

International Graduate Program in Language Sciences
The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies
Application for Doctoral Program (3-year course)
For the Academic Year 2020
(Beginning in October 2020)

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 2020.
- (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 2020.
- (3) Those who have completed, or will complete a correspondence course administrated 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 2020.
- (4) Those who have received, or will receive a Master's degree or professional degree, or an equivalent

degree by September 2020 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 2020.
- (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 2020. Applicants who shall fall under this category must undergo a pre-qualification examination, and are required to submit the designated documents for that purpose by March 2, 2020 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.

Please contact 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 the prescribed form.
- b) **Photograph:** Use the prescribed form.
- c) **Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)**
- d) **Academic Transcript:** An official transcript issued from the graduate school where your Master's degree was conferred. The transcript must bear the graduate school's formal seal on it.
- e) **Statement of Research Plan:** Describe your research plan in English in a full paper in size A4 within 2,000 words.
- f) **A Sample Research Paper written in English**

- g) **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).
- h) **A Photocopy of Formal Certificate of TOEFL® test score, TOEIC® test score or IELTS™ band score**
- i) **A Letter of Reference:** It should be written by one of your academic advisors who can evaluate your research ability well.
- j) **Statement of Financial Basis**
- k) **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.
- l) **Application Fee ¥30,000:** If you live 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 submit application forms directly to the Office of Academic Affairs, GSICS. If you live outside Japan, contact int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp well in advance to discuss the payment method.
- m) **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.

Note : For item h), we will not accept MyBest™ scores of TOEFL iBT®.

Attention: For current GSICS students who wish to apply to this doctoral program, the application items f), h), i) and l) are not required in making their submission.

(2) Submitting Application Items

The application documents must be received during the period shown below:

- a) The application documents must be received between March 2, 2020 and April 17, 2020.
- b) The application documents can be sent by registered mail, with the direction "Application Documents Enclosed" 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), and an interview conducted on-location, or via Skype video call / teleconferencing system, by Tohoku University staff (applicants will be notified of details (such as time) about the interview later on).

5. Announcement of Acceptance and Enrollment

- (a) The result of screening will be posted on our website on June 17, 2020.
- (b) Documents needed for enrollment will be sent to successful applicants. Enrolling procedures should

be completed late September 2020.

(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 (b).

Date of Entrance: Admission to the Doctoral Program takes place in October 2020.

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, because of 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 accordance with 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 applicants during the fiscal year of the 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

(Family name)

(Middle name)

(First name)

Date of birth year

Month Day , Year

Nationality

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)

Present mailing address

Phone number _____ Fax number _____

E-mail address _____

Permanent address (if different from above)

Phone number _____ Fax number _____

Photograph

Examinee's number *		Attach photograph here. 5cm×4cm Write your name on the back of the photo. Attach firmly.
Name		
Date of Birth	(DD/MM/YYYY)	
Sex (Age)	Male Female ()	

*Please do not fill in. For office use only.

- Photo must have been taken within the last three months.
- Photo must be clear and taken with plain background.
- No hat (headwear such as turbans/hijabs etc. worn due to your religion is permitted, as long as your face is clear).