

**International Graduate Program in Language Sciences**  
**The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies**  
**Application for Doctoral Program (3-year course)**  
**For the Academic Year 2017**  
**(Beginning in October 2017)**

## **I. Aim**

The aim of this program is to promote interdisciplinary education and research concerning human language from multiple perspectives of linguistics, psychology, brain science and information science. Based on recent development in linguistics and other relevant disciplines, the program seeks comprehensive understanding of issues associated with linguistic communication, language acquisition and loss, language and brain, and natural language processing. The program will be conducted in collaboration with the Research Center for Language, Brain and Cognition, which is affiliated with the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS).

Degree offered     Doctor of Philosophy (International Cultural Studies)

## **II. Curriculum**

All courses in the International Graduate Program in Language Sciences are conducted in *English*. A minimum of 12 units of course work and completion of a Doctoral thesis are required for the Doctoral degree.

- Seminar [Individual study] (compulsory): 8 units
- Lecture (compulsory): 4 units

## **III. Application**

**1. Positions available:**     2

**2. Application Requirements**

Applicants for the 3-year Doctoral Program should meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Those who have received, or will receive a Master's degree or professional degree by September 2017.
- (2) Those who have received, or will receive a Master's degree or professional degree, or an equivalent degree from a graduate school in a foreign country by September 2017.
- (3) Those who have completed, or will complete a correspondence course administered in Japan by an educational institution of a foreign country, and have received, or will receive a Master's degree or professional degree, or an equivalent degree from that course by September 2017.
- (4) Those who have received, or will receive a Master's degree or professional degree, or an equivalent

degree by September 2017 from a graduate school of a foreign university in Japan. The graduate school should be one that has been approved by the educational system of that country and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

- (5) Those who have completed, or will complete a curriculum at the United Nations University established under the United Nations resolution of December 11, 1972 as specified in Article 1 Item 2 of the special measures law that accompanied the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations University and the nation of Japan, and have received, or will receive a Master's degree, or an equivalent degree by September 2017.
- (6) Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. (No. 118 of Notification from the Ministry of Education, 1989)
  - ① Those who have engaged themselves in research activities for 2 years or more in universities or research institutes, etc., after graduating from a university.
  - ② Those who have engaged themselves in research activities for 2 years or more in universities or research institutes, etc., after completing 16 years of education in a foreign country, or after completing 16 years of education by finishing a correspondence course of a foreign university in Japan, and who are judged, according to GSICS's individual examination of applicants' research activities, to have reached a standard of achievement equivalent to or above the status of a Master's degree or professional degree.
- (7) Those whose academic abilities are judged by GSICS to be equal to or greater than those of a person with a Master's degree or professional degree, and who are 24 years of age or older at the end of September 2017. Applicants who shall fall under this category must undergo a pre-qualification examination, and are required to submit the designated documents for the purpose by March 15 in order to fulfill the requirement for fall admission.

#### Notes

1. Applicants who will receive a Master's degree from a graduate school of Tohoku University (including GSICS) shall fall under the qualification (1) above, and are exempt from the fees for application and admission.
2. Applicants that fall under the qualification (6) should undergo a pre-qualification examination according to the instructions stated in the qualification (7) above, by submitting the designated documents for the purpose.

Please contact with the Office of Academic Affairs for inquiries regarding application qualifications.

See page 4 for contact information.

### 3. Application Procedures

#### (1) Application items

- a) **Application Form:** Use a prescribed form
- b) **Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)**
- c) **Academic Transcript:** A transcript issued from the graduate school where your Master's degree was conferred, and which bears the graduate school's formal stamp on it.
- d) **Statement of Research Plan:** Describe your research plan in English in a full paper in size A4 within 2,000 words.
- e) **A Sample Research Paper written in English**
- f) **Master's Thesis** (If it is written in a language other than English, a summary in English with a length of approximately 10 pages in A4 sheet should be attached to the thesis.) or **Statement of**

### **Master's Thesis Plan**

The Statement should be written in a full paper within 10 pages (around 300 words per page) in size A4. The Master's thesis will be returned after the examination.

- g) A Photocopy of Formal Certificate of TOEFL® test, TOEIC® test score or IELTS™ band score**
- h) A Letter of Reference:** It should be written by an academic advisor of an applicant's who can evaluate his or her research ability well through academic activities.
- i) Statement of Financial Basis**
- j) Certificate of Residence:** For applicants who are foreign residents of Japan at the time of application, and who have lived in Japan for more than 90 days; to be issued by the head of local municipality.
- k) Application Fee ¥30,000:** For those living in Japan, the fee should be sent by a Postal Money Order; Do not write your name in the blank of payee of the money order. You can make a cash payment when you carry on application forms directly to the Office of Academic Affairs, GSICS. For those living outside Japan, contact [int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) in advance regarding the payment method.
- l) A Letter of Approval for Entrance:** If you want to enroll in our school while maintaining employment with your organization, you are required to submit a Letter of Approval for Entrance issued by your employer.

**Attention:** For current GSICS students who wish to apply to this doctoral program, (e), (g), (h) and (k) are not required in making their submission.

### **(2) Submitting Application Items**

The application documents must be received by the stated deadline at the Office of Academic Affairs of our school.

- a) The application documents must be received by April 28, 2017.
- b) The application documents can be sent by registered mail, with the direction "Enclosed Application Documents" written in red on the envelope, to the following address:  
The Office of Academic Affairs,  
The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University  
41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, Japan

### **4. Screening Method**

Applicants are screened on the basis of comprehensive evaluation of Application Documents (including Academic Transcript and Statement of Research Plan), English proficiency (TOEFL®, TOEIC® test score or IELTS™ band score result).

### **5. Announcement of Acceptance and Enrollment**

- (a) The result of screening will be posted on our website on June 21, 2017.
- (b) Documents needed for enrollment will be sent to successful applicants. Enrolling procedures should be completed until the end of September 2017.
- (c) Successful applicants are requested to pay the following fees at the time of registration:
  - ① Admission Fee: ¥282,000
  - ② Tuition Fee: ¥ 267,900 (half of the annual tuition fee ¥535,800)

Note 1: When tuition fee is revised during the period of study, a revised amount of tuition fee applies from the date of revision.

Note 2: Information on exemption for admission fees or tuition fees is included in the documents of (b).

Date of Entrance: Admission to the Doctoral Program takes place in October 2017.

## **6. Long-Term Course Program**

We have adopted a Long-Term Course Program for students who have difficulty completing the course in the normal 3 years, for reasons of such as job-holding, housework, nursing care and so on. Though the Doctoral Program normally lasts 3 years, it can be extended to 6 years. Those who wish to acquire the Doctoral Degree by extending the normal 3-year completion limit can be admitted as Long-Term Course Students. Note that the maximum period of residency for the Doctoral Program is 3 years. Those who wish to do so must follow instructions in the notification of acceptance, which will be delivered by mail after the announcement of acceptance, and submit prescribed documents at the time when they go through all entrance procedures.

Coursework for students who are deemed eligible for Long-Term Course Program is provided in the same way as is done in the curricula and time schedule for regular students.

The annual tuition fee for long-term course students is calculated as follows: The total amount of tuition fees for the standard term (3-year) of study is divided by the extended term (6-year) of study. For details, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS.

## **7. Others**

- (1) Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted. After receipt of the application documents, no correction is permitted, and the application fees are not refundable.
- (2) Disclosure of the examination results is available at the request of the applicant within the year of examination.
- (3) We shall give proper attention to physically handicapped applicants. Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of our school at the earliest possible time.

## **8. Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact:

The Office of Academic Affairs,

The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University

41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, Japan

Fax: +81-22-795-7583

E-mail: int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**Name**

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(Family name)

(Middle name)

(First name)

**Date of birth year**

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Month

Day ,

Year

**Nationality**

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**Please check the course which you would like to belong to.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree ( 2years )	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's Degree ( 3years )
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**Present status** (Position, Name and Address of University or Employer)

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**Present mailing address**

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent address** (if different from above)

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Academic record					
	Name of Institution	Official number of years	Entrance and Graduation (Year / Month)		Registered number of years
Elementary			from	to	
Lower Secondary			from	to	
Upper Secondary			from	to	
Undergraduate			from	to	
Post Graduate			from	to	
Total years of academic education					
Research activities record					
Name of Institution		Position	from (year/ month/ day) to		Number of years
Career record					
Name of Employer		Position	from (year/ month/ day) to		Number of years
Date: _____ Signature: _____					

(For foreign students)

<b>Name</b>	Family name																									
	First name																									
	Middle name																									
<b>Degree</b>	Type of name													Acquired date												
	Name of institution																									