

Application Guidelines for China Scholarship Council Applicants (2025)

How to request a certificate of admission for the academic year of 2025

1. Department choice

You must choose a department you would like to enroll in and a faculty member whom you prefer to have as your supervisor. Contact the faculty member of your choice directly and inquire about the possibility of him/her becoming your supervisor. Faculty information can be found on our website.

[Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo \(u-tokyo.ac.jp\)](https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/graduate-school-of-frontier-sciences/)

2. Faculty choice and subsequent procedures

If you find a faculty member who is willing to be your supervisor, then submit all the following application materials to the International Liaison Office (ILO) of the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (GSFS).

(a) One (1) Application Form

The official GSFS application form downloadable on the web is the only form that will be accepted.

(b) One (1) Letter of Recommendation

The official GSFS recommendation letter form downloadable on the web is the only form that will be accepted. This letter must be emailed to GSFS directly by your recommender, who is preferably your current supervisor.

(c) One (1) Official Academic Record (transcript) or attested photocopy from the institute you have previously attended. (This document must either be in English or Japanese).

(d) One (1) Official Certificate of Graduation or attested photocopy from the institute you previously attended. (This document must either be in English or Japanese). If you have not graduated from your university yet, please include a certificate of expected graduation from your current enrolling institution.

(e) In addition to the documents described herein from (a) to (d), some departments require applicants to submit additional documents. It varies by departments, so, please refer to “[Additional application documents by Department](#)” (attachment 1) and submit accordingly.

Caution: Please be advised that the affirmative acceptance by your supervisor of choice and the submission of application and supporting documents do not guarantee successful admission. The final decision lies with the GSFS Committee after they have finished evaluating all the applications.

3. Submission method

Upload all the above stated application materials, except for a document in (b), in PDF format to the URL below. Please arrange the documents in the order of (a), (c), (d) and (e) , and upload them in a single file.

As for a document in (b), we accept it which is directly sent to our office by your recommender. Please ask your recommender to email a letter of recommendation to the following email address.

Email: ilo@edu.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp

URL to upload the documents:

https://uniytokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/t/Teams.ilo-gsfs.k/Ej6v9mUwFRxLjC4xmR9iARgB1X3W6BVdENwB6VQv_YvR2Q

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4. Application deadline

Upload (except for Letter of Recommendation): **January 15, 2025 (Wed), 17:00 pm in Tokyo time**

Email (only Letter of Recommendation): **January 15, 2025 (Wed), 17:00 pm in Tokyo time**

Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.

5. Certificate of Admission

The conditional certificate of admission (letter of acceptance) will be sent to the successful applicants after February 19, 2025.

6. Notes

- (a) Documents may not be amended or revised under any circumstances after application documents have been received. Also, no documents will be returned.
- (b) Applicants who make any false statements and/or forgery in their application, and/or in any other accompanying forms or documents are confirmed with clear evidence may have their admission rescinded even after being accepted or admitted.
- (c) Please note that all ORIGINAL documents submitted this time in a PDF format will be required to submit to GSFS if you are admitted to GSFS.
- (d) This procedure is for those wishing to enroll in GSFS in October 2025. Requests to change the date of admission after issuance of a certificate of admission will not be accepted.
- (e) Non- Japanese nationals must hold resident status that permits enrollment in a graduate school as stated in the Immigration and Refugee Recognition Act. This status must be acquired by the time of enrollment, which is October 1, 2025.
- (f) The University of Tokyo has established “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulation” in accordance with “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students. Applicants from overseas who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired course or program or may have limited access to research activities despite their preference. For details, please see the following website of the University of Tokyo Office of Export Control (Japanese only). <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/export-control/ja/rule.html>

Department	Additional documents to be submitted	Interview
Advanced Material Science	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS) 2. Abstract of master thesis in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 3. One (1) copy of master thesis 4. List of past research papers that have been published 	Faculty members including the prospective supervisor will conduct an interview either online or onsite.
Advanced Energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOEFL or TOEIC score sheet. 2. Abstract of master thesis in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) : This is for only those who apply for doctoral course. 	Faculty members including the prospective supervisor will conduct an interview through Zoom or e-mail.
Complexity Science and Engineering	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOEFL score sheet (Only TOEFL is accepted) 2. Abstract of master thesis in English. 	An interview by faculty members including the prospective supervisor will be carried out either online or onsite.
Integrated Biosciences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOEFL score sheet (Only TOEFL is accepted) 2. Abstract of master thesis in English. 3. Research plan in Doctor course 	Interview includes oral exam (including master's thesis or its equivalent). Prospective supervisor will conduct an interview. Interview through a teleconference system may be considered.
Computational Biology and Medical Sciences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resume (Free Format) 2. One (1) or more recommendation letter(s) (at least one letter is preferred to be prepared by your current supervisor, use the designated form) 3. List of past research papers that have been published, if any 4. Certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS) 	Faculty members including the prospective supervisor will conduct an interview with applicants through video-conference. Interview includes oral exam (including master's thesis or its equivalent).
Natural Environmental Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resume (free format) 2. List of past research papers that have been published 3. TOEFL score sheet 	Online interview will be conducted by the faculty members including the prospective supervisor.
Ocean Technology, Policy, and Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abstract of master thesis in English 2. Certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC) 3. Research plan in Doctor course 	Interview will be conducted by Department through Zoom.
Environment Systems	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOEFL score sheet (Only TOEFL is accepted) 2. Abstract of master thesis in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 	An examination on the specialized knowledge and scholastic ability of the applicant will be conducted through e-mail, Zoom, or others.
Human Engineered Environmental Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research plan in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 2. Contact a faculty member whom you want to have as a supervisor. After the faculty member agrees on your application, please confirm to the faculty member additional documents besides the research plan. 3. TOEFL score sheet (Only TOEFL is accepted) 	Online interview will be conducted by the prospective supervisor.
Socio-Cultural Environmental Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research plan in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 2. One (1) more recommendation letter (at least one letter is preferred to be prepared by your current supervisor, use the designated form) 3. Certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS) 	Interview will be carried out if adjudged necessary by the department. To use a videophone is an option.
International Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research plan in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 2. Two recommendation letters (at least one letter is preferred to be prepared by your current supervisor, use the designated form) 3. Certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS) 4. Abstract of master thesis in English (about 2 pages in A4 size paper) 	Interview will be conducted by Department through Zoom.