

# **Pre-qualification Examination for Admission**

**December 2020**

**The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies  
Tohoku University**



The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS)  
Pre-qualification Examination for Admission into Master's Program (2-year  
course) and Doctoral Program (3-year course)

Our graduate school will conduct the pre-qualification examination for those who plan to apply with the following qualifications:

(1) Master's Program

Those whose academic abilities are judged by GSICS to be equal or superior to those of a university graduate and who are 22 years of age or older on September 30, 2021.

(2) Doctoral Program

Those whose academic abilities are judged by GSICS to be equal or superior to those of holders of a Master's or professional degree and who are 24 years of age or older on September 30, 2021.

The results of the Pre-qualification Examination for Admission will be announced at a later date.

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Applicants such as the following will be considered to have academic abilities equal or superior to those of "university graduates" or "holders of a Master's or professional degree":

- ① Those who have graduated from a junior college, a technical college, a specialized training college or a miscellaneous school, or completed some other educational institution inside or outside Japan, and whose academic abilities can be granted by GSICS to be equal or superior to those of university graduates or holders of a Master's or professional degree.
- ② Those who have studied at a junior college or a technical college and have a transfer qualification to a university, or those who have business experience or activities overseas, for example, as a member of an international organization, and who have been granted by GSICS to have the academic abilities that are equal or superior to those of university graduates, or holders of a Master's or professional degree.

## Application Materials for Pre-qualification Examination

The following application materials are required for the pre-qualification examination (Submit the form designated by us with the items below.):

- a) Curriculum Vitae: Use the form specified by us.
- b) Graduation Certificate from the school you attended most recently (or Certificate of Expected Graduation) \*1
- c) Academic Transcript from the school you attended most recently \*1
- d) Certificate that shows how long you were a research student (if you have experiences as a research student: It should be issued from the institution you belonged to.) \*2
- e) A letter of reference from your supervisor at the school you belonged to as a research student: The letter should be written by an academic advisor who can adequately evaluate your research ability. It should be written within 6 months prior to your application. \*3
- f) A Certificate showing (1) business experience, (2) activities overseas as a member of an international organization, etc. or (3) research activities (issued by the director of your previous institution/organization)
- g) A written statement describing (1) business experience, (2) activities overseas as a member of an international organization, etc. or (3) research activities  
(Give a summary of your activity on A-4 size paper within 4,000 letters in Japanese, or within 1,500 words in English if you apply for a program taught in English.)
- h) List of reference materials
- i) Statement of Purpose: Write the reason why you chose our program on A-4 size paper within 2,000 letters in Japanese, or within 800 words in English if you apply for a program taught in English.

\*1 Please attach the Japanese/English translation if you submit documents issued in a foreign country.

\*2 GSICS research students do not need to submit this.

\*3 Please submit a letter which is written by your supervisor in Japanese or English. It should be signed and enclosed in an envelope sealed with the signature or personal seal of your supervisor. GSICS research students are also required to submit a letter of reference.

## Application for Pre-qualification Examination

Date: 20 / /  
Year Month Day

To: Dean of the Tohoku University Graduate School of International Cultural Studies

Department/Course to which you wish to apply	
Name of applicant	
Address of applicant	Postal code: Telephone: ( )

I wish to apply to the \_\_\_\_\_ Program of the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies at Tohoku University.

I hereby apply for the pre-qualification examination and enclose the following documents:

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