

【Application Process for MEXT Special Selection (October 2027 Enrollment)】

< Before Applying >

1. Pre-Application: August 1 – September 30, 2026

Applicants who wish to apply to this program must submit their information via the online form available on this website during the above period.

The degree program will conduct a preliminary review, including:

- laboratory capacity
- compatibility of research fields

Applicants who pass this initial screening will proceed to evaluation by a prospective supervisor.

Results will be announced individually by the administrative office in early October 2026.



2. Evaluation by Prospective Supervisor: Early to Mid-October 2026

The prospective supervisor will determine whether to grant preliminary acceptance.

Results will be communicated individually by the administrative office.



3. Notification of Pre-Screening Results: Late October - Early November 2026

Applicants who are approved to proceed to the formal application stage must submit all required application documents by the designated deadline.



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4. Submission Deadline for Application Documents

Application Period: November 15, 2026 (strict deadline)

Note: Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.



5. Screening

Selection will be based on a comprehensive evaluation of both the application documents and an oral examination, including:

- (a) Document review
- (b) Oral examination (including confirmation of English proficiency during the interview)

Applicants who pass the document screening will be contacted by email.

Date of Oral Examination: Late November to Early December 2026

The exact date will be notified individually after submission of the application documents. Details regarding the format (including location or online arrangements) will also be provided.



6. Announcement of Examination Result: Late December 2026

Results will be communicated individually after the oral examination. Successful applicants will be recommended to MEXT as scholarship candidates.

Applicants who are not selected for the MEXT scholarship may still be offered admission as privately funded students.



<Final Decision and Enrollment>

7. Official Announcement of Acceptance from MEXT: July 2027

Results will be announced individually via email.



8. Travel to Japan: Late September 2027

Note: The date and time will be designated by the University of Tsukuba.



9. Enrollment: October 1, 2027

Note: Applicants who pass the entrance examination but are not selected for the MEXT scholarship may enroll as privately funded international students if they indicated “Yes” during the application process. Privately funded students are responsible for paying tuition and associated fees.