

Pre-qualification Examination for Admission

December 2025

**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 at the end of September 2026.

(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 at the end of September 2026.

The Pre-qualification Examination for Admission result will be announced later.

Those whose academic abilities are to be equal or superior to those of “university graduates” or “holders of a master's or professional degree” will be applicants like the following:

- 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 institutions 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 university, or those who have business experiences 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

Application materials for pre-qualification examination are the following: (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 : It should be written by your academic advisor who can evaluate your research ability. It should be issued within 6 months before the application. ※ 3
- f) Certificate which shows ①business experiences, ②activities overseas as a member of an international organization *etc.* or ③research activities (issued by the director of the institution/organization)
- g) A written statement describing ①business experiences, ②activities overseas as a member of an international organization *etc.* or ③research 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 admission into the program taught in English.)
- h) List of reference materials
- i) Statement of Purpose: Write the reason why you choose our program on A-4 size of paper within 2,000 letters in Japanese, or within 800 words in English if you apply to the program taught in English.

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

※ 2 The GSICS research students do not need to submit this.

※ 3 Please submit the letter which is written by your supervisor in Japanese or English. And it should be signed and enclosed in an envelope sealed with the signature or stamp by the supervisor. The GSICS research students are also required to submit a letter of reference.

Application for Pre-qualification Examination

Date: 20 ____ / ____ / ____
Year Month Day

To the Dean of the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University;

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

I wish to apply to the _____ Program of the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University.

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

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