, technology for upgrading industrial by-product concrete materials
MORI, Hiroki	Associate Prof.	Analysis of verbal communication features and modelling, and application thereof to the advancement of man-machine interactions
MORI, Hiroshi	Associate Prof.	Computer graphics, image processing
YAJIMA, Takahiro	Associate Prof.	Geometric research on non-linear dynamics and continuum mechanics
YAMAMOTO, Tokujiro	Associate Prof.	New functions and structure material inventions through material formation and atomic arrangement controls and assessment thereof, material properties, material formation, material evaluation
YODA, Hidehiko	Associate Prof.	Development of optical electronic devices and optical thin film devices required for optical communication and optical information processing
YORIKAWA, Hiroharu	Associate Prof.	Research on numerical simulation of solid electronic structures with a focus on low-dimensional materials
WATANABE, Shinichi	Associate Prof.	Quantification of human psychological states, engineering education teaching methods and evaluation of education effects

Global and Regional Development Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
ISHIKAWA, Yumiko	Professor	Psychology of special education, clinical developmental psychology, Research on communication development with artifact mediation
ISOYA, Akira	Professor	Economics, History of finance
OHMORI, Nobuaki	Professor	Urban transportation systems, analysis of human and transportation activities, barrier-free town development
OHMORI, Reiko	Professor	Science and culture of diet, nutrition and health
SHIMODA, Jun	Professor	German Cultural History
SUZUKI, Keiko	Professor	Modern Japanese literature
TAKAHASHI, Toshimori	Professor	Landscape ecology, GIS, Remote sensing of environment
TAKAHASHI, Wakana	Professor	Global environmental politics, Comparative environmental politics
QI, Jie	Professor	Research interests including postmodern theories and postcolonial theories in teacher education, multicultural education and language education.
JEONG, Gwiryun	Professor	Comparative literature, Japanese literature, Korean literature
NAKAMURA, Makoto	Professor	Emotion studies, Facial expressions and communication of emotion
NAKAMURA, Yuji	Professor	Public administration, Local autonomy
MATSUI, Takako	Professor	Japanese culture, Comparative literature and culture, Japanese literature
MATSUKANE, Kimimasa	Professor	Chinese history, Taiwanese history, Buddhism
KAEWMANOTHAM, Malee	Professor	Regional and community studies, Development and community/community-based organization/community-based management in Thailand
YAMAOKA, Satoshi	Professor	Project management and financing of infrastructure, project evaluation methods, development and dissemination of renewable energy
YUMOTO, Hiroyuki	Professor	International education (global/development/citizenship education and education for sustainable development), International development (Int'l cooperation/overseas aid/development theories), Civil society & Citizen organization (NGO/NPO/voluntary activities/social movement)
YOKOO, Noriyoshi	Professor	Energy-saving systems for construction and urban area

Global and Regional Development Design Program

Name	Title	Research content
YOSHIDA, Kazuhiko	Professor	Multilingual communication, General linguistics, Foreign language education, Philosophy of linguistics, Philosophy of language
YONEYAMA, Masafumi	Professor	19th-century literature of the United States
ISHII, Daiichiro	Associate Prof.	Community policy, Citizen participation, Nonprofit organizations
IZUHA, Takashi	Associate Prof.	Art History, Study on landscape painting and British culture
ONO, Tokiko	Associate Prof.	Russian literature and culture
OSADA, Teppei	Associate Prof.	City planning, Transportation planning, Logistics
KOGA, Takaaki	Associate Prof.	Construction safety, environmental psychology, construction plans, construction design
KOMURA, Manabu	Associate Prof.	Rural sociology, Social anthropology, Sociology of knowledge
KONDO, Shinya	Associate Prof.	Disaster reduction management, Disaster Educational Technology
SAKAMOTO, Kumiko	Associate Prof.	Area studies (Africa), Social development, Ethnobotany
SATOH, Eiji	Associate Prof.	Locations for establishing medical and welfare facilities (for nursing, the handicapped, and childcare), service level optimization
SHIMIZU, Nanako	Associate Prof.	International Relations, International Organizations
SUEYOSHI, Ana	Associate Prof.	Latin American political economy, South American immigrants in Japan and Nikkeijin studies
TAKAYAMA, Keiko	Associate Prof.	Early modern history of Japan
TAKAYAMA, Michiyo	Associate Prof.	Japanese linguistics, Historical linguistics of Japanese
NAKAGAWA, Atsushi	Associate Prof.	Conversation Analysis, Long-distance caregiving, Sociology for aging
MATSUO, Masaki	Associate Prof.	Political economy, Middle East Area studies
MATSUMURA, Fuminori	Associate Prof.	International politics in East Asia, Chinese politics and diplomacy
MITA, Hiroka	Associate Prof.	Policy Process, Analysis of Policy Change, Regulation and Reregulation, Central-Local Relations
YAMADA, Yukiko	Associate Prof.	International journal, Hegelian philosophy, Society for ethics