

Career Development Program on "Food Safety"

KAGAWA UNIVERSITY 2015

(government-financed and self-financed foreign students)

The Graduate School of Agriculture of Kagawa University (Special Master's Course)

Application Guide

1. Program Objectives

Kagawa University has formed a consortium with 11 Japanese food companies (hereafter consortium companies), focusing on food and developing food resources overseas, to create the "Career Development Program on Food Safety". Developing "safe foods" requires the creation of a systematic approach that encompasses all aspects of the food industry, such as: animal husbandry, training, harvesting, processing, production, distribution and sales. This program nurtures and develops talented, internationally minded people. Graduates will strong managerial skills and a thorough understanding of management philosophy, as well as a working command of the Japanese language and an understanding of Japanese business culture.

Candidates must make a commitment in writing to seek professional careers in the consortium companies after completion of this two-year Master's Course. Graduates of this program may not directly undertake doctoral or other studies at Kagawa University.

2. Academic Plan

- (1) The Career Development Program on Food Safety is a master's degree program. After completion of all the requirements for this two-year program, candidates will be awarded a master's degree from Kagawa University. The requirements include 33 credits from the special course curriculum, and achieving a passing score on the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Level N2 or demonstrating a corresponding level of Japanese language ability.
- (2) Most of the classes, research instruction and guidance are conducted in Japanese.

3. Field of Study

Applicants should choose a field of study from the following nine fields:

- A. Food Chemistry
- B. Food Physics and Food Processing
- C. Food Hygiene
- D. Nutritional Biochemistry
- E. Applied Microbiology
- F. Food Protein Functionality
- G. Food Engineering
- H. Rare Sugar Science
- I. Animal Science.

Applicants should refer to the attached pdf (sheet 1: Research plan with following academic staff) and select three advisors in order of preference, from first to third.

4. Number of Students

Five [5] government-financed foreign students (maximum of three [3] candidates per university)
 Three [3] self-financed foreign students (maximum of three [3] candidates per university)

5. Qualifications/Entrance Requirements

(1) Qualifications: Currently enrolled at or have graduated from one of the following universities:

Bangladesh	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, University of Dhaka
Brazil	State University of Londrina
Brunei	Universiti Brunei Darussalam
China	China Agricultural University, Henan Agricultural University, Jiangnan University, Nanjing Agricultural University, Tianjin Agricultural University, Zhejiang Gongshang University, Zhejiang University
Indonesia	Bogor Agricultural University, Diponegoro University, Hasanuddin University, Universitas Gadjah Mada
India	University of Delhi
Malaysia	Universiti Putra Malaysia
Thailand	Assumption University, Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Maejo University, Assumption University
United States	University of California, Davis, Oregon State University, Michigan State University
Viet Nam	Can Tho University, Hanoi University of Science and Technology

Students from universities that have an academic exchange agreement with Kagawa University and have been accepted by the Dean of Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University are also eligible to apply.

- (2) Eligibility: Graduates of four-year university programs, or students that will graduate by September 30, 2015 and are recommended by the Dean of their faculty.
- (3) Nationality: Citizens of countries that have diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. (Only applies to Japanese Government-financed foreign students)
- (4) Age: Applicants must be under 35 years old as of April 1, 2015. (Born on or after April 2, 1980).
- (5) Academic Performance:

Applicants (both Japanese Government-financed and self-financed foreign students) must have a minimum average GPA of 2.30 (on a 3 point scale) in each of the past two years of study. Applicants are required to maintain a minimum average GPA of 2.30 (on a 3 point scale) during the scholarship benefit period.

(Conversion chart)

4-level rating	Grade				
		A	B	C	F
		100~80	79~70	69~60	59~
5-level rating	S	A	B	C	F
	A	B	C	D	F
	100~90	89~80	79~70	69~60	59~
Grade Point	3	3	2	1	0

(GPA Formula)

$$\frac{([\text{No. of GP 3 Credits}] * 3) + ([\text{No. of GP 2 Credits}] * 2) + ([\text{No. of GP 1 Credits}] * 1)}{\text{Total Number of Registered Credits (including No. of GP 0 Credits)}}$$

- ※ No. = Number, GP = Grade Point
- ※ Rounded off to the third decimal point
- ※ If the applicants' university does not use a 4-level rating or 5-level rating system, the Admission Committee will calculate GPA in consideration of the university's rating system.

(6) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to study at university.

(7) Language:

- 1) Applicants must be able to communicate well in English and Japanese.
- 2) Applicants must learn Japanese language before coming to Japan. A level of Japanese language proficiency corresponding to the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Level (JLPT) N4* or higher is required.

* Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Level N4 - The ability to understand basic Japanese.

Reading - One is able to read and understand passages on familiar daily topics written using basic vocabulary and kanji.

Listening - One is able to listen to and generally understand conversations encountered in daily life provided that they are spoken slowly.

Please refer to the following website: <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>

To be eligible to be awarded a master's degree from Kagawa University, students must achieve a passing score on the JLPT Level N2 or demonstrate a corresponding level of Japanese language ability. Students should study Japanese as follows.

Period	Japanese language ability
Before coming to Japan	A corresponding level as JLPT Level N4 or higher
December 2015	JLPT Level N4 or higher
July 2016	JLPT Level N3 or higher
December 2016	JLPT Level N2 or higher
July 2017	Achieve a passing score on the JLPT Level N2

- (8) Applicants must demonstrate a strong desire to work at consortium companies.
- (9) Visa requirement: Upon acceptance, applicants will be required to acquire a "ryuugaku (Student) visa" prior to coming to Japan.
- (10) If applicants apply as government-financed students, applicants must submit documentation proving the annual income of last year of their guarantor.

6. Screening before Application

Submit the following documents according to the procedures below on or before the deadline by Email, as applicable, to the Career Development Program on "Food Safety" Project Support Office (address below).

All forms must be filled out in English or Japanese using a typewriter or word processor.

If the original documents are not written in English or Japanese, an English translation must be attached.

[Stage 1, from August 1, 2014 to-December 18, 2014]

- (1) Application for Admission
- (2) Academic record (transcript) issued by the university authority (Original)

The record must specify academic credits and grades according to the academic year.

All applicants will be selected based on the submitted documents and an interview. The interview will be conducted face-to-face or through TV conference system, Skype or other method.

All applicants will be notified the results by Email on December 25, 2014.

[Stage 2, from January 6, 2015 to January 16, 2015]

Only applicants that have successfully passed Stage 1 will be invited to participate in Stage 2. Interview through a TV conference system, Skype or other method concerning the specialty for the proposed research work, Japanese and English language ability, and a comprehensive understanding of the Career Development Program on "Food Safety".

All applicants will be notified the results by Email on January 23, 2015.

7. Application Procedure

Submit the following application documents by February 27, 2015 by Express Mail Service (EMS) to Career Development Program on "Food Safety" Project Support Office (address below).

All forms must be filled out in English or Japanese using a typewriter or word processor.

If the original is not written in English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.

[Procedure, from January 26, 2015 to February 27, 2015]

- (1) Application form
 - a) *Government-financed students form*
 - or*
 - b) *Self-financed students form*
- (2) Field of study and research program

All applicants are required to be in close contact with the prospective academic advisor of their choice, and the research proposal must be made in consultation with the prospective advisor.
- (3) An abstract of the applicant's graduation thesis (A4, 2 -3 pages)
- (4) Graduation Diploma issued by the university authority or an official form showing that the candidate is expected to graduate (certified copy)
- (5) Certificate of employment (if employed)
- (6) Academic record (transcript) issued by the university authority (Official Transcript, copies will not be accepted)
- (7) Certificate of citizenship issued by relevant authorities
- (8) Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificate or a certificate for Japanese language studies and evidence of proficiency
- (9) English language proficiency test certificate, i.e. TOEFL, TOEIC
- (10) Copy of the applicant's passport
- (11) Three 4.5×3.5cm photographs, hatless, showing the full face and upper torso, taken within 6 months of application with the applicant's name and nationality written on the reverse side. One photograph should be pasted to the application form, as indicated.

(12) Pledge

a) *Government-financed students form*

or

b) *Self-financed students form*

(13) A letter of recommendation

(14) Certificate of Health issued within 6 months of application

(15) Entrance examination: 30,000 yen (one-time fee)

Please pay to the specified account by bank remittance.

Government-financed students will be exempt from the Entrance examination fee.

(16) Other documents may be necessary; the Admission Committee will inform the applicants as required.

All applicants will be based on the submitted documents and the research program.

All applicants will be notified the result by EMS on March 13, 2015.

8. School Fees

[Government-financed students]

Candidates receive a fee waiver and are exempt from the registration fees and the tuition fees

[Self-financed students]

Candidates are required to pay registration fees and tuition fees.

You can apply for an admission fee waiver and a tuition fee waiver. For details, please contact the Project Support Office.

i) Admission fee: 282,000 yen (one-time fee)

ii) Tuition fee: 535,800 yen (per year for two years)

If the fees are changed during the period of enrollment, the new fees will apply.

9. Enrollment Date

October, 2015

10. Scholarship

[Government-financed students]

(1) Government-financed foreign students will receive a monthly scholarship of 144,000 yen for 24 months.

(2) The scholarship may be revoked or suspended under certain conditions, such as poor academic achievement, as determined by the appropriate university officials

[Self-financed students]

Scholarships may be available and depend on the candidates' individual situation (Please contact the Project Support Office).

i.e. Scholarships from consortium companies

11. Travel Expenses

[Government-financed students]

Candidates receive a travel reimbursement for point-to-point economy-class airline tickets between the nearest international airports for the sole purpose of traveling to and from Japan for study.

[Self-financed students]

Candidates are responsible for travel costs between their home country and the university.

12. Note

- (1) Incomplete documents, or documents arriving at Kagawa University after the deadline, will not be accepted.
- (2) All candidates are advised to learn as much as possible about Japanese culture, customs, climate and Kagawa University before leaving for Japan.
- (3) All candidates must be able to arrive in Japan by October 2, 2015.
- (4) Kagawa University will cooperate with the students by recommending appropriate accommodation facilities.

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