

Chiba University
Graduate School of Science and Engineering

Master's Program for
Japanese Government/MEXT Scholarship
International Students Special Selection

Admission Guidelines

April 2024 Admission/2nd Selection
October 2024 Admission/1st Selection

Before applying, please contact directly a desired research supervisor in the education and research field that you wish to choose to confirm your choice.

Graduate School of Science and Engineering <https://www.se.chiba-u.jp/en/index.html>
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There may be some changes in the method or schedules of entrance examination from the aspect of preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). It will be updated on the Graduate School website above as new information comes in.

The Graduate School of Science and Engineering invites applicants for its Master's Program of Japanese government/MEXT scholarship international students as outlined in the table below. An applicant may not submit two or more applications at the same time, to the graduate school.

Before applying, please contact directly a supervisor in the education and research field that you wish to choose, and inquire about the content, etc. of the related education and research so as to confirm your choice.

You can view Admissions Policy of every department in addition to those of the university and the graduate school on the website.

1. Divisions, Departments and Number of Students to Be Admitted

Division	Department	Fields*	Number of Students to Be Admitted	
			April 2024 Admission 2 nd Selection	October 2024 Admission 1 st Selection
Mathematics and Informatics	Mathematics and Informatics	Sci.	A few	A few
	Applied and Cognitive Informatics	Eng.	A few	A few
Earth and Environmental Sciences	Earth Sciences	Sci.	A few	A few
	Environmental Remote Sensing	Eng.	A few	A few
	Urban Environment Systems	Eng.	A few	A few
Advanced Sciences and Engineering	Physics	Sci.	A few	A few
	Materials Science	Eng.	A few	A few
	Chemistry	Sci.	A few	A few
	Applied Chemistry and Biotechnology	Eng.	A few	A few
	Biology	Sci.	A few	A few
	Quantum Life Science	Sci.	A few	A few
Creative Engineering	Architecture	Eng.	A few	A few
	Imaging Sciences	Eng.	A few	A few
	Design	Eng.	A few	A few
Fundamental Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Eng.	A few	A few
	Medical Engineering	Eng.	A few	A few
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Eng.	A few	A few

*Sci.: Science fields, Eng.: Engineering fields

2. Qualifications for Admission Application

At the time of application, applicants should be receiving a Japanese government (*Monbukagakusho*/MEXT) scholarship as international research students at the graduate level except an undergraduate university students, or have been selected as a Japanese government (*Monbukagakusho*/MEXT) scholarship international student, or be candidates of MEXT scholarship international students (international research students at the graduate level). And besides they are required to meet one of the following requirements, however it is not acceptable for those who graduated or expect to graduate from college or university of Japan to apply for this selection.

**The asterisked deadline of March 2024* in the following (1)-(6) concerns applicants who will enter the graduate school in April 2024. For applicants proposing to enter from October 2024, the deadline is September 2024.*

- (1) They must have completed a 16-year program in the educational institutions in a foreign country, or expect to complete such a program by March 2024*.
- (2) They must have completed a 16-year program in the educational institutions of a foreign country, or expect to complete such a program by March 2024*, after taking a correspondence program offered in Japan by a foreign school.
- (3) They must have completed, or are expected to complete a foreign university curriculum by March 2024*, through which the applicant is certified as having completed 16 years of school education in the respective foreign country, at an educational facility in Japan that has been accredited as having a curriculum approved under the educational system of the respective foreign country and is so designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Minister of MEXT”).
- (4) They must have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree by March 2024*, by completing a three-year or longer program at a foreign university or other foreign educational facility. The university or educational facility must have been accredited by the respective foreign government or a person certified by the appropriate foreign governmental agency, or have been so designated by the Minister of MEXT (This includes applicants who have completed an appropriate program offered by the respective foreign educational facility through distance learning while residing in Japan, and applicants who have completed an appropriate foreign educational program at an educational facility in Japan as specified in the previous category.).
- (5) They must have completed a 15-year program in the educational institutions in a foreign country, or must have completed a 15-year program in the educational institutions of a foreign country after taking a correspondence program offered in Japan by a foreign school, by March 2024* and have been recognized by this graduate school as having obtained the prescribed number of credits with superior grades.
- (6) They must have been recognized to have scholastic attainments that are at least the equivalent of those of graduates of foreign universities, based on an examination, conducted by this graduate school, of the applicant’s qualifications to enter this school, and be also 22 years of age or be going to turn 22 by March 2024*.

Applicants who would meet the Required Qualifications (5) or (6) above need another procedure in advance. Please see “4. Request for Judging Applicant’s Qualification to Take the Entrance Examination”.

3. Application Procedure

- (1) Application Period: Tue., December 12 – Wed., December 13, 2023 (without fail)
- (2) Application Method
 - ① If mailing your application in Japan, please send it by a simple registered mail, writing “Contents: Application for Master’s Program for MEXT Scholarship International Students Special Selection” in red on the envelope.
If mailing from outside Japan, send it by EMS (Express Mail Service).
Mailed applications must arrive before 5:00 p.m. Japan time by the same deadline as above.
Incomplete documents might be not accepted. When application is to be made directly from abroad, applicants are strongly advised to contact the department in charge of the admissions for the program for confirmation of the applications well ahead of the application deadline. (See p. 4.)
 - ② If submitting your application in person, visit the department in charge between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

(3) Application Materials

Those prescribed forms of **A1-a** **A1-b** **B1-a** **B1-b** **A2** **B2** and **C** should be downloaded to use from the website of the graduate school.

<i>Required Materials</i>	<i>Notes</i>
① Application Forms	Fill in the prescribed form as below. > A1-a A1-b for April Admission > B1-a B1-b for October Admission
② Admission Ticket for Examination and Photo ID Card	Fill in the prescribed forms as below. Do not separate these forms of Admission Ticket for Examination from Photo ID Card. > A2 for April Admission > B2 for October Admission
③ Official Transcripts	An official transcript prepared by the president or dean of the last attended university.
④ (Expected) Graduation Certificate	An officially certified copy of the (expected) graduation certificate prepared by the president or dean of the last attended university or college. However, the applicant who submits an expected graduation certificate, must submit a graduation certificate following completion of his undergraduate program by the time of the entrance procedure.
⑤ Examination Fee	No fee should be charged. Current candidates of Japanese Government (<i>Monbukagakusho</i> /MEXT) scholarship will be, however, required to pay JPY30,000 as the examination fee, when they have not been selected finally as a recipient of MEXT scholarship.
⑥ 3 Photographs	Paste 3 identical-frontal photographs from the waist up of yourself, without a hat, taken within the 3 months prior to application with a glue; one to the prescribed place on Application Form A1-a or B1-a and the others on Admission Ticket for Examination and Photo ID Card A2 or B2 . (photo size: 4 cm long x 3 cm wide)
⑦ Official Certificate Certifying a Japanese Government/MEXT Scholarship International Student	<p>● Applicants residing in Japan An official certificate certifying a Japanese government/MEXT scholarship international student, prepared by the university in Japan enrolled as a research student. A research student currently enrolled at Chiba University is not required to submit it.</p> <p>● Applicants residing outside Japan > By embassy recommendation A photocopy of a letter of notification of being selected as a successful recipient, prepared by a Japanese government/MEXT. Candidates of MEXT scholarship international students (international research students at the graduate level) need to contact the department in charge in advance. > By university recommendation It is not required.</p>
⑧ Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Download and fill in the prescribed form C .
⑨ Certificate of Residence (<i>Juminhyo-no-Utsushi</i>) or Photocopy of Passport	<p>● Applicants residing in Japan This document must be obtained at the city, ward, town or village office in which the applicant resides. Photocopy is not accepted. This must include information as below. 1. Visa status (<i>Zairyu-shikaku</i> or <i>Zairyu-kubun</i>) 2. Authorized period of stay (<i>Zairyu-kan</i>) in Japan 3. Nationality However, we are not allowed to accept the one written the code of the Social Security and Tax Number System (called “My Number” System).</p> <p>● Applicants residing outside Japan Please submit a photocopy of passport that indicates full name, date of birth, sex, and if applicable, a copy of Japanese visa page.</p>

(4) Points of Concern Regarding Application Submission

- ① Incomplete applications may not be accepted.
- ② **All official and original copies are required unless otherwise specified.** Photocopies, faxes and unofficial printouts cannot be accepted. Submitted documents for application will not be returned under any circumstances. In case you wish to submit an original copy which cannot be reissued, be sure to consult the department in charge of the admissions for the program in advance.
- ③ A word processing software may be used to fill in the forms prescribed by this school, that are to be submitted.
- ④ Changing the contents of submitted documents will not be allowed once the application procedures are completed.
However, if you change your address after the application, please provide written notification to that effect. (The form to be used is optional.)
- ⑤ Entrance permission may be revoked at any time, even after enrollment, if the application documents are found to be invalid or containing any false information.
- ⑥ Regarding the procedure of the visa, applicants residing abroad must make sure of it well in advance and follow the procedure at the nearby Japanese Embassy or Consulate in their country on their own responsibility.
- ⑦ In addition to being used for selecting applicants, personal information collected in the applicant selection process may be used for such purposes as managerial and administrative activities, academic guidance activities, and activities related to research and study on applicant selection methods.
- ⑧ Contact & Destination of Admission Application Submission

SCIENCE FIELDS

The department of: Mathematics and Informatics

Earth Sciences

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Quantum Life Science

Department in charge of admissions: Student Affairs Unit for Faculty of Science
Student Affairs Division for Science and Engineering
Nishi-Chiba Area Administration Office
Chiba University

Address: 1-33 Yayoi-cho, Inage-ku, Chiba City, Chiba 263-8522 Japan

TEL: 043-290-2880

Email: rigaku-nyushi@chiba-u.jp

Location for submission of application in person: Faculty of Science Bldg. #1, 2nd floor

ENGINEERING FIELDS

The department of: Applied and Cognitive Informatics

Environmental Remote Sensing

Urban Environment Systems

Materials Science

Applied Chemistry and Biotechnology

Architecture

Imaging Sciences

Design

Mechanical Engineering

Medical Engineering

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Department in charge of admissions: Graduate Student Affairs Unit
Student Affairs Division for Science and Engineering
Nishi-Chiba Area Administration Office
Chiba University

Address: 1-33 Yayoi-cho, Inage-ku, Chiba City, Chiba 263-8522 Japan

TEL: 043-290-3885

Email: kougaku-daigakuin@office.chiba-u.jp

Location for submission of application in person: Faculty of Engineering Bldg. #11, 1st floor

4. Request for Judging Applicant's Qualification to Take the Entrance Examination

The applicant applicable under either Qualification (5) or (6) must follow this procedure so that the graduate school could judge whether he/she is qualified to take the entrance examination.

Please contact the department in charge of the admissions for the program before applying. (See p.4.)

(1) Required Materials

Submit the documents listed below with a ○ mark by the application deadline. Those prescribed forms of **C** and **D** should be downloaded to use from the website of this graduate school.

Required Materials	Notes	Qualification	
		(5)	(6)
Request for Judging Applicant's Qualification to Apply for Master's Program	Download and fill in the prescribed form D .	○	○
Official Transcripts	An official transcript prepared by the president or dean of the last attended university is available.	○	○
(Expected) Graduation Certificate	An officially certified copy of the official (expected) graduation certificate prepared by the president or dean of the last attended university is available.	○	○
Letter of Recommendation	<p>● Applicant of Qualification (5) Prepared by the president or dean of the last attended university. The form to be used is optional.</p> <p>● Applicants of Qualification (6) If the applicant is employed, a letter from the head or an individual who is in a supervisory position at the workplace may be used. Otherwise, a letter of self-recommendation is acceptable. The form to be used is optional.</p>	○	○
Official Certificate Certifying a Japanese Government/MEXT Scholarship International Student	<p>● Applicants residing in Japan An official certificate certifying a Japanese government/MEXT scholarship international student, prepared by the university in Japan enrolled as a research student. A research student currently enrolled at Chiba University is not required to submit it.</p> <p>● Applicants residing outside Japan ➤ By embassy recommendation A photocopy of a letter of notification of being selected as a successful recipient, prepared by a Japanese government/MEXT. Candidates of MEXT scholarship international students (international research students at the graduate level) need to contact us, the department in charge of the admissions for the program in advance. ➤ By university recommendation It is not required.</p>	○	○
Curriculum of Undergraduate Education	Subjects and the number of credits required for graduation must be specified.	○	/
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Download and fill in the prescribed form C .	○	○

Certificate of Residence (<i>Juminhyo-no-Utsushi</i>) or Photocopy of Passport	<p>●Applicants residing in Japan This document must be obtained at the city, ward, town or village office in which the applicant resides. Photocopy is not accepted. This must include information as below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visa status (<i>Zairyu-shikaku</i> or <i>Zairyu-kubun</i>) 2. Authorized period of stay (<i>Zairyu-kan</i>) in Japan 3. Nationality <p>However, we are not allowed to accept the one written the code of the Social Security and Tax Number System (called “My Number” System).</p> <p>●Applicants residing outside Japan Please submit a photocopy of passport that indicates full name, date of birth, sex, and if applicable, a copy of Japanese visa page.</p>	○	○
Others	A writing sample or treatise which is useful for the judge.	/	○

(2) Submission Period: Thu., November 9 – Fri., November 10, 2023 (without fail)

(3) Submission Method

① If mailing your application in Japan, please send it by a simple registered mail, writing “Contents: Request for Judging Applicant’s Qualification for Master’s Program for MEXT Scholarship Int’l Students Special Selection” in red on the envelope.

If mailing from outside Japan, send it by EMS (Express Mail Service).

Mailed applications must arrive before 5:00 p.m. Japan time by the same deadline as above.

Incomplete documents might be not accepted. When application is to be made directly from abroad, applicants are strongly advised to contact the department in charge of the admissions for the program (See p. 4.) for confirmation of the applications well ahead of the application deadline.

② If submitting your application in person, visit the department in charge between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

(4) Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified of the decision whether to recognize their qualification by a simple registered mail or EMS.

(5) Admission Application Procedures

The applicants who are approved that they are qualified to take the entrance examination by this graduate school, still need to submit the rest of the admission application documents during the admission application period (see Section 3 and 4), though the documents already submitted in this recognition process are not necessary to be resubmitted for that.

(6) Entrants Selection Process

The admission’s selection of the applicants approved in this recognition process, is conducted in the same manner as general applicants.

5. Entrants Selection Process

(1) Selection Method

Applicants will be selected based on an examination (an oral interview) and academic transcripts.

(2) Examination

Oral interview: It will include a check in the basic scholastic ability and a research proposal and others.

*For applicants residing abroad, the examination date and place might be considered and then decided based on the advance consultation before the admission application. Please contact desired supervisor for more information.

(3) Examination Date and Time

Thu., February 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

(4) Examination Location

It will be held on Nishi-Chiba campus at Chiba University. Please confirm the notice posted on the bulletin board for more details. (See section 6-(1) below.)

6. Precautions

- (1) Necessary information about the examination and assignment of examination rooms will be posted on the bulletin board of the Faculty of Science Bldg. #1 for the applicants to the Science fields, and the one of the Faculty of Engineering Bldg. #10 for those to the Engineering fields at 10:00 a.m. the day before the examination.
- (2) Please be sure to bring and have the Admission Ticket for Examination with you on the entrance examination day.
- (3) On the entrance examination day, there happen to be some traders concerned with soliciting for notice of the exam results by telegram or the sales of goods at the nearby station or campus around. Those acts bear no relation to Chiba University. You must be careful not to be in troubled by being charged unreasonably for them. Chiba University will take no responsibility for it even if such an accident happens.

7. Announcement of Examination Results

Successful applicants' application codes will be posted on the Graduate School website as below.

<i>Graduate School website</i>	https://www.se.chiba-u.jp
<i>Viewing Period</i>	Fri., Feb. 16, 2:00 p.m. – Tue., Feb. 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

For all applicants, the graduate school will promptly send, the letter of the examination results to the address written on the prescribed form **A1-a** or **B1-a**, by mail (Letter Pack Plus or EMS). For successful applicants who are accepted, a Letter of Notification of Acceptance (*Gokaku Tsuchisho*) and the relative documents such as admission procedures will be also sent.

Please note that they will NOT be allowed to enter Chiba University, if the current candidates of MEXT Scholarship international students (international research students at the graduate level) would unfortunately not be selected as a successful recipient of MEXT Scholarship.

Any questions concerning results by telephone or email are not available.

8. Entrance Procedures

(1) Period

It will vary depending on the type of admission as below.

<i>Admission Type</i>	April 2024 Admission	October 2024 Admission
<i>Entrance Procedures Period</i>	Please refer to entrance procedures materials regarding the deadlines and methods.	Please refer to entrance procedures materials regarding the deadlines and methods.
<i>Delivery of Entrance Procedures Materials</i>	Detailed information and documents related to entrance procedures will be sent to the successful applicants with the Letter of Notification of Acceptance by mail (EMS or Letter Pack Plus) right after the announcement of examination results.	Detailed information and documents related to entrance procedures will be sent to the successful applicants by mail (EMS or Letter Pack Light) around in late August 2024.

Note: 1. A Letter of Notification of Acceptance or Admission Ticket for Examination will be needed for administrative process upon the entrance procedures. Please keep it securely.

2. **The successful applicants who did not complete the entrance procedures within the prescribed entrance procedures period mentioned above, will be regarded as enrollment declining.**

(2) Expenses

- Admission/Tuition Fees: There are no fees to be charged.
- All the international students are required to get both insurances of i and ii as below that are payable at any post office or *Yucho* Bank in Japan.
 - i) Insurance for Injuries from Accidents (called “*Gakkensai*”)
JPY1,750 (for 2 years), and besides,
 - ii) Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with “*Gakkensai*” (called “*Futai*”)
JPY3,260 for Type A (for 2 years), or
JPY20,130 for Type B (for 2 years)

The new insurance premiums will go into effect as of the time of the revision if the insurance premiums have been revised.

Further details will be informed at the time of the entrance procedures.

For any inquiries, please contact the Student Support Division in the Department of Student Affairs.

Phone: (043) 290-2162

Email: ddc2162@office.chiba-u.jp

9. Completion Conditions

The standard residence period in the master's program is two years. It is the necessary conditions to complete the master's program that you must be registered for two years or more, and also take thirty credits or more which are provided by this graduate school, and besides, successfully pass inspection of the master's thesis or the result of study on a specific subject, and the final examination.

10. Early Completion

A student may shorten the period required to complete the master's program to one year if the student has met the completion conditions in the program, and besides, achieved excellent research results while enrolled in the program.

Based on "the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act", Chiba University established "the Security Export Control Regulations of National University Corporation Chiba University" and is conducting rigid examinations before accepting students.
Desired research activities may be restricted when they are applicable to the regulations.